

## **REPORT**

### **TRIP TO RISHIKESH, KANATAL AND DHANOLTI**

“Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow.”- Anita Desai

In continuation of our endeavour to expose school children to different experiences for their overall development, an excursion to Rishikesh, Kanatal and Dhanolti was organized for students of classes X and XII from 17 May, 2017 to 20 May, 2017. 23 students escorted by 3 members of the staff left for an adventurous journey.

The tour, which was undertaken in two mini buses, set off on 17 May, 2017 at 11.30 pm and arrived at the destination Kanatal on 18 May, 2017 at 7.45 am. Students checked into Swiss Camp type accommodation. Activities that were carried out in the session before lunch were rock climbing and zip – lining. After lunch, team building games were organized. Followed by a bonfire in the evening and post dinner.

On the morning of 19 May, 2017 the students shifted to Bamboo Cottages as per the itinerary. A short trek was organized to the nearby Surkhanda Devi Temple and post lunch there was an excursion to the Eco Park, Dhanolti. In the evening there was inclement weather with thunder showers and hail-storm. Due to cheerful spirit of the students and diligence of the staff, this experience was also taken in the right spirit.

On 20 May, 2017 the touring party descended to Rishikesh, where boating was organized on the River Ganges, besides a visit to the Ram Jhoola. The return journey was undertaken post lunch, reaching the school gates at 9.00 pm.

Students learnt to live independently in a remote, in a ‘well –regulated and secured’ area. They braved the inclement weather and did not let it affect their sense of adventure. Another outcome i.e. bonding and team building was observed amongst the students. This tour has also brought into life the classroom lessons regarding mountain environment and ecosystem. Overall the trip was an enriching experience for each one of the students who came back with a zeal to prove themselves as ‘to travel is to live.’

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## **Memorabilia :**



**Seeking the blessings of the Almighty**



**Elevating spirits in the fresh air**



**Enlightening the spirit of friendship**



**Enjoying the company of friends**



**Scaling the Heights, rock climbing**



**Bamboo Cottage, surprisingly cosy**