

We, at the Cathedral & John Connon School (CJCS) operated by the Anglo-Scottish Education Society (ASES) are extremely sorry to hear about the intent of the Management of the Cathedral Vidya School Lonavala (CVSL). to wind down its operation on account of nonviability and economic consideration.

We are issuing this statement since we have received a number of queries from parents, students and teachers of the CVSL about their future and enquiring whether CJCS/ASES could be of any assistance.

ASES/CJCS state that they were not involved in any prior discussion or consultation by the management of CVSL for arriving at the aforesaid decision to wind down the institution and became aware of this development by letter dated May 21, 2022 issued by the Management of CVSL.

The Management of CVSL is an entity separate from the Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai (CJCS). CVSL is a boarding cum residential School promoted by Mr. Vineet Nayyar and Mrs. Rewa Nayyar to demonstrate their commitment to the cause of providing quality education.

The only subsisting agreement between CVSL and CJCS is a Technical Services & Knowhow Agreement which was entered into on the 1st of October, 2015. This Agreement too has been terminated by the Management of CVSL simultaneous to their decision to wind down the School at Lonavala.

According to the provisions of the said agreement, ASES was to provide assistance to the Management of CVSL as and when called upon to manage the affairs of CVSL and run the School along the same lines as the CJCS. Further, as and when required by the management of CVSL, ASES was to share the pedagogic resources and the academic procedures and assist the Management of CVSL to establish similar ethical code of practice. In addition to this, ASES, under this Agreement had granted to CVSL the right to use the CJCS trademark and logo in addition to the use of the word "Vidya" as a part of their School name. CVSL was under the contractual obligation to pay a 1% of its gross revenue to ASES as the Technical Knowhow fee under this Agreement. As already stated above this Agreement has since been terminated by the Management of CVSL.

It may also be clarified that under the contractual arrangement of the Technical Services and Knowhow Agreement, ASES/CJCS has no contractual liability or obligation in this behalf.

While we are concerned about the students and the teaching staff of CVSL for the predicament they are faced with as a result of the management decision to wind down the institution with effect from the end of the academic session of 2021-2022, we regret we are unable to provide any assistance in terms of prospective admission of the former students or employment to the teachers of CVSL at this point in time. Should a vacancy arise in future we will consider the same sympathetically.