

## Somaiya Vidyavihar University Winter School Programme 2026 – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1. What is the duration of the Winter School Programme?

The **Somaiya Winter School Programme 2026** is a **5-day immersive learning experience**, designed to give students meaningful exposure to university life, new disciplines, practical learning and future opportunities.

### 2. What is the purpose of the Winter School Programme?

The programme is designed to help **Grades 9–12 students explore their interests, develop future-ready skills and experience university-level learning** beyond the conventional classroom.

Students learn through hands-on activities, expert-led sessions, projects, workshops and interactions with faculty and professionals, helping them make more informed decisions about their future academic and career pathways.

### 3. What is the Somaiya Winter School Programme?

The **Somaiya Vidyavihar University Winter School Programme** is a 5-day experiential learning programme for students in Grades 9–12. The programme brings together **academic exploration, practical learning, skill development, creativity, collaboration, leadership and real-world exposure** through three parallel programme options:

- **AI & Design Thinking Programme** – *Explore AI. Innovate. Create the Future.*
- **Sports & Fitness Programme** – *Move. Perform. Lead.*
- **Future Pathways Programme** – *Explore. Experience. Discover.*

The programme is designed to encourage students to **learn by doing, discover their strengths and explore possibilities for their future.**

### 4. Why should students attend a Winter School Programme?

A Winter School Programme gives students an opportunity to go beyond theoretical classroom learning and develop skills through **experiential, project-based and collaborative activities.**

Students can strengthen skills such as:

- Critical and creative thinking
- Problem-solving
- Communication and collaboration
- Leadership
- Research and innovation
- Decision-making
- Teamwork and adaptability

The experience also helps students gain greater clarity about their interests and potential academic and career pathways.

### 5. When and where will the Winter School Programme take place?

The **Winter School Programme 2026** will be conducted from:

**26th December to 30th December 2026**

The programme will be held at the **Somaiya Vidyavihar University Campus, Mumbai.**

Students can choose from **three parallel programme options** based on their interests.

## 6. Who is eligible to participate?

The programme is open to students currently studying in:  
**Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.**

## 7. What programmes and activities are offered?

Students can choose **one of three parallel programmes**:

### **AI & Design Thinking Programme**

**Explore AI. Innovate. Create the Future.**

Students explore Artificial Intelligence, innovation, creative problem-solving and Design Thinking through practical and engaging activities.

### **Sports & Fitness Programme**

**Move. Perform. Lead.**

Students develop physical fitness, teamwork, discipline and leadership through sports, fitness activities and interactive sessions.

### **Future Pathways Programme**

**Explore. Experience. Discover.**

Students explore diverse fields and gain exposure to different academic and career pathways, including:

- Science
- Engineering
- Commerce & Business Studies
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Design
- Mass Communication

## 8. What age group is the programme designed for?

The programme is designed primarily for students aged **14–18 years**, corresponding to Grades 9–12.

## 9. Are there different levels or tracks based on students' skill levels?

No. The programme does not have separate beginner, intermediate or advanced levels. Sessions are designed to be **engaging, accessible and appropriate for students in Grades 9–12.**

## 10. Who will conduct the sessions?

Sessions will be facilitated by **experienced university faculty members, subject experts, professionals and trained instructors**, depending on the programme and session.

Students will benefit from expert guidance, practical activities and an engaging learning environment.

## 11. What are the daily timings?

The programme generally begins at **10:00 am.** and concludes between **5:00 pm. and 5:30 pm.** depending on the day's schedule. Adequate breaks will be provided throughout the day.

## 12. What safety and medical facilities are available?

Student safety and well-being are important priorities. A **medical facility with nursing support** is available on campus to address medical emergencies.

Parents/guardians are advised to provide accurate emergency and health-related information during registration.

## 13. How can I register for the Winter School Programme?

To register for the **Somaiya Winter School Programme 2026**:

1. Visit the **Somaiya Winter School Programme webpage.**

2. Click on **“Register Now.”**
3. Complete the registration form with accurate student details.
4. Select your preferred programme/batch.
5. Select hostel accommodation, if required.
6. Provide parent/guardian and school details.
7. Upload the required documents.
8. Review the information and submit the registration form.
9. Follow the payment instructions received from Somaiya Vidyavihar University.
10. Complete the payment within the applicable registration timeline to confirm the student's seat.

**Registration Link:**

[Somaiya Winter School Programme Registration](#)

**14. Are there any prerequisites or documents required?**

Students should provide the **required academic and identification documents** during registration, as specified in the registration form.

This may include the student's previous/current school report card or marksheet and other documents requested by the University.

**15. What equipment or materials should students bring?**

The University will provide the **necessary learning materials and equipment required for programme activities**, wherever applicable.

Students may bring personal items such as mobile phones. However, the University will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal belongings.

**16. Is financial aid or a scholarship available?**

**No. Scholarships are currently not available for the Winter School Programme 2026.**

**17. Will students receive a certificate?**

Yes. Students who **successfully complete the Winter School Programme** will receive a **Certificate of Completion**.

**18. Will there be extracurricular or recreational activities?**

Yes. Students will have opportunities to participate in recreational and extracurricular activities such as **Zumba, sports, music and other engaging activities**, depending on the programme schedule. These activities are designed to promote **well-being, teamwork, creativity and social interaction**.

**19. What happens if the programme is cancelled or rescheduled?**

In the unlikely event that the programme needs to be cancelled, postponed or rescheduled, registered participants/parents will be **informed in advance through official communication channels**, primarily email.

**20. Is hostel accommodation available?**

Yes. **On-campus hostel accommodation is available** for students who require it, subject to availability and the applicable accommodation terms.

**21. Is an Early Bird registration option available?**

Yes. An **Early Bird registration option** is available for the Winter School Programme 2026 for students who register within the specified Early Bird registration period.

Please refer to the programme webpage for the **current registration dates and applicable fee details**.

## 22. What is the refund policy?

**Fees once paid are non-refundable**, as per the applicable University norms and programme terms. Parents/students are advised to review the programme terms and conditions carefully before completing payment.

## 23. Can a student leave the programme before it is completed?

Students are expected to attend the programme for its full duration.

If a student needs to withdraw before completion, a **written authorization from the parent/guardian** will be required.

Please note that:

- The student may not be eligible for the Certificate of Completion.
- Fees paid will not be refunded.
- The applicable withdrawal and campus procedures must be followed.

## 24. Are smoking, alcohol or prohibited substances permitted on campus?

**No. Smoking, consumption of alcohol and possession or use of narcotic or psychotropic substances are strictly prohibited on campus.**

Any violation may result in **immediate cancellation of the student's participation and removal from the programme**, in accordance with University rules. No refund will be provided in such cases.

## 25. Can students leave the campus during breaks?

Students are expected to **remain on campus throughout the programme.**

If a student needs to leave the campus before the scheduled end of the programme, prior authorization from the parent/guardian and approval from the programme coordinator will be required.

## 26. How can parents/guardians contact the Winter School Programme team?

For programme-related queries, parents/guardians may contact the Winter School Programme team:

**Email:**

[winterschool@somaiya.edu](mailto:winterschool@somaiya.edu)

**Contact:** +91 8657405672

We encourage parents and students to contact the programme team for any clarification regarding **registration, programme selection, accommodation, schedules or other programme-related queries.**

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