

**Dear A+'ians,**

There are two reasons why class 11 & 12 suddenly becomes very difficult even for very good students till 10<sup>th</sup> grade. I have found very good students suffering of these two factors.

1. **Sudden bulge in syllabus** : After 10<sup>th</sup> grade we find a sudden change in our syllabus. For last 3-4 years we were repeating the same old definitions and formulas and now you find a sudden increase in depth of each topic. Ideally there should be a transition state but unfortunately there isn't. Topics like friction, chemical bonding etc, on which there were a definition in grade 10 now has dedicated chapters.
2. **Competitive exams** : Competitive examinations are another set problems which starts killing students from the first day. Most student feel that they are crushed under two syllabuses together. Getting marks in school and getting through entrance examinations are considered two mutually exclusive tasks.

To cope with these two factors you need to first understand that syllabus might have increased but the number of subjects have decreased. Now it is time to go deep into the subjects you like. Now there is a need to understand things only mugging up will not fetch you marks. Don't try to rush through the syllabus instead go slow on every concept. Remember competitive exams and school exams are one and the same. You focus on understanding each and every concept. Don't try to remember each and every definition like we did in class 10. Focus more on understanding and solving questions. Just 15 days before your terminal examinations set aside all your advance books and come down to school level. You will find preparing for school terminals are so convenient when you already know the underlying concepts.