



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is 'School Science Forum'?

School Science Forum (SSF) is an annual programme of the Vikram A Sarabhai Community Science Centre, designed to make science engaging, practical and meaningful for students. The programme content is thoughtfully planned after reviewing the syllabus of the Gujarat Board, CBSE and ICSE. It focuses especially on topics in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics that benefit from hands-on learning and practical exposure. Beyond the school curriculum, SSF also introduces students to exciting and emerging areas of science and technology. Special sessions on Model Rocketry, Astronomy, Computers, Electronics and Emerging Technologies like Coding, Artificial Intelligence, 3D Printing etc. are conducted in our well-equipped laboratories. Depending on the composition of the batch, the medium of instruction is a mix of English, Gujarati and Hindi.

### 2. When does the batch start and what is the frequency of the sessions?

SSF 2026-27 will start from 16 June 2026 and will continue till February 2027. Participants have to come 'ONCE A WEEK', for 1.5 hours.

### 3. What batches are available and for which standards?

Students from Standards 5 to 9 are eligible to participate in this programme. There are 10 batches for students of Standards 5 to 8 and 6 batches for Standard 9. Each batch accommodates 20 students. Admissions will be granted based on the availability of seats in the respective batch.

*The fee structure and details of the opening session of different batches are as follows:*

Days	Batch	Time	Standards	Start Dates	Fee (Rs.)	GST** (@18%)	Fee with GST (Rs.)
Tuesdays*	Tue-I	2:00 - 3:30 pm	V to VIII	16 June 2026	12150	2187	14337
	Tue-II	4:00 - 5:30 pm					
Wednesdays*	Wed	4:00 - 5:30 pm	V to VIII	17 June 2026			
Thursdays*	Thu-I	2:00 - 3:30 pm	V to VIII	18 June 2026			
	Thu-II	4:00 - 5:30 pm	V to IX				
Fridays	Fri	4:00 - 5:30 pm	V to IX	19 June 2026			
Saturdays	Sat-I	2:00 - 3:30 pm	V to IX	20 June 2026			
	Sat-II	4:00 - 5:30 pm					
Sundays	Sun-I	9:30 - 11:00 am	V to IX	21 June 2026			
	Sun-II	11:30 am - 1:00 pm					

**\*There are no sessions for Std. IX on Tue, Wed and Thu 2:00 pm.**

**\*\*Please note that GST will be charged as applicable on the date of admission.**

#### 4. Who will conduct the programme?

All the activities and experiments are conducted by our experienced resource persons in the respective laboratories. For some of the topics, 'Lecture-Demonstration/Talks' can be conducted by invited experts in respective fields as per the availability of Resource persons.

#### 5. Will the participants get some resource material?

Participants will have to regularly bring with them the SSF Kit bag (given by VASCSC at the start of the first session) and geometry box. Other necessary material required for the session will be provided by the Centre. Worksheets (English/Gujarati) wherever necessary and possible, will be provided to the participants.

#### 6. What if participants break or damage any of the equipment/instruments?

Participants are requested to handle the equipment/instruments with care. But in case of breakage or damage of glassware and equipment, the cost will be recovered from the concerned participant.

#### 7. What if a participant misses any session?

Sessions won't be repeated. In case participants miss any session, participants can collect worksheets/materials from the respective labs.

#### 8. Is it possible to change the batch after taking admission?

No.

#### 9. How will we get the information regarding any change in the schedule during the programme?

Such messages will be sent to the registered mobile number of the participants. Register **any one mobile number** and inform us immediately of any change in the number.

#### 10. What other facilities will the participant get?

1. Free library membership till the completion of the programme, as per VASCSC library rules.
2. One time discount of 10% on single purchase of any product/publication from VASCSC Science Shop (on showing the fee receipt).
3. Participants are eligible for Certificate only after:
  - i. Completion of the programme
  - ii. Attendance is at least 70%
  - ii. Library clearance

#### 11. Cancellation and refund policy

- a. The batch mentioned in the Acknowledgement Form shall not be changed in any circumstances.
- b. In any circumstances seats shall not be reserved.
- c. Fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

#### Please note:

- ✓ All the participants have to be punctual and should adhere strictly to the instruction given by the lab in-charges.
- ✓ The rules and regulations related to the programme will entirely be as decided by VASCSC. In case of any disputes, the decision of VASCSC will be final and binding.

For any queries or problems related to this programme you may contact:

**SSF Helpline no.: 8000844464** during office hours only.

Tue to Sat: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Sun: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm