

SCHOLAR BADGE AND INVESTITURE CEREMONY CLASS XII

*Excellence is born from daring to risk beyond perceived safety,
dreaming beyond the bounds of practicality,
and expecting beyond what others consider possible.*

On 4th April 2024, DPS Gurgaon commemorated a momentous occasion with the confluence of the Scholar Badge Ceremony and the Investiture Ceremony for Class XII, 2024-25. The event commenced with a serene rendition of the National Song and the School song, paving the way for the felicitation of esteemed Chief Guest Mr Jerninio Almeida, Guests of Honour: Ms. Arushi Monga, former Head Student Council 2015, and Mr. Mayank Khanna, former President Student Council 2010. Additionally, parent representatives of Class XII, Ms. Sumbul Khan and Ms. Gunjan Bhargava, were also recognised.

In her welcome address to the gathering, the Director Principal, Ms Aditi Misra urged the parents to build physical and mental resilience in their wards and to stand by their children and support them in this crucial year. She extended her congratulations to the recipients of the Scholar badges, commending them for their well-earned honours. Likewise, she acknowledged the newly elected Student Council Members, recognising the responsibilities and duties they've been entrusted with to uphold the school motto 'Service before Self'.

A short cultural programme followed comprising a euphonic rendition by the school choir, 'If We Hold On Together' a melody that underscores the enduring power of resilience and hope. and an exhilarating dance performance on '**Ab nahi rukengey hum!**', a beautiful reminder of the profound impact parents and teachers have on our lives.

This was followed by the much-awaited Scholar Badge Award ceremony which acknowledged and felicitated the praiseworthy achievements of the young scholars in scholastic and co-scholastic arenas. Applauding the success of the proud achievers by the audience, the Scholar badge ceremony culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by the Vice Principal, Ms Arpna Gupta.

Soon after this, the Investiture Ceremony of class 12, batch 2023-24, commenced with the presentation of a short movie capturing some significant moments in the making of the Student Council. The oath-taking ceremony followed.

The oath of office to the House appointees was administered by the Guest of Honour, Ms Aarushi Monga. After congratulating the council members, she addressed the gathering by expressing her gratitude to her alma mater for shaping her into a holistic individual. She exhorted the young leaders

to be flag bearers of all the values that the school stands for and urged them to take responsibility with commitment and integrity and navigate through challenges by following the right direction.

Mr Mayank Khanna, who administered the oath of office to the Club appointees, advised the student council to work as a team, to be ever grateful to their parents and teachers and to create an impact in the school and society with their achievements and good work. The Cultural appointees were administered the oath of office by the Dean Student Welfare, Ms Sapna Dhawan. The Chief Guest Mr Jerninio Almeida, administered the oath of allegiance to the newly elected members of the Head Council as well as the Co-Scholastic appointees, investing them in duties and responsibilities. It was truly a proud moment for the parents to witness their children donning the mantle of responsibility and taking the oath of dispensing their duties with utmost sincerity and dedication. A memorable moment of this solemn occasion was the conferring of Special Awards to a few students for their noteworthy achievements in academics and co-curricular activities. The ceremony culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by the Student Council Presidents, Simran Malik and Pulak Vashishtha. They pledged to work selflessly, strive for excellence in all endeavours by working as a team with a comprehensive plan and always keep the school flag flying high.

