

# Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony for the Batch of 2016 was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. The excitement was contagious as all the soon-to-be Student Council members got ready to officially take over the responsibilities they had strived so tirelessly for.

The chief guest for the ceremony was Mr. Kunal Bahl, one of the founders and CEO of the Indian e-commerce giant, Snapdeal. We were also graced with by the presence of Ms. Chanda Bose, a member of the board of Sanskriti. The Ceremony opened with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a few words by Mrs. Abha Sahgal. Thereafter, Mr. Kunal Bahl took the podium and spoke to the students and parents about his experiences during his school days, all the while maintaining his characteristic sense of humour.

The formal ceremony began afterwards when all the Council members were on stage, they were made to take the oath of the Student Council, vowing to strive for perfection in both their lives and in their institution and country.

As the ceremony drew to an end, the Head Girl, Jailekha Zutshi, and Head Boy, Soham Dalwani, shared a few words regarding their years in Sanskriti. The Presidents of the Student Representative Body, Trisha Sobti and Utkarsh Mishra, delivered the Vote of Thanks.

The Ceremony ended with the national anthem, with the Student Council of 2016 standing tall and the school flag soaring high.

# Council Camp

The Sanskriti School Student Council Camp was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April. As the newly invested Student Council returned from the ceremony, tired of taking photos, they were first made to eat lunch and rest. As part of a group exercise, a Student Council camp had been organized for 2 days, where members of the Council would take part in team exercises, get to know their fellow members and most importantly, get to know themselves. The first activity was centred on discussion as students were divided into groups and made to pick chits. Written on these chits were problems faced in school, from bullying to vandalism. Different groups presented their views on not only their problems but on other topics too, and very soon members were discussing their ideas openly, creating a melting pot of solutions. As the day progressed, students took part in a multitude of activities, including creating balloon structures and drawing figures based on verbal instructions only. Each of these had a moral behind it, even if it was just to have fun.

The next day began with a visit from members of the previous Council. The seniors offered their guidance and wisdom to their successors as they were bombarded with questions ranging from academics to handling responsibilities properly. At the end of the 3 hour session, the seniors blindfolded their juniors and guided them to lunch, only using their voice to help the students navigate, resulting in a few scratches here and there.

As the day drew to an end, students cooled down with stretching and breathing exercises. When they settled down, they were made to fill a sheet out that made them list out people, things and various other things that made the student the person they were. By the end of the session, students were asked to share what they had written only if they were willing. Needless to say, nearly the entire Council shared something.

Finally, as the Student Council packed up for home, they took back with them 2 days of bonding and experiences that would stay with them for as long as they would remember Sanskriti.