



Ek baar jo maine committment kardi toh main sirf ma'am ki sunti hoon.

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Grad(e)ling movies

School Life Is Like A 14 Year Long Movie Marathon

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Bollywood releases gazillion movies each year – some are memorable, some forgotten. And then there are some so akin to a student's life that it is like watching yourself on screen. So, grab a bucket of popcorn as we cover the journey from *Jab we Met* our friends to the *Aakhri Raasta* we tread on.

Grade I-V | Taare Zameen Par

"Bum bum bole, masti mein

dole!" is every kid's anthem. These are the playful years, where you explore and discover your talents. Drawing on tables, playing with pencil boxes and smashing the duster; you realise life is good and every child is special!

Grade VI-VII | Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani

"Main udna chahta hu, daudna chahta hu, girna bhi chahta hu, bas rukna nahi chahta." The dreamy phase where all you want to do is grow up and have a cool job that lets you travel wherever you want, whenever

you want. As soon as the final bell rings, party time starts. Life is as sorted as it could be.

Grade VIII-IX | PK

You're suddenly clueless, now that "Poora system lul ho chuka hai." Science is not science, it splits into all its atoms, just like your split and confused point of view, because let's face it, puberty does not help. There's ideology, and a lot of other ologies. You're suddenly like Aamir Khan in PK, landing in the real world from Utopia, utterly lost.

Grade X | Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara

With the sudden descent of boards in your life, all you dread is the moment when that sheet of paper, you call mark-sheet, proves your ultimate worth. But until then, you try to live everyday like a road trip gasping for every last breath of fresh air in the midst of all those chapters, before the two years of what feels like being chased by 'bulls'.

Grade XI | Lakshya

"Main aisa kyun hoon" is what you will sing unless you wake up in the prime time of your academic life. You're constantly worried about your career choices and an existential crisis strikes every moment. Despite all this undue pressure, you manage to clear the mess and focus on what you actually want to do and finally find your aim.

Grade XII | Bhaag Milkha Bhaag

"Insaan ki life me success jazbat se banta hai, discipline se banta hai, tapasya se banta hai." The words to live by in this grade as your teachers pressurise you to work hard because it's the final year and the college hunt is high. You're perpetually sleep deprived. In contrast to 8th grade, in 12th grade, it goes like "mai rukna chahta hu, sona chahta hu, par girna nahi chahta."



Yeh Dil Maange more!

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There is no end to greed and guilty pleasures. Be it pleading for one extra mark or sleeping for few more minutes, our heart always want that 'extra' bit. Some examples you might relate to.

One more episode

Should I sleep? Or should I watch another episode? As you weigh both the possibilities, the curiosity of the next episode outweighs your desire to sleep at that moment.

One snooze only

As the alarm rings in the morning, you shut it down quickly, convincing yourself that it is merely for five more minutes. But, alas! Those five elusive minutes never come back and so does your school bus.

One last minute

Our hand runs faster in the last 5 minutes of exam than the three hours combined, because our

brain has the uncanny ability to work under pressure. "Just one more minute, ma'am. Only the last question left!" Even though, we know that chances of getting that extra minute are less, we sing the same song every time, nonetheless.

One more mark

How do you feel when you get 29/30? Sad, probably for not being able to secure full marks. Well, you just can't let go without giving it a try. So begins the pleading session and the same old dialogue, "Please mam, it's just one mark. Ma'am steps ke marks toh milte hain!"

One last bite

How irresistible is that slice of pizza despite the fact that you are too full to even breathe. But when greed takes over your senses, nothing can come in between. Seriously nothing! And then your mind plays the same ol' trick on you, "How come this pizza slice is cheesier than the one I just ate?" Never mind the guilt trips later on.

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Spoof of the year

Starring Your Stars As The Common Man

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An actor is someone who can play any character with ease. But, what if they are given roles where they come across as complete misfits?

Alia Bhat as Quizmaster

Welcome to the grand finale of 'Bamboozled', our annual quiz show hosted by Alia Bhatt. Surely, she is equipped with all the traits a quizmaster needs. So, let's begin! First question: Which channel was the first in the world to captivate a million people? A contestant answers- "HBO", but Alia says, "Incorrect". Everyone is shocked as Alia reveals the "correct" answer as "Chanel Allure Spray". The contestant starts to fight with Alia, but she warns her saying that messing with her is equivalent to messing with the President of India and her good friend, Prithviraj Chauhan. Contestant flees. Game Over.

Salman Khan as Traffic Cop

See that traffic light? It's red; doesn't matter, go! That's Bhai's philosophy as an experienced traffic policeman. He has been reprimanded twice in the last month, for letting drivers, who run their vehicles on the footpath, go unpunished. Apparently, he has denied all accusations and says that it was his driver who was doing his job that night.

Katrina Kaif as Hindi Teacher

It has been only 2 months since Baar Baar Dekho Vidyalaya hired Katrina Kaif as the new Hindi teacher and there has been a tremendous increase in the number of students opting for Hindi. Especially boys. No one is bunking her class. She has also helped create an interactive class as all the doubts of students are cleared by other students. Even hers, at times. The marks have also risen to new heights. It is like everything she reads in the answer sheets, she be-

lieves it to be correct. Even though it is a different matter that the peon once swore that he saw some English words written in Hindi and vice versa.

SRK as Divorce Lawyer

Founded by our baazigar, Shah Rukh Khan, the law firm, 'Dil Kyun Toote', specialising in divorce plunged to the bottom of the league (not talking about IPL) in merely two years, despite the owner's youth-centric image. After all, every time, he would end up pointing out the wife's *aankhon ki namkeen mastiyaan* and bringing the estranged couples together again. He offers personal philosophical sessions to his clients and suggests building a stronger bond with their spouses. His last court case, which he obviously lost ended on a very emotional statement- "Kuch kuch hota rehta hai; kabhi khushi, kabhi gham. Who knows kal ho na ho, so kabhi alvida na kehna, jab tak hai jaan."

