

## THE JOURNEY-FAREWELL 2K17

The Farewell is indeed one of the most emotional events that transpire every year, as the very students who entered this school as naïve youngsters leave its halls as matured adults. Friendships forged during these golden years face the tests of time and a new phase of life bearing fresh adventures, finally begins.

The event was hosted by the students of class 11 who sent off their seniors with a fabulous show based on the theme, "The Journey". The occasion was carried out in a fashion bearing a semblance to that of an aircraft and everything from the welcome address to the vote of thanks was packed with references to the instructions given on an airplane. The decorations, too, gave the impression of being in an airport terminal.

Before the cultural events started, the candle lighting ceremony, a sacred, age-old tradition of PSBB, set a prelude to a motivational speech by Dr. (Mrs) YGP, Dean & Director of the PSBB Group of schools. This was followed by an address by the dignitaries, whose words of advice filled the students with the profound sense of joy and encouragement.

After absorbing these words of wisdom, the students turned their attention to the cultural fest, which started off with a mellifluous concert by the band which performed a beautiful medley of songs spanning different languages. This was crowned by an innovative form of dance called "Bharathaboxing", an eclectic fusion of bharatanatyam and beat boxing.

Following this melodic presentation, the students of class 11 delved into a divine dance performance set to a foot-tapping beat, perfectly paired with a diverse slew of songs. This performance completely won over the audience, and had them on their feet heartily applauding every song.

As the proceedings unfolded, this feast for the eyes was accompanied by a quite literal feast as well; one that sated every appetite with a few delicious morsels.

Shortly after, the outgoing SPLs took to the stage in order to express their gratitude towards the school and towards their comrades, and also to bid them a tearful goodbye.

The final moments of this sentimental occasion were fruitfully employed in displaying a video laced with nostalgia, which traced the soon-to-be alumni's 'journey' through the walls of the wondrous institution that they had called home for fifteen years. As the joyous memories trickled into their hearts, tears trickled from their eyes, as they bid adieu to the corridors filled with reminiscence; to the sea of familiar faces that had once surrounded them; and to the cheery countenance of their alma mater.

Never wanting to part with the memories of these blissful times, the out-going class snapped many a picture, forever capturing these idyllic moments. The final goodbyes were rather bittersweet as the students let go off a glorious past in order to embrace a radiant future.





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