

## Fostering Emotional Intelligence and Social Awareness at PTM

On Saturday, October 5, 2024, a special Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) was held at our school, which went beyond the traditional interaction between parents and teachers. The event was enriched by the active participation of various stakeholders, including three esteemed NGOs and six distinguished alumni. This unique blend of community engagement and alumni interaction provided valuable insights and inspiration for the students, parents, and staff, while also reinforcing the school's commitment to holistic development and social responsibility.



### NGO stalls at the PTM

Three non-governmental organizations (NGOs) set up stalls at the event, each advocating for their respective causes and highlighting their efforts to make a positive impact on society. Their presence aligned with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing the school's focus on community outreach and social awareness.

**Pehal by Deepalaya** – Deepalaya's initiative "Pehal" focuses on educational and social development of the underprivileged. Their stall showcased key projects aimed at empowering marginalized sections of society, particularly rural women, by offering products made by them for sale. **The initiative aligns with**



**SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, and SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**, as it promotes education, women's empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods.

**Goonj** – Goonj, known for its innovative approach to using urban waste for rural development, presented their campaigns that advocate sustainable solutions and social welfare. **Goonj's work directly contributes to SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and SDG**



**12: Responsible Consumption and Production by promoting the recycling of urban waste and supporting rural communities through upcycled materials.**

**Ashish Foundation** – The Ashish Foundation, which provides education and empowerment for children with disabilities, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of inclusion and specialized education programs. **Their efforts align with SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities by focusing on inclusive education and equal opportunities for all, regardless of ability.**



Adding to the significance of the event was the participation of six accomplished alumni, who returned to share their journeys and experiences since leaving the school. Their stories of professional success and community service inspired both students and parents, reinforcing the importance of giving back to society.

Notably, two of our alumni, Jabez Moses (2014) and Amy Mookerji (2006), currently work with the Ashish Foundation, bringing the joy of education to needy children with disabilities. Their work exemplifies the values of empathy and social responsibility, which are integral to our school's ethos.

The other alumni in attendance were:

- Harshita Dhingra (2023)
- Harnoor Kaur (2023)
- Bhumika Malhotra (2021)

Each alumnus shared their unique career paths and spoke about their involvement in various community initiatives. Their contributions highlighted the long-lasting influence of the school in shaping socially responsible citizens who contribute positively to society.



The PTM held on October 5, 2024, was much more than a routine meeting; it was a celebration of community engagement, sustainable development, and alumni success. The presence of NGOs raised awareness about pressing social issues, while the alumni participation provided a source of motivation for students and parents alike. The event was highly appreciated by all attendees and successfully underscored the school's dedication to fostering holistic development.



By embracing such initiatives, our school continues to inspire its students not only to excel academically but also to contribute meaningfully to society, making a lasting impact on the world around them.

