

ISG STUDENTS ATTEND ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE IN DEHRADUN

Six students from Indian School Al Ghubra - Parth Ranade, Pranav Nair, Pranav S, Rehan Agarwal, Uday Pisharody and Vijay Rajendran accompanied by their teacher Mrs Juthika Gavankar- attended the Round Square Conference organized by Welham Boys' School, Dehradun from 24th to 29th January, 2018. The Conference had a wide range of activities which revolved around the theme 'Escape the Ordinary'.

The Keynote speakers, Dia Mirza, the UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador and Ambassador of Wildlife Trust in India, Dr. Anand Gokani, Endocrinologist and Humanitarian , and Anuvab Pal stand-up comedian spoke on the theme of the conference linking it to the Round Square IDEALS of Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

The Barraza meetings held in an aesthetic ambience created by lamps and candles in an open area put the 400 delegates from 37 schools in a reflective mood generating thoughtful discussions during which ideas and views on world issues were shared.

As part of Community Service the delegates visited Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre for Special Education, Mahila Asharam for Destitute Girls, Bajaj Institute of Learning for Hearing and Speech Impaired and Prem Dham- an old age home. A special Sports Meet was organized on the grounds of Welham's Boys' School for the underprivileged children of AASRAA Trust. The delegates assisted the children during the practice sessions of the athletic events and also co-managed the entire Sports Meet. It culminated in a community lunch for all, wherein the delegates helped in the preparation and serving of the food.

The highlight of the conference was the pledge taken by the 400 delegates on the banks of the River Ganga in Rishikesh to - 'Never contaminate rivers and seas with garbage, plastic or chemicals' and to 'encourage friends and families to conserve water and the Earth'.

As part of Adventure Day, the delegates undertook thrilling activities such as Mountain Biking, Rappelling, Rock Climbing, and Trekking in the hills.

The Conference concluded with a formal closing ceremony emphasizing the message of living life fully and mindfully and to raise one's voice against wrong doing and injustice. The delegates learnt the important lesson of Global citizenship and understood the need to create a world in which peace, love and harmony prevail.