

**Head Girl**  
**Zoya Khan**

I distinctly remember my very first day at school. It was 2011, and I had been preparing a week in advance- Shoes polished, clothes ironed, bag packed, I was unstoppable! Until, the momentous day came and I stood with my father at Gate number. 3- frightened, terrified, refusing to go in. I remember Sheila Didi, holding my hand and gently dragging me to LKG-D, and since that very morning, there hasn't been a day where I don't look forward to being in my beloved school.

Vande Mataram to respected principal Ma'am, beloved teachers, and fellow Jaipurians. It is with great humility and gratitude that I, Zoya Khan, stand before you today, deeply honored to have been chosen as the Head Girl for the session 2024-2025.

I would firstly like to address our newly elected student council. Prefects, as you receive your badges today, I would strongly advise you to reflect on the core values that define our school.

Wisdom, is the culmination of knowledge, insight, and clarity.

Strength is the resilience of the spirit and standing firm in the face of adversity.

Harmony is being compassionate and respectful not just to our equals, but also to those below us.

Perfection, is the relentless pursuit of excellence and continuous improvement.

These values are not just words on a page; they are the guiding principles that are to shape our actions every day.

To my beloved juniors, I just have one thing to say. Always, remember that YOU are a mighty mighty Jaipurian, and that nothing can stand in your way. As Head Girl, I wish to give you a piece of advice- approach your seniors, myself included- with any queries, or suggestions you may have, however insignificant you think they may be. Trust me, it is not empty classrooms that make up our school, it is you. Believe in yourself, and be proud to be a part of this legacy.

Lastly, and I don't think I will be able to do justice in conveying gratitude to every teacher, every support staff member, every senior, every junior who has made me the person I am today, but nonetheless-

- I firstly thank Principal Ma'am, Vice Principals Sir and Ma'am, and all school heads for your immense trust in me. I promise to not let you down.
- I thank my teachers, for every lesson learned directly or indirectly. I believe what you do is the most noble profession a human could pursue, and a lifetime of thank yous isn't enough.

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- I would like to thank my very dear support staff members- jinhone iss baat ka hamesha khyaal rakha ki jab tak ham school mei rahe, hame choti si bhi takleef na ho.
- I would also like to thank my friends, who I have the honour and privilege of calling my fellow council members. Dhrati, Aman, Tanishka, and Ishan- who could not be here with us today, but rest assured is one of the most sincere people i know, and I beam with pride to call him our Head Boy. Arpita, Mahirah, Kashvi, Vidha, Ayana- I am infinitely grateful for your friendship and constant encouragement.
- My seniors- who have guided me and answered the stupidest of questions the night before an event- Fiza Khan, Aanya Singh, Saksham Upadhyay, Akshat Raj, Shimul Goel, Arisha Khan, and so many more- I can only hope to be the senior you were to me to my juniors.
- Lastly, but most significantly, my parents. If there is anything I have learned from them, it is sacrifice. I only hope that one day you can look me in the eye with a fraction of the amount of pride that I look at you with. Thank you, for everything.

A final word before I conclude my extremely over- time speech-

“ये केचियाँ हमें उड़ने से खाक रोकेगी  
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की हम परों से नहीं हौसलों से उड़ते हैं.”