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THINK ABOUT IT...

Independence? That's middle class blasphemy. We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth.

- George Bernard Shaw

EDITORIAL

It took more than 15 years but India has finally been able to achieve its second greatest feat in the economics of the country after the financial crisis of 1991. I am talking about the GST Bill that was passed in the Rajya Sabha unanimously only a few days before. However, in the same breath I would say that even with 70 years of independence behind us our country is still caught up in the futility of its inner conflicts. The tumultuous state of our country is a blot on each citizen who takes pride in calling India his mother. It's the brazen decadence of the people that has brought our country the indignation that it never deserved.

They say that India's greatest potential lies in its youth, and the students of our school are soon going to be a part of that. I am pretty confident about the impact that a boarding school student can have on the world, problems in our society notwithstanding. On this day of Independence I am more concerned about the independence of a student within the territory of the school. But before talking about this I would like to establish the meaning of independence in school.

Freedom comes from choice; although there is only a certain extent to which choice can be exercised. There are certain regulations that bind us to the school but it depends on us whether we want to follow them irrespective of the consequence. In the words of Voltaire a man is free at the moment he wishes to be. However, this is

where the most important aspect of learning comes into play, which is in knowing the right action that pertains to that specific moment.

Freedom can be as simple as being given the right to decide the subjects you want to study or the activities that you wish to participate in but at the same time it is in the ethos of the school to decide the time frame of any action. In our school in the words of Peter Marshall, 'May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.'

The colours of Independence bring to you the different notions that our students have about the independence of the country. It is quite enthralling to see the detailed political aspects about our sovereignty and what governs the dynamics of an independent state. This issue also brings to you a new feature in the Lasagne in which we have tried to assess our teachers and taken the liberty to find 'suitable' jobs for them outside the teaching profession.

As the head of the magazine I believe that real freedom lies in expressing your opinion and what could be better than writing it and giving it a sense of authority. I urge the student body to write about their thoughts and put across the ideas they believe in. Let this magazine be a medium of expression for all Welhamites and what more can freedom be if not the liberty to express without being suppressed ?

Prabhapaar Singh Batra
Editor in Chief

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THANK YOU SIR

We at Welham believe that caring for the environment is not an ideal but an imperative. Be it planting of trees, or installation of solar panels, Welham has always been a pioneer in living out policies related to sustainable development.

In this light, we would like to The Chairman of Welham Boys' School, an Ex-Welhamite (WBS No. 67/J) for donating a Rain Water Harvesting Unit to the School so that the water table can be raised by recharging ground water. The cost of the unit is Rs. 1.75 lacs, but Sir, we assure you, its value to the community is even greater. Thank you for once again leading us by example. We shall strive to live up to your generosity.

- Editor

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S DESK

This world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place... and I don't care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently, if you let it. You, me or nobody, is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard you hit... It's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward... how much you can take, and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done. Now, if you know what you are worth, go out and get what you worth. But you gotta be willing to take the hit. And not pointing fingers saying: You ain't what you wanna be because of him or her or anybody. Cowards do that and that ain't you! You're better than that.

- Rocky Balboa

If one were to flip through the newspapers of the past few months, there was something else besides the usual news items (rapes, murders, terrorist attacks...), which managed to grip the attention of the news agencies throughout the country. I am sure; you will recall that particular time frame in the recent past, when the word 'intolerance' was literally echoing throughout India.

The entire issue revolving around intolerance arose from the murder of a writer, who 'dared' to express his unconventional thoughts to the society. It subsequently took the form of a major mass protest, mostly expressed by writers and filmmakers in the form of returning the awards presented to them by the government. Now, of course, there can be nothing wrong with the method of the protest, since it is the brainchild of the 'Mahatma' himself, but the question is, whether the protest targeted the right section of the society. Even though, my judgment might be clouded by my stringent support for the current government, yet I feel, the answer to

the question is NO. I have no doubt about the fact that every occurring in India has a political dimension to it, but for a change, we have to agree to the fact, that this particular issue is not so much political in nature, as it has been projected to be.

The prevalence of intolerance in the country is not a government-triggered phenomenon; it is rather a result of the overprotective environment in which we are nurturing today's youth. The fact that Mrs Harvinder Chowdhury and a few other Sikhs have lost the tolerance to hear a couple of jokes on their community, the fact that a short video by Tanmay Bhatt, intended to be purely in good humor and which was shared through a digitally disposable platform caused such an outburst of condemnation just because it featured the 'national idols' of the country, the fact that the issue of the release of a film, showcasing a genuine societal problem in the state of Punjab, had to be debated and deliberated in the court; all point to this assertion.

In such a socio-political scenario, institutions such as Welham Boys' have

a huge role to play. We have the potential to mould young boys into men who have the courage and the tolerance to face the real world. When I say 'the real world', I talk about a society, which is composed of individuals who might not necessarily endorse your ideologies about the world and who might be highly disrespectful in conveying the same. They might use any and all means to put you down. It, then, would be up to you to either succumb to their pressure or to be firm enough to keep moving.

A boarding school, in its essence, is the projection of the real world. The reason why a boarding school product is more refined is because; he/she has already encountered the problems of life at a lower scale during his/her time at school in a scenario where the stakes are lower. Going by this virtue, tolerance should ideally be one essential value of any boarding school student. However, it is my opinion, that in the recent past, owing to the protective backgrounds, the students are hailing from, they are finding it difficult to survive in a boarding school

environment. I must clarify here, that I do not, in any manner whatsoever, endorse the ideology that practices like bullying are part of the 'boarding school environment'. All that I mean to explicate here is that, simply terming any form of pressure that you might encounter as bullying as a measure to escape it would not make it bullying, very much like saying that jokes on

Sikhs are hurting the community, does not really mean they are actually having any adverse impact on the community.

We have to learn to tolerate what is ethically right, even though it might not necessarily appeal to us, and, at the same time, we have to learn to stand up against what is not. The preparation to be men of such strong character starts here, at Welham Boys'. Remember, if I

were to tell you to not be tolerant to any form of pressure and give in, at the slightest of difficulties, I would indirectly be eliminating an essential part of your preparation for life. There is no point being oblivious to the reality.

Hence, lets, hereby, start our preparation to be tolerant citizens of this, so intolerant nation.

TRUE INDEPENDENCE?

We, as Indians proudly say that our country has been independent for 69 years, but are the citizens (we) really independent in the truest sense of the word. Is it that we are just careless when it comes to being called citizens of the nation, and performing our duties and exercising our rights, or is it that the government and the organisations of authority are not functioning properly. Are they really doing enough for their Mother India who gave them all she could and has nurtured them to become whoever they are today? Or is it that they are not able to deliver their service to the country and they don't only want to serve because they think they won't need to?

When people come back from a foreign country, how easily they say that it was absolutely spic and span with no sign of litter and garbage on the road. And so easily they crib about the fact that the roads in India are pathetic with litter all over them. When you really think about this, you realize that the main cause of what India is suffering right now is because of you the citizens of the nation and you are the ones who are littering the roads. The time when you are in a foreign country you will not dare open the window of your car and throw garbage out but the moment you come back to India you will not think about it twice

When matters like this are discussed very easily we just blame it all on the

government. All the government can really do is initiate things like the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan but then it is on the citizens whether they take it seriously or not, which they are not in India why is it that we break traffic rules where we don't see a cop or camera on the traffic signal and create chaos? Why is it that we always need people to be our head and tell us what we are supposed to do? How is this independent in any way? Why are we not responsible citizens of this country?

Almost every citizen of this country is cribbing about the corruption. It is the citizens who initiate it. They are the ones who take bribes and they are the ones who give bribes and they are the only ones who are cribbing about it also.

The only reason why our country in India is not able to get out of these petty issues ever since it was born because of its citizens are not responsible. It is high time we the people of India wake up and try and make a difference. The change needs to come from within and it needs to come individually. Each and every citizen needs to responsibility and transform the nation India. India has a lot of potential

And till the time our government is just a tackling issues like cloudiness, traffic issues and crime how will it focus on the other more important things.

Why is it only that we do things because of an authoritative presence and

because of others? The real change will come when nobody is watching and still you choose to the right thing that's when India will start moving on the right track. India has derailed and it's only us who can help it to start functioning properly again. We can't just stick our heads in the sand like the ostrich and pretend that nothing bad has happened. Very happily the native nation will celebrate the holiday on Independence Day and remember the great heroes of the past. But as the day goes by there is nothing that they will do to make this country a better place. Government may come and governments may go but India will go on like this till the time we the citizens don't change individually.

In many ways am I trying to impose my beliefs on to you that the citizens of India are really bad of the government or the is really good. I would like each one of you to ask yourself a question that are you really doing enough for your country to be called an Indian citizen. Feel for your country, your home, your motherland and be a proud citizen of the nation. Mend your ways to transform India into a better place to live in.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!! JAI HIND!!

Yugdeep Shokeen

THE CONCEPTION OF A SECULAR STATE

The question of the nature of India's nationalism usually looms over any other ideologies which bind the political sphere of the country. This derives such importance because of the ambiguity which surrounds it. While some right wing forces often argue that, an Indian's nationalism is usually defined by her/his hatred for Pakistan, the major counter argument which exists is that of a secular and inclusive model of the country. *As, the country celebrates 70 years of its independence, let us open up our minds and analyze the conception of the two states that shared the same womb.*

The independence of both these countries from British colonial rule is largely intertwined with the political careers of the two leaders who largely led the independence movement, i.e. 'Mahatma' Gandhi and 'Quaid-i-Azam' Jinnah. Both the leaders were born to Gujarati families of the affluent Kathiawad community. Gandhi had a largely stable childhood and was largely influenced by his father who was the 'diwan' or the Chief Minister of the Porbandar state. It is often argued that Gandhi received the required push into mainstream politics, due to his father's influential position. Jinnah on the other hand belonged to a bourgeois family, where the head worked as a trader to make ends meet. It is a known fact that Jinnah moved from one place to other to complete his primary education for which he finally settled in the then city of Bombay. Following this, Jinnah went to London as an apprentice to one of his father's business associates. On reaching there he took a keen interest in law and planned on becoming a barrister. His firm resolute overcame his father's resentment and he went to the prestigious Lincoln's Inn. Over there he came to be known for his accurate political assessments and remarkable wit. On the other hand, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who around the same time had gone to Britain had an unsuccessful career as a lawyer and decided to return to India. While in London Jinnah was deeply influenced by not only the British political ideologies but also by the western way of life. A colorful contrast can be drawn between Jinnah in his starched shirts and silk ties who despite being a Muslim would eat ham and consume alcohol regularly and

Gandhi in his signature khaki who despised all western indulgences. This approach to western culture was not only limited to only the private lives of these two leaders but also to the political ideologies they stood for.

Gandhi under his mask of secularism managed to mobilize the largely Hindu dominated Congress and sideline Jinnah. It is acknowledged as a fact in political circles that Gandhi made conscious attempts to portray Jinnah as a 'Muslim leader'. This was despite the fact that Jinnah was one of the most prominent National Congress leaders before Gandhi's arrival and was also considered to be Gopal Krishna Gokhale's political heir. For instance Jinnah who was presiding over the function to welcome Gandhi who had returned from South Africa praised him and his efforts in South Africa and this was just reciprocated with a "he is an important Muslim leader", praised from Gandhi. It is said that this comment displeased Jinnah who after his efforts at organizing the Lucknow Pact was seen as a symbol of Hindu-Muslim unity. Jinnah's nightmares turned into reality when he was booed down and finally shushed by the people who wanted to listen to Gandhi at the Poona conference. It is said that this event marked the onset of conflicts which would ensue till death did them part.

Jinnah quite contrary to his counterpart used a minority identity as a Muslim created for him to his political advantage and envisaged the creation of India which would be largely based on principles of exclusive secularism. This concept of religion Jinnah had in mind for the country was very similar to the western model- a reflection of how deep influence western ideologies had on him. But then how did, Jinnah a symbol of unity and communal peace turn into the largest separatist force? Certain rationales can reasonably justify this. These include exclusion of Jinnah from mainstream politics by Congress after the arrival of Gandhi, polarizing the population and creation of a communal divide etcetera. The philosopher and poet, Iqbal too had a deep influence on Jinnah's conception of a different state. It is necessary to understand that Jinnah, despite his desire

for a Muslim majority state, stood for a secular order as he promised the protection of all minority societies in the country. Even though, he attempted to create a secular state like United Kingdom which laid major emphasis on religion and still was secular, what emerged was completely different. Had it not been for continuous interventions by countries like Saudi Arabia to impose stricter religious restrictions and had Jinnah's model been successful, Pakistan would emerge as the most liberal and most successful secular Islamic state.

Having said that, we must understand how Gandhi and Nehru's model of secularism was different. While not accepting it openly, these two leaders too understood the importance of religion in influencing public sentiment. This can further highlighted by the fact that Gandhi used his Hindu image to polarize the majority population in favor of his leadership. Many of his neologies such as 'Harijan' too reflected that. These leaders understood that uniting a nation which was already fragmented by various regional identities would become impossible if imposition of one religion is carried out. Therefore, a secular front which was inclusive of all religious identities came into being. This model of secularism was novel, in the sense that no secular country before, had experimented with merging the public and the private life of its citizens. This could turn out be a major political disaster, but as it turns out, up till last year and barring a few incidents in the past, religion has not been the sole aggravator of crises.

To conclude, I would quote the author of the book, 'Jinnah Vs. Gandhi', Roderick Matthews who says that Pakistan got the worst of Jinnah and India got the best of Gandhi. Had it been, the other way round, maybe the socio political situation of the countries would have been reverse of what it is now. Or maybe there would be no change at all. This remains one of the many unsolved mysteries of the contemporary world which will continue to baffle all those who consider 'ifs' and 'what ifs' of any event.

Akshat Singh
XII-Hum

INDIA'S ROAD TO PROSPERITY

Independence and freedom, these words are different for different sets of people but they all mean the same. They say, "A beautiful future needs a bitter sacrifice".

People today are always criticizing our ancestors but little do we know that these freedom fighters are the same people who have struggled the most for our country's independence. They have earned independence not for themselves but for the future of the country. They have always dreamt of a self-reliant India for their future generations.

It was on 15th August, 1947, under the able leadership of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi that because of the sacrifice of our past generations we achieved freedom. In our country Gandhiji is very rightly called the 'Hero of India' but displaying typical myopia, Indians have forgotten about the contribution of the freedom fighters without whom 'Independent India' would not have been possible. In our love of Gandhiji, let us not forget Bhagat Singh, Rajguru along with Sukhdev and Patel who have equally fought for the freedom of this nation. There are so many unknown names who have struggled the most for our freedom. Today on our 69th Independence Day we should remember these freedom fighters. Unlike Nehru and Gandhi, we might not have read about these people in our limited books, but we should surely have a place for them in our hearts. We should remember them so that even they are assured that their sacrifices were a 100% success for the country.

We all are within our rights to say that there is corruption in India, there is poverty but don't forget that in these 69 years of independence there has been

progress too. There are 365 days in a year but let us forget all the negative opinions we have formulated in our minds for just this 1 day. In doing that we should also realise and hence take pride in that these 69 years have been of progress and development too.

Let us not forget that these major developments change the fate as well as the face of the country. Atal Bihari Vajpyee's government may be criticised on the fact that the then defence minister (Yashwant Sinha) had left the terrorists back to Pakistan in his private helicopter but let us not forget that it was Vajpyee who connected the remotest of the villages to towns and cities by establishing a very planned out network of roads.

We should also not forget that LPG, brought in by the then PM Manmohan Singh was a giant leap forward in changing the fate of the Indian economy which led to a more developed and efficient India. I feel we need to have a glance at the positive changes in our country too. Saying that this country is hopeless, unchangeable is wrong because that would be unjustified for those hardworking governments who have toiled hard for this nation's progress. It is unjust if we demean their contribution towards nation building.

Some say that the very idea of India as a nation is defeated if we go on demeaning the valuable contribution of many of those freedom fighters who martyred in the process of achieving freedom, but what they gave us was hope. Hope to see a 'developed India' in its pristine form.

Pradyuman Dobal

XII Science

INCREDIBLE INDIA

Indians, even after being so diversified face one common problem, of not being able to find the perfect "kaamwali". One who can work for long as you want her to, one who doesn't have to go on a holiday because her "maa ki tabiyat is always fluctuating" and the one who is married (just to be on the safer side). Trust me, there one sentence which every husband or let's say "gulaams" these days fear the most is "hey bhagwaan, aaj phir chutti le li usne, who will help me?" not just this, Indians have other things to worry about as well, like the milkman bhैया not getting enough because Mrs. Singh's guests from Canada wanted to have "Ghar ki Kheer" or Milk which is actually 60% water and 40% milk. Everyone in India has his share of problems/ worries for a small kid, he is being forced to go to school the next day for an adolescent it is, not being able to talk to his so called Love, for an adult it is the rising crisis of Onion and Petroleum and for grandpa's it is thinking about their future after they have done thinking about signing their will. (old age home, here I come) but even after all this, Indians manage to see one episode of their favourite episode, be it comedy nights or Bhabhi ji ghar pe hai.

Well! Indians being Indians, they have a pinch of quintessentially awkward habits which can never be scraped off from their genes. Well it does seem that they think that they are the true descendants of apes after all! They think that the world is their living room where they can do anything they would like to. The world seems to revolve around them or else they can be found revolving around the worldly girls who come to India. Although everyone thinks differently, they seem to take their doings to a completely whole another level. This is my incredible India, where they are the boss and they can never be wrong, where they are the al-Pacino's of their self-proclaimed Godfather Movie.

Arsh Beniwal

X-C

HITBALL

THE END OF THE GREAT SPORTS RIDDLE

Ready for a riddle? If you have a good understanding of the fundamentals of sport, you should be able to tell me the name of that particular sport which is best played with two offensive balls-no, not ruckball. This two-ball sport (it can be played with more balls) is most popular in the United States where it is played by over 25 million people and is home to its best player who was the first player in the world to ever make over a billion dollars. This sport requires a large playing area, so much so that the Chinese government has officially banned the development of new venues to play it. Here's another riddle: how do you go about constructing the strongest sport ever? Do you think it's possible to attack faster than Usain Bolt or jump higher than Michael Jordan? What if I told you that a sports code now exists-born right here at Welham Boys' School-which will allow you to do just that? Would you believe it?

There is another sport which is played with two balls, yet only one of the balls is offensive. We all know this sport as ruckball-but surprise! - ruckball has recently evolved to become a new sport altogether! Sorry, but the sling is now gone-so is the t-bar and its boxing speed ball. The new sport is called hitball; it was discovered by taking the sport of ruckball, changing the goals to uprights, and adding a multi-ball dodgeball-like rule to sustain the running game. The offensive ball is now a rugby-shaped ball called the hitball. There are seven defensive balls called shot balls lined up all the way down the field. A team must only use one shotball at a time; however, players do not have to chase after a shotball. After a player shoots, another shotball is simply picked up!

The fundamentals which make hitball so much fun are found in its offensive/defensive system. Hitball is basically rugby with more freedom and more violence-yet, as an oxymoron, its play is as safe as volleyball:

1. OFFENSE

The offensive team is allowed to play like offensive rugby with the exception that they are allowed to throw forward one-handed, but no further than the next zone-the field is divided into 8 zones (those shades of dark green and light green strips which you see on big professional ball fields). If you complete a direct pass (a pass which does not touch the ground) just before being shot or punched with the ball, the defensive attempt is considered unsuccessful and there is no stop in play! Just keep running!

2. DEFENSE

The defensive team is not allowed to play like rugby. Instead, they are to play like cricket or rather dodgeball. What I mean is that a defensive player must stop the hitball carrier by bringing a shotball into contact with him either while he is still carrying the ball or after he has released a pass. If a defensive player brings the shotball into contact while still maintaining a grip on the shotball, it is called a punch. If a

defensive player simply throws the shotball at the player he wishes to strike, it is called a shot. If a shot or a punch is successful, the game stops, the teams switch balls, and there is a restart from the point where the shot or punch took place.

3. BALANCE

Every sport has a rule or regulation to balance out the offensive-defensive strengths. Usually it is the offensive team which must be weakened to allow the defensive team an opportunity. For example, the most popular balancing factor is the dribble: football would not be very fair were it not for the no hands-dribble rule. Notice, interestingly, that not only does rugby require a weakening by having offensive players pass backwards, it awards strength to the defensive team by means of a tackle.

Of all sports, hitball has the strongest offensive attack. The sport's rugby-like attack is further strengthened by the freedom of the one-handed forward pass limited only by the distance of not

allowing to skip over an entire zone by passing over it (the player receiving the pass must not be further than the next zone). It doesn't stop there. Of all sports, hitball has the strongest defensive attack. The sport's dodgeball-like shots at the offensive ball carrier are easily more than three times faster than any oncoming defensive player of any sport. For this reason, there are some rules as to when shots may be taken; the hitball carrier being shot must be out-of-pivot (both feet in motion) and the shooter must be in the back-field (the area of the field between the hitball carrier and his home goal line).

The goal of the game is rugby-like; to score one simply runs across the goal-line. However, once the defensive team commits a violation a power play commences during which the uprights are available for scoring. The uprights are simply two poles, one meter apart, and 3.5 meters high. It is called a power play because 4 defensive players must leave general play to goaltend the uprights: one lower goal keeper, two lifters, and one upper goal keeper. Scoring on the uprights may give the offensive team one or more points depending on how many violations the defensive team had committed prior to the ball passing through the uprights. Using a rugby-style line-out lift, the upper goal keeper, with relative ease, far outreaches any height achieved by any professional American basketball player.

And here's more exciting news: the first game has yet to be played! Welham Boys' School-the orchard field-will be the venue for the first game of hitball. The names of those players will be recorded as the pioneers of the strongest and highest climax-reaching sport ever constructed! There is only one question left: are you game?

Desmond R. Davies
Architect of Hitball

SLAVERY

Slavery is a concept. It was physical for the African plantation workers in America before the civil war. It was mental for scientists obsessed with their experiments, and though fictional, very much true for Victor Frankenstein. It can be emotional for those who are caught up in actions met out due to sentimental ties. It is the third category, in which India as a country is shackled by. The multifaceted social slavery faced by today's Indians as they try to leave behind a twisted version of their country's glorious past and step into a better future, is unfortunately iron-clad.

This slavery is very apparent in the daily life of a middle class Indian. It is important to use the word Indian, because in this gender biased country problems are not only segregated according to income level, religion and region but also largely by gender. We can take the story of a faceless boy in this country of millions. A slave to the future pre-planned for him since he saw the first ray of the Sun. The same Sun which saw his ancestors face the Invaders, the Mughals, the British, the Separation and finally today's struggling community desperately searching for the golden days of the past in the current slum's filth. He grew up studying in a class

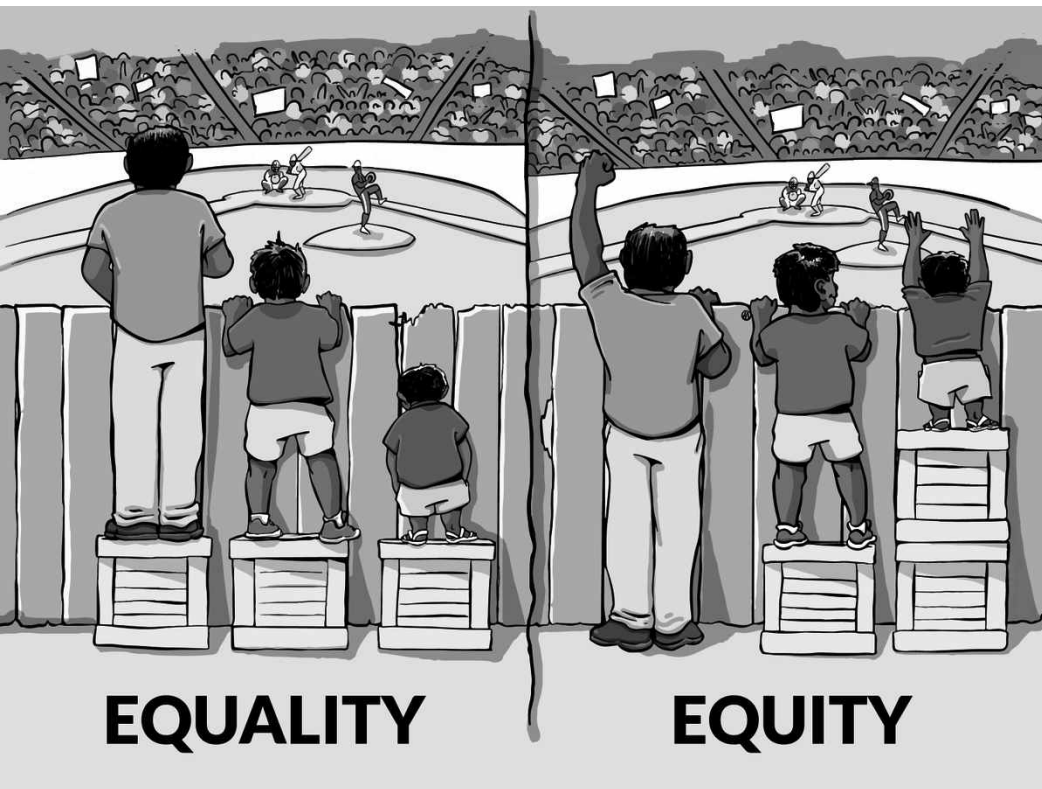
full of sixty other noisy children, watching his father slave away at a job he hates, trying to earn enough extra money so that he can buy that new pencil instead of using the same one till it is held by the tips of nails, the size the pencil imitates.

He, however, dreams to travel the world. With the soul of an artist he sees beauty in the crumbling world around him. In the mornings he watching the different hues of the withering leaves on the tree which guards his house. At night, he gazes up at the stars from the hole in his ceiling, trying to see if they shine the same way the stars do behind the Eiffel tower on the tattered poster on his wall. He wants to see the world, the large escape beyond the small window. However, he is a slave to the society, a slave to he expectations mounted on him, a slave to his own circumstances. Now he wakes up in the morning to get ready for a job he hates, spends the day without noticing the blooming tree next to his house, too caught up in worries. At night, he sleeps listening to his wife and children complain, facing the stars and asking for a reprieve.

Slavery is everywhere, it just varies from perspective to perspective.

Varun Gupta
Class XI





The Task

Once, my friends and I were playing 'Truth or Dare.' I, when my chance came, took up dare being all bold in front of my friends. All my boldness was lost in requests to change the dare- visiting the infamous haunted house. But my protesting went all but in vain, they held their ground.

Cowering behind my own shadow, I entered the house. The door shut with a loud bang behind my back and all the windows started rattling against their frames at once. I saw a flicker of movement in my peripheral vision, hesitating at first, then thinking that it might be someone in trouble, I went inside a room following the movement. I saw an old man walking around. After finally get out his name, Prem Chand and winning his trust with stories, incidents and whatnot, he told me why he was there and why he troubled anyone who came in and many stories about himself.

He told me not share his secret with anyone as I started walking out. On questioning this, Prem told me that he wanted to live in this house, and if word spread out, his peace would be destroyed.

As I walked out, my friends bombarded me with questions. I was about to tell them his secret when suddenly, I heard a voice inside me telling me to wake up. I woke up startled, realizing it was just a dream, satisfied that his secret was still safe with me.

Krishna Sachdeva
VI-C

Equality and equity are two concepts which seem to be mutually dependent but yet have a world of difference and I emphasize their difference by saying "Equality is giving everyone a shoe, and Equity is giving everyone a shoe, that fits." They are two serious concepts, serious because in today's society each individual wants to be treated equally and attain equal status in the society. However, in the same breath I would like to state that they also want to be treated differently. But the need for equality has been surpassed. For true equality to be achieved, the way has to be paved by equity.

Consider the situation of women who have been facing gender bias for thousands of years. Will treating women with the same respect and authority place them equal to men? As I stated, equity is the driver to equality, the women have to be given some extra privileges, to first reach the status of men. Right now, men and women are

on the two sides of a weighing scale. If men weigh 100 kgs and women 70 kgs, the concept of equality will give both the sides 5kgs more but the path of equity will give men 5 kgs and women 35 kgs. Equality is always the outcome. If you are participating in a 400 meter race held in an oval track, would it be just if every runner will start from the same place. On surface it may seem fair but we all know that the runners in the inner rings will have an advantage of shorter distance, over the runners in the outer rings. Therefore, the runners are placed according to the distance on the distinct tracks.

"Equality is sameness and equity is fairness."

"Equality is giving everyone a shoe, equity is giving everyone a shoe that fits."

Devraj Singhania
8-C

WACKY WOODSEATS

Man in the woods

Once my granny took me and my brothers to a spooky forest in the middle of nowhere. As our granny was not so rich, we had to stay in an old rusty and haunted like house. One warm evening, our granny told us about the man in the woods. When we used to roam in the dark dense forest we heard many voices which we ignored, until the day e heard hisses of snakes and rattling of chains from the denser side of the forest. Not being able to contain my

curiosity I started walking towards it. I was alone and my heart was pounding against my chest when suddenly I heard the rustling of leaves behind me. As I turned, I found myself face to face with a pale white man who, I realised was the man of the woods. I almost fainted due to shock. Soon I saw his creepy hand clutching my hat which was the reason of my ear piercing scream. I ran as fast as my feet could carry me. I reached the old house wet and scared. I

went to my granny and cried in her caring arms, and I saw him again, the man of the woods. My granny was scared and reluctant to say anything. Suddenly I heard a deep voice booming behind me telling me that the man in the woods is none but myself. I giggled with an evil smile and laughed to myself I was after all the man I the woods.

Maulik khana
6-C

SEASONS !

The hot summers of June.
The cold winters of Decembers.
The spring is so beautiful.
The autumn can't be understood.

Mickey wants to play,
But the sun doesn't wants to fade.
Pluto the dog has caught cold.
It's time to rest for him in
Freezing cold.

The bears hibernate with the
Decreasing of temperature.
Sleeps, thinking that it is the freezing
weather.

Seasons are so magical.
But the matter is only if you
Understand them closely.

Ashish Goyal
VI-B



TEACHER!

Teacher! Teacher! Teacher!
World's friendly creature
They work for us day and night
To make our future good and bright.

Teachers are like sun,
Inspiring us to run.
Teachers are clouds,
They clear all our doubts.
Teachers like flowers,
Their blessings come in showers.
Teachers are lie stars,
They work for so many hours.

Teachers always stay at our side,
Keeping us under their guide.

Keshav Singhania
VI-A

My Heart Leaps When I Behold

My heart leaps when I behold
A rainbow in the sky
So was it when my life began
So is it now, I am a man
So be it when I shall grow old
Or let me die

The child is father of a man
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by nature piety.

Vinayak Talwar
6-A

AN ODE TO JUNIOR SCHOOL

A place so cool
Its our junior school
Lots of fun
Sadness all shun

Meals are awesome
Bearerji too, number one
Hospitality and generosity
Come and see if you want to be

For games we strive
Forbidding them is like parting from
life

Fields are enormous
Coaches are fabulous

Tuckshop, not to miss
Don't forget, it's a bliss
Eating the best
And then only do our desires rest.

Studies make us grow
Laurels after laurels make us thirsty
for more
Teachers don't rest
We know they win us the crest

Come and see
With glee
How we bloom
Without a gloom.

Vatsal Goel
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WELHAM NOW

- On the 3rd of July the school participated in the IPSC Football tournament.
- From the 2nd to 7th July A Life Saving Workshop was held for class 12th.
- From the 30th June to 16th July The school hosted Swimming camps for the IPSC team.
- From the 19th to 21st July The school participated in the IPSC Swimming Tournament in the U-19, U17 AND U-14 category held at Miles Bronson School in Assam. The team won 5 silver and 5 bronze medals.
- The school participated in the IPSC Squash tournament. AnshTripathi won a gold medal and two bronze medals.
- From the 1st to 18th July Summer Camps were held for class 12.
- From the 17th to 19th July The school hosted an enriching NDTV workshop for budding filmmakers.
- On the 1st and 2nd August an MUN training workshop was held in school for the, EB and delegations participating in various MUNs by Siddharth Das.
- On the 6th and 7th August the I can conference was held at Welham Boys School
- From the 3rd to 8th August the school participated in the Sahodhya football tournament held at scholars home.
- From the 8th to 12th August four boys attended a leadership workshop held at Modern School Vasant Vihar.
- On the 4th of August the Inter-House Hindi Debate was held on the topic "Social Media should be banned for the betterment of the country."
- On the 6th and 7th of August the school hosted the ICan Conference.
- On 30th of July the school celebrated the Saturday Night Fever.
- On the 30th of July four boys escorted by Mrs. Joyeeta Mukherjee participated in the film appreciation workshop and secured the 2nd position.
- From the 1st to 7th of August Welham Boys School participated in the WEMUN China.
- The school participated in the Strawberry Fields MUN held in Chandigarh.
- From the 12th to 14th August the school participated in the DSMUN.
- Microsoft workshops started on the 3rd of August. Which included Techno farming, Raspberry Pie and Mobile App development.

RINGSIDE VIEW

When one talks about sports, this summer was quite an attention-grabbing one. In the Uefa EURO Cup fairytales came true as Portugal went on to lift the cup against the heavily fancied favourites-France. It is worth mentioning that Portugal achieved success the hard way as they only won one match in normal time. Iceland managed to take the football world by surprise when it not only managed to knock Netherlands in the Euro-qualifiers but also eliminated

England in the round of sixteen. While the world was busy with the Euro Cup, the world's best player, Lionel Messi was busy with Copa America Centenario that was held in USA marking its 100th year. Chile, yet again, claimed the trophy after winning against Argentina. The world of football, to its surprise, saw the Argentine Captain calling it a day from the national team. He has played the finals for a total number of four times but has somehow lost them all. An Olympic gold in the U-19 Category in 2005 is the only piece of decoration 'around his neck'. Many believe that a major trophy with Argentina, would complete his resume but this man, unfortunately, is no longer the face of Argentina. The world of racquet games saw Andy Murray win the Wimbledon while Saina Nehwal claimed victory in the Australian Open.

Coming back to Welham-

Just one Kandhari Trophy is never enough for aspiring people like us. Though we emerged victorious in Hockey, our job is not over. We are still to achieve more in each and every field we lay our hands on. The school held swimming and football camps during the holidays. The swimming team, as always, lived up to the billing by performing extremely well in the Swimming IPSC.

There was an unfortunate turn of events in football as it was for the first time that the team faced an elimination in the U-17 Football IPSC held at Genisis School, Noida. The Delhi-Dynamos Football Camp took place in school, which was a huge source of identifying talent within the school. The CBSE Cup is underway and the under-18 and under-15 have booked their place in the semi-final and quarter-final stage of the tournament respectively. Furthermore, the Selaqui Football Invitational Tournament is also around the corner. Towards the end of the football season the senior team will be visiting the Mayo College for the Mayo Football Time for the first time in the school's history. Under the able guidance of Mr. Manoj Bhartwal, Mr. Parth Parasher and the efficient leadership of Vikram Vardhan Singh this football season seems to be a promising one for the school.

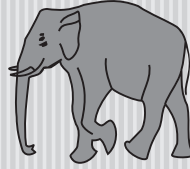
The squash team also made us proud by making it to the quarterfinals in the Senior Category and standing second runners up in the Sub-Junior Category of the IPSC squash tournament. Ansh Tripathi of grade six was adjudged as the best player in the U-12 Category. Though progress can be seen, I believe we need to gear up and get ready to work even harder and not let anyone doubt our abilities.

Elsewhere, after the disheartening loss in the Afzal Khan Basketball tournament the team seems to be on the rebound and is hoping to get back to winning ways in the under-17 IPSC tournament. The badminton team can also be seen sweating it out on the courts for the Badminton IPSC that is just around the corner.

On the global stage The Rio Olympics is currently the hottest topic for discussion. It will start on the 5th of August. All eyes are on the sensational Saina Nehwal who grabbed a bronze in the last Olympics held in London and is now all set to take on the best of players of the world. We also have Abhinav Bindra (Gold in Beijing Olympics, 2008), Yogeshwar Dutt (Bronze in London Olympics, 2012), Sushil Kumar (Bronze in Beijing Olympics, 2008; Silver in London Olympics, 2012), Mary Kom (Bronze in London Olympics, 2012) and many more.

Today, I see a lot of juniors outshining many of the senior and experienced players in many sports. Despite of the promising talent that is on display it worries me when I think about what is going to happen to this talent. As Al Pacino once said, "You only start learning things when you start losing stuff," is, I believe, the perfect way of warning others as to how valuable their talent is. One wouldn't value something he has until he is deprived of its possession. I would like to end this with a little note for my talented juniors- never waste, devalue or disrespect whatever you have as there will be a day when it works its way out of your life and does not value you when you need it the most.

Hardic Gupta
Sports Captain
XII-Com



LASAGNE

LAMPOON

AN ORDINARY DAY IN AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

Lets lampoon a little!!

A Welhamite's life is a conundrum of the most absurd and nonsensical things that exist on the face of this planet, but when one breaks it into small units, it tends to follow a pattern. Every Welhamite's life is 'not so special' in its own unique way. A Welhamite's life goals quite aptly describe the words 'fiction' and 'utopia'. 'Sleep' being the nucleus of all plans that a Welhamite makes, his thoughts are literally the stuff that dreams are made of. Now, presenting to you the vicious cycle that never makes, but always breaks the students of this prestigious institution-

Phase 1- The Wind of Welham

The wind of Welham possesses the mystical powers to send Welhamites into the land of unicorns and flying pigs where the word 'fiction' has no meaning. The "hawa" allows the student to reward himself for (wait for it.....can we have a drum roll please?) NOTHING. By solely presenting his 'royal' self in the Bethany for meals, the student develops a sense of accomplishment, which is second to none.

The conclusion of this phase is marked by the coronation of the great Welhamite and by placing the crown of absolute futility over his head.

Phase 2- A boy is no one-

Finally! The concept of a parallel universe ceases to exist. This phase begins when the great Caesar is stabbed by Brutus in the back and is given a reality check. As a Game of Thrones fan would put it (for him it is obviously a sense of huge

accomplishment)- A boy is finally no one. The trajectory of a Welhamite's life changes completely after he realizes that there is more to life than hot food and sleep; there is more to life than the four walls of Welham, which by the way are covered by solar lights on every boundary and are under the surveillance of techno-savvy cameras (rumour has it that they are even heat-sensitive). So, welcome back to reality (I do realise that it's a nasty place).

Phase 3- Dreams..... And stuff-

The season of aspirations, dreams and stuff is upon us again; the season where the sinner is seeking salvation; the season where the Welhamite is.....THINKING; the season where the post dinner Marine Drive talks have some meaning to life. All of this philosophy begins with simple plans and aspirations but gradually, despite of all of the philosophy, exaggeration leads to catastrophe. It is as if the Welhamite aspires to put on a cape and become a mighty elephant that will one day save

the world from all evil (the Batman has finally got a cool ally to work with!). Ultimately, in this phase a thousand thoughts are formulated, out of which 500 are converted into ideas out of which 10 are feasible and 1 is thought of being implemented.

Phase4- Dude! Wake up-

The climax of story usually provides the reader with heartbreaks, happiness, surprise etc. but this story provides the reader with the perfect anti-climax. After such a flabbergasting journey it all comes down to this: Given below are the thoughts in a Welhamite's mind as we approach the conclusion of the remarkable journey-

So the alarm is set, tomorrow is going to mark the beginning of a new journey, I am going to slog every minute, I am going to grab every opportunity, I am not going to let any obstacle block my way and I will achieve something.

Kudos to the thought but then comes the twist. A friend enters the room (the villain has made his grand entrance). These are the exact words that blast the entire thought of achieving something-

Friend- Hey dude! You know what.....

Aspiring Welhamite- Let me sleep. I need to wake up early

tomorrow. Let me go to sleep.

Friend- Fine dude! I just wanted to tell you about the chat that I had with my girlfriend yesterday.....

Aspiring Welhamite- Say no more! Your brother is there for you!

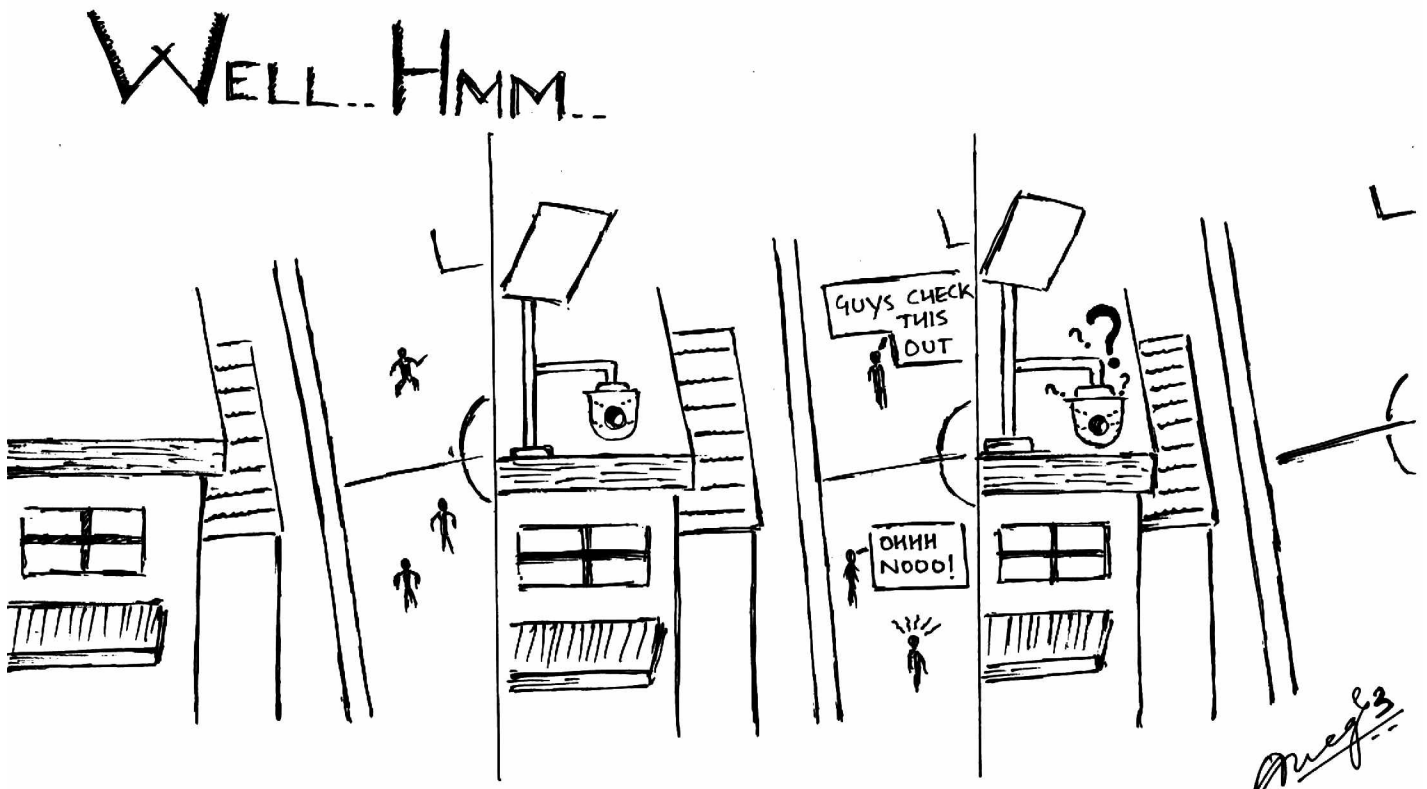
And.....the rest as they say is history.

Conclusively, the Welhamite gets entangled in this eternal and vicious cycle.

If you analyze the entire lampoon the resemblance between the journey of Batman and the journey of a Welhamite is uncanny. Even the Batman goes through the first three stages. What makes the difference is the fourth stage.

In the fourth stage the Welhamite wakes up whereas the Batman continues living the dream. So the next time when someone is trying to wake you up from your dream punch him in the eye and tell him "Gotham needs me!"

Devansh Raheja
XII-COM



Separated at Birth

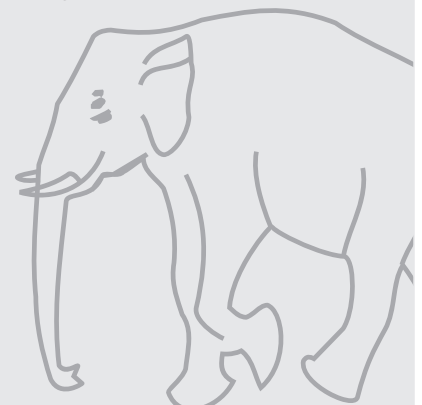
Akshat Singh	Potato Head
Dhruv Swarup	Shubham Gupta(refined edition)
Mr. Karan Singh	Hodor
Mr. Siraj Ansari	Shah Rukh Khan (Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi)
Harshvardhan Bansal	Bowling Pin
Anirudh Singhania	Dumb and Dumber (All in one)
Prabhapaar Singh Batra	Diljit Dosanjh (wannabe)
Mr. Srikant	The Thinker (Night at the Museum)
Anmol Agarwal	Tillu
Manshwin Kartikey	Vinod Bhaiya
Tanmay Negi and Arjun Singh Randhawa	Gian and Sunio (Doraemon)

RUMOUR HAS IT

- Mr. Amit Singh attended the internship programme at the FBI during the summer holidays to become adept in the art of espionage with special emphasis on delivery packages.
- Arjun Singh Randhawa featured in the 'top 10 conmen of all times' in the fall edition of the Forbes Magazine.
- Tanmay Negi has started going to the gym (now I have finally seen everything in life).
- Vinay Prakash and Yuvraj Pahuja broke the conventional scheme by not picking up 'the' accent whilst on an Exchange Programme (Oli salutes you!).
- Naman Jain has signed up for a fitness programme (well, you surely need to maintain your figure).
- Even though Prabhapaar Singh Batra and Sushen Maini are the kings of the domestic 'STALK' market, according to Oli sources Aseem Goel is the only Welhamite to have invested heavily in the International 'STALK' market.
- Aaryan Kumar is so nervous about his exams, he is making repeated pilgrimages to the Vaishno Devi temple

WELHAM Logic

- Food looks better on the face rather than on the plate (Birthday Special!).
- A rich friend is always a good friend.
- Exchange programmes are meant for seeking beauties in lands unknown and unexplored.
- Nothing is ordinary or simple. Everything has to have an overly-complicated, absurd and completely nonsensical logic behind it.
- A person who does not have math has given up on life.
- If a Welhamite is caught doing an illegal thing then he is doing it for the first time.
- Reaching class 12 is like turning 65. No contribution, free pension and preferential treatment are fundamental rights.



Through the *keyhole*

- Keshav Bajaj- I took a pill in a pizza.
- Mohit Gupta to Tanmay Negi - I am the Security General for Welmun 2016 (Welmun is most certainly going to be a hit this year).
- Aditya Pahwa to Mr. Dayanmee Banerjee (in an attempt to impress him) - Sir, are all women female (wow, that is certainly a mind boggling thought)?
- Syed Hasan- I always travel to the USA with the 'Etihaas' Airways (just too much of history there).
- Rahul Singh- An Indian recently broke Honey Singh's 200m record.
- Anamika Ma'am- Sukarn, do you wear reading glasses?
- Sukarn- no ma'am, I am wearing spectacles (Dude! Way too much English for you)
- Nidhaan – Sir, Is your WiFi password of 4 digits
- JK Sir – Yes my dear. Bindra Ma'am has only one Digit...I have 4.
- JK Sir – Ashutosh, please draw the curtains.
- Ashutosh – Sorry sir, I can't. I am not a good artist
- Keshav Sultania - On my next outing I am definitely going to try a Ruskin Bond ice cream ! (Dude, don't upset the Baskin Robin guys so much)

Ever Wonder why

- Dhruv Swarup has developed a recent liking towards 'oily' food (Caution- excess intake of oil is harmful to health!)
- The Oliphant Room has recently been renovated.
- A massive amount of class 12 students can be seen hitting the gym and doing countless fitness drills lately (15 days are not going to make a difference).
- Prabhapaar Singh Batra has finally decided to play it by the rules (beware! August the 14th awaits).
- Vithal Jalan and Ayush Tulsyan were so eager to write for the Oliphant's Independence Day issue.

WHAT'S IN WHAT'S OUT	
WHAT'S IN	WHAT'S OUT
Big Mother (2016)	Big Brother (1984)
Heat sensitive, 360 degrees cameras	Non-functional cameras
Power of NOW	Power of one
Yash Kirty	Tarit Kandpal
Hitball	Ruckball
Pokemon Go	Other day to day activities
ASAP	SOP
Football Manager	Fifa

ALTERNATE CAREER CHOICES	
Ms. Rashmi Rawat	Pretentious movie reviews-critic
Mr. Amit Singh	Member of the Welham Secret Service
Mr. Ajay Bahuguna	Professional carrom player
Mr. PD, Mr. OC, and Vandana ma'am	Jazz Band
Mr. Jai Ranjan	Stand-up comedian
Dr. Rakesh Bhandari	War time cryptographer
Mr. Siraj Ansari	Gym Instructor
Mr. Sameer Dhingra	A motivational speaker (baba, you can do this!)
Mr. Parth Parasher	Manager of Welham fc (football club)
Mr. Saurav Sinha and Mr. Karan Singh	Bouncers
Mr. Satyender Pandey	Preacher

Those Ones

- Sanveg Jain- No matter how irrational irrationality is, it is the only rational criteria for being innovative.
- Mr. Srikant to 12 Com- (justifying why integration is taught after differentiation) - in order to go down the hill you need to first climb it.
- Vedant Dewan- Sometimes the black sheep of the family has the most handsome wool.
- Mr. Rajeev Bhatia to 11 Commerce- I have no liability towards you, no responsibility towards you.
- Mr. Srikant to Class 11 Commerce- 10 CGPA? That's Bull@#*!. You need to tighten your belts or you will lose your pants.
- I could lose weight any time I want....but I am a winner not a loser - Rudraksh Mittal, 10 A

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