

ALUMNI ADDRESS – A REPORT

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*"Low self-confidence isn't a life sentence. Self-confidence can be learned, practised, and mastered--just like any other skill. Once you master it, everything in your life will change for the better."* - *Barrie Davenport*

In keeping with the above lines, the students of classes 11 and 12 gathered in Dr. (Mrs.) YGP Auditorium on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017 to partake of knowledge and expertise from our alumni, who embodied confidence. They listened in rapt attention to the Class 12 toppers Vikram Nanda and U. Gautham who topped in Commerce and Science respectively in the year 2016-17. Brief introduction speeches were given which included a long list of awards and titles to their credit.

Speaking first, Vikram Nanda emphasized the school's role in shaping them and inculcating self-confidence and belief in their abilities. This was echoed by U. Gautham who mentioned how the school gives so much freedom and it is in the student's hands to decide what to do.

Vikram Nanda also emphasized the importance of having big dreams and setting goals to work towards them. He stressed that once goals are set, the next step is to work hard to achieve them. He gave tips on how to tackle the board examination with proper planning and facing it with a smile. Finishing with a quote, he said, 'Always stay strong, do what you like.' Gautham provided advice in the form of a threefold approach to our dreams. This comprised INTENTION (self motivation), ATTENTION (hard work and sincerity) and MANIFESTATION ( earning goodwill and respect from the Almighty)

In a surprising turn of events, another alumnus Rithvik was also given an opportunity to speak. He spoke on the need to be optimistic in life.

The event ended with Mrs. Indira Vaidyanathan, Senior Mentor expressing her pride and gratitude and presenting the alumni with mementoes.

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