**16.1 EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH**

Identification of students who have potential to succeed in higher education. The activity is to help students in academics for a better career as per their potential.

* They will be encouraged from lower classes to secondary and senior secondary level up to the college and University level.
* The goal of ETS is to encourage the students to complete the education with their specific goals and potential.
* All children have unique strengths and talents. However some children have particularly advanced or well developed skills and abilities in one or more areas.
* ‘Gifted’ refers to children with high potential while ‘talented’ means that they display skills which are advanced when compared to other children of their age.
* Genuine talent identification is not a high priority in our schools. In contrast, we are quick to identify weakness rather than strengths.
* Surely our first task should be to identify what each one of our student can do. What talents do they have?
* If students show a preference, passion or natural aptitude for a certain area, then ultimately there is a good chance that it will be those areas that will provide them with their best career and life choices.
* Indeed, we need to provide our students an opportunity to become exceptional and to be able to go deep beyond classroom schedules, timetables and curriculum in search of greater expertise.
* Just make school one big talent search place.
* We would seek, identify, develop, and nurture those selected as talented.
* Initiate with a plan for developing the existing talents from the initial class itself.
* Begin the activity from class VI.
* Motivate and prepare those who have the potential for police, civil and defense services and other govt. opportunities.
* Identification of talent and grooming for higher studies and competitions required for admission and selection in medicine, engineering and other fields.
* Search the meritorious and intelligent students and prepare them for next stage of coaching program (civil services) being run by different agencies/institutions including Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI).
* Preparation for advance professional courses, animation and fine arts etc.
* Preparation and participation in National talent search Examination.
* Identification and encourage the talents for sports and co-curricular activities.
* IQ testing and talent search from class VI