## Panel Discussion for Students and Parents of Class X

An informed decision on career choices is often reached after open discussion and deliberation with all stake holders- students, parents and faculty. In this regard, DPS Gurgaon organized the annual Panel Discussion / Open House for students and parents of class X on 24th September'16. The eminent panelists included the Principal, Ms Aditi Misra, parents- Ms. Shalini Mehta, Mr. Hemant Pawar and Mr. PKSV Sagar and alumni of batch 2015-16 -Abhimanyu S Tomar, Ananya Singla and Avichal Pugalia from Science, Humanities and Commerce stream respectively. Ms Aditi Misra explained that the objective of the session was to share personal experiences and facilitate the students in effectively navigating the process of identifying one's strengths and interests while making stream and career choices. The essential component of the address by the parent panelists was to have confidence and faith in children and the urgent need of breaking the clichéd thinking of imposing decisions on children. Student panelists shared inputs on striking a fine balance between academics and co-curricular activities. They also reiterated the importance of gaining the trust of parents. The role of parents in facilitating the young adult to make an informed decision was also discussed. The session concluded with an enriching Q & A session which helped parents and students to clarify various doubts around areas of multitasking, time management, holistic discussions, mutual trust and most importantly moving forward as effective partners for ensuring an informed choice of career stream in the coming year.

