

Head Boy – Sarthak Misra

Vande Mataram everyone.

I did write a speech in the morning a little bit, but I assure you anything that I'm going to speak right now, it's coming straight out of my heart because the moment I received this badge there, it was just goosebumps. Everything was frozen.

And trust me, the past 14 years in this school, which I would like to call more home than my very own home, it feels like a culmination of all of it. Everything I have felt in the school, every time I've smiled, I've laughed, tears of joy and sometimes of sadness, everything feels worth it because today it just feels that everything has come and that has made me earn this badge.

You know, I entered gate from gate three today and there was a small boy the height reached my knees and he was running past me. I told him to stop a little and then metaphorically I realized it was as if my childhood ran past me.

It was as if I was speechless because us students in grade 12 we have less than a year left in school and all the memories that we've created, everything that we have lived over here, it is going to become an edged mark in our hearts once we leave the school.

Many of us take it for granted right now but trust me when I realize that after 8 or 9 months like Ishan Bay they came today, uh they're out of school now but they came, when we'll come like that things will be changed, we'll not be how we are and that makes me sure and I am absolutely in awe.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to every single person, the students, the teachers, the authorities, principal ma'am, for never ever losing faith in me.

Trust me, I was never perfect. I can never be perfect. I was not even close to perfection. I have done many mistakes but still when I touch the feet of principal ma'am and she looks at me with faith in her eyes, I feel like I still got it. So it just makes me.

My role model is Virat Kohli and he once said when you put too much of this into anything the magic of it goes away. So let things happen to you.

Like Aunika also said, I want all of my juniors, all of my peers to live every year in school fully, to enjoy these moments, be responsible but live it like you want to live it because when you will reflect upon those afterwards you need to have that smile.

Now talking to the badge holders, all the prefects that have been like given the badge today, like will be given the badge today.

You know when was the first class that I got this badge. I got this badge in class 4th and I was on cloud nine, like my father knows this. I came, I returned from school and I was

jumping at the gate because I had got that prefect badge and trust me till grade 11 or 10 when I kept getting on that badge, I had that same smile.

So like ma'am said that humility that we need to have, it's not about having a white badge, it's not about having a prefect badge, a captain badge or anything. If you hold that badge, you are a part of that leadership group that needs to inspire these people over here.

Promin gave me a very big responsibility in the last assembly that I need to specifically guide all the boys a little bit because our council has a lot of girls, so I promise you ma'am, I will keep that in mind and I will keep guiding them.

And yes, lastly I would just like to share a very small incident. I was in class one and Deepali ma'am had been my class teacher when I was in LKG. So I asked her, ma'am what does this badge head boy mean? Because I was in class and I honestly did not know what the responsibility is.

So she told me that when you have that badge, you need to be a person who people look up to and who they can follow.

And today as I hold this, I promise each one of you, I promise every teacher, all the teachers who have ever scolded me, all the teachers who have ever stopped me from doing something, thank you to you.

And I promise you that now that I have this badge, I will do anything and everything so that my peers, my juniors can look up to me and they can approach me anytime if they have any problem regarding participation. If someone is bullying you, if someone is not using refined language, you can come to me.

I assure you, you will not go empty-handed because I will give you an assurance of that not happening again.

So I hold that responsibility today and I would just like to say, Deepali ma'am, I kept your promise. I kept your promise that I made to you when I was in the junior classes, to achieve this honour.

Once again, really happy and honoured to wield this badge. Sorry to annoy you with that long speech but again thank you so much. Thank you for believing in me ma'am and thank you to all of you for listening to me.

Thank you.