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The Ones to Watch

Filix Invests Its Student Council for 2026-27



Filix School of Education proudly celebrated its Investiture Ceremony 2026 on 20th of June. The ceremony marked the appointment of the new student council for the 2026-27 academic session. The ceremony reflected the school's core values of leadership, responsibility, and service, making it a memorable occasion for students, teachers, and guests altogether.

The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a melodious welcome song presented by the Filix Choir. One of the most poignant moments of the ceremony was the ceremonial flag handover, as the outgoing Head Boy, Sukdeb Mahato, and Head Girl, Ankita Mukhopadhyay, entrusted the legacy of leadership to the newly elected council members, symbolising the seamless transition of responsibility.

The ceremony continued with the oath-taking, led by Principal Mr. Joseph Edmund Paul, during which the student leaders pledged to serve the school with honesty, respect, integrity, and dedication.

The newly elected Head Boy, Mainak Majee, Head Girl, Manishita Dutta, house captains, prefects, and other council members were then officially invested with their badges and certificates.

The Guest of Honour, Madam Hilda Peacock, delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging students to lead with confidence, loyalty, and compassion. Another special highlight of the day was the announcement of the *Filix Fellowship* by Ms. Priyanka Ghosh, Academic Director of Nanritam. The initiative encourages high school students to dedicate five hours every week to community service and social responsibility.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks by Ms. Nileema Sinha, accompanied by the school song. The ceremony marked the beginning of a new journey, inspiring the young leaders of Filix to serve with commitment, confidence, and excellence.

Azmat Khatoon, XII



As We Take Charge

Introducing Those at the Helm



Manisitha Dutta, XI
Head Girl

“ Being appointed as the Headgirl of my school is a great honour and a responsibility that I carry with gratitude and commitment. I hope to bring positive change by creating an environment where every student feels encouraged, included, and confident to express themselves. My vision is to contribute towards a united and compassionate school where we celebrate each other's achievements, support one another through challenges, participate in events with enthusiasm, and continue to grow together as Filixians. ”

Mainak Majee, XI
Head Boy



“ School has always been as much about living as it is about learning. From laughing with friends and playing on the field to quietly working towards my goals, every experience has shaped who I am. Becoming Head Boy has not changed who I am. It has simply given me a greater responsibility to lead by examples, earn trust and stay true to myself. I hope to foster a culture of self-respect, confidence and active participation, where every student feels valued and inspired to give their best. Together, we shall continue to uphold our motto, *Service to mankind is service to God*, and make Filix a place we are all proud to call our own. ”



Manasi Gorain, X
Sports Captain (Girls)

“ For me, being part of the Student Council means turning leadership into meaningful action and serving the school community wholeheartedly. Above all, it is about being a voice for every student, rather than just holding a title.. Being part of the Student Council is about turning our shared ideas into reality and helping shape a school where every student feels inspired to initiate, work hard, stay dedicated and contribute to a stronger and more united school community. ”



**Ranjan Kumar Mahato, XI
Sports Captain (Boys)**



“Serving as Sports Captain and a member of the Student Council is a great honour. I hope to promote fairness, teamwork and kindness throughout our school, while leading with integrity and without any favouritism. My promise to the Filix is that— I will listen to everyone's ideas and help create an active, happy and safe environment where everyone feels valued.”

**Chaitali Paramanik, X
Assistant Sports Captain**



“As the Assistant Sports Captain, I see this responsibility as an opportunity to serve our school with humility. I promise to uphold the values of fairness, discipline, and hard work while helping create a welcoming environment where every student feels included. I will always support my teammates, encourage a strong team spirit, and represent our school with pride.”

**Bristi Gorain, X
Cultural Secretary**



“As the Cultural Secretary, I believe this responsibility is about leading with honesty, respect, and dedication. It means listening to everyone's ideas and ensuring that every student gets the opportunity to shine. I hope to promote creativity, teamwork, and active participation while approaching every challenge with a positive attitude. My goal is to help create a vibrant and united school community where everyone feels encouraged to contribute, grow, and give their best.”

**Sristi Chakraborty, IX
Assistant Cultural Secretary**



“Being part of the Student Council means being the bridge between students and teachers. I hope to uphold empathy and integrity while ensuring that every voice is heard, especially those of our juniors. I promise to turn small concerns into meaningful action, helping our school remain a place where ideas flourish, kindness grows, and everyone feels supported. This role is an opportunity to serve, not just to lead. Together, let us bring about positive change with confidence.”



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Chumki Modak, X
J.C. Bose House Captain

“As the House Captain of J. C. Bose House, inspired by the legacy of resilience, innovation and curiosity, I wish to encourage everyone to believe that determination can overcome limitations. I also hope to create an environment where asking questions is encouraged and mistakes are seen as opportunities to learn. The changes I hope to bring include valuing participation, recognising every effort, reducing unnecessary pressure, encouraging inclusive decision-making, strengthening peer support, and striving for holistic excellence.”



Arpan Mukherjee, IX
J.C. Bose House Vice Captain

“To me, this responsibility means representing every student with honesty and commitment. I hope to promote inclusivity by ensuring that every student feels heard and valued. I will always be approachable, represent your ideas faithfully, and work towards making our school a place filled with positive experiences and lasting memories.”



Sonakshi Grahacharya, VIII
J.C. Bose House Prefect

“To me, this responsibility is about leading by example and encouraging others with fairness, respect, and confidence. I hope to promote the use of English across the campus while inspiring every student to step forward, participate, and make the most of every opportunity.”



Soumili Sengupta, X
Nivedita House Captain

“To me, this responsibility is an honour and a commitment to my school. It reminds me that leadership is not about holding a position, but about supporting others and earning their trust. As a member of the Student Council, I hope to ensure that every student feels heard and included. I promise to listen with an open mind, lead with honesty, and fulfil my responsibilities with sincerity.”





Shreya Biswas, IX
Nivedita House Vice Captain



“ Being a member of the Student Council is both an honour and a responsibility. It inspires me to lead with integrity, empathy and dedication. I hope to promote teamwork, inclusivity and mutual respect. My promise is to listen to every voice and contribute to making our school a supportive, inclusive and inspiring place. ”



Surjadeep Dutta, VIII
Nivedita House Prefect

“ To me, this responsibility means being someone others can trust, standing up for what is right, and leading by example. I hope to inspire positive change by encouraging teamwork, active participation, and a strong sense of responsibility. My promise to our school is that I will listen with an open mind, act fairly, and serve with honesty, dedication, and dignity. ”

Soham Guha Khasnabish, XI
Tagore House Captain



“ To me, leadership is about setting a good example. I hope to uphold the values of kindness and fairness, ensuring that every student feels respected, included, and proud to be part of our house. I promise to be someone everyone can approach, bring positivity every day, and work hard to make our school a place where everyone feels they truly belong. ”

Md. Absar, X
Tagore House Vice Captain



“ To me, the role of a leader is about serving others, working together, and leading by example. I believe true leadership lies in building trust, encouraging unity, and creating an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. My promise is to listen to every voice, inspire those around me, and help create a space where everyone feels proud, included, and motivated to give their best. ”



**Zainab Khatoon, IX
Tagore House Prefect**

“To me, responsibility means earning the trust of others through honesty, discipline, and service. I promise to lead by example, encourage teamwork, support every student, and work towards making Tagore House stronger, more united, and inspiring for all.”



**Ithtesam Khatun, X
Vidyasagar House Captain**

“Being a member of the Student Council is both an honour and a responsibility. I hope to make our school a place where kindness, discipline, and unity are reflected in the way we treat one another. I promise to listen to every voice, support my fellow students, and lead with honesty and dedication while working together to create a positive and encouraging environment for everyone.”



**Kasifa Khatoon, IX
Vidyasagar House Vice Captain**

“I, Kasifa Khatoon, Vice Captain of Vidyasagar House, see this responsibility as a privilege and an opportunity to serve my school with honesty and dedication. I hope to create a house where every student feels respected, included, and encouraged to participate. I will strive to lead by example, support my peers and work together with everyone to make Vidyasagar House a place of unity, positivity, and pride.”



**Debdatta Das, VIII
Vidyasagar House Vice Prefect**

“I promise to create an environment where every student feels supported, encouraged, and valued. My focus will be on promoting teamwork, active participation, and opportunities for everyone to learn and grow. Together, we can make our school a place where every voice is heard, every effort is appreciated, and everyone feels inspired to do their best. This responsibility requires me to listen with understanding, lead with empathy, and act with sincerity. I am committed to being a bridge between students and teachers, ensuring that concerns are heard and that we continue working together to make our school a better place.”



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Summer, the Filix Way

Inside Filix Summer Camp 2026

For a few golden days, Filix wore its playful heart on its sleeve. Classrooms turned into canvases, courtyards into stages, and every child into an artist, a scientist, a storyteller, a chef. There were rainbows swirling in milk, duckling tales retold in tiny voices, clay turning to jewellery under careful fingers, and feet learning to keep time with music. Here's a glimpse of the summer, and of who these children were becoming.



In Verse

An Ode to Rosa Parks

The Woman who sat still so a nation could stand

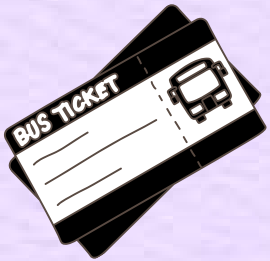


Illustration by Adrita Sarkar, VII

A weary seamstress claimed her seat,
While unjust laws demanded retreat.
She said, "No," with quiet might,
And sat her ground to stand for right.
One small act turned history's page,
A bus ride sparked a movement's rage.
She stayed still, so we could move,
Showing what one brave heart can prove.

By Nandini Mahato, VII



Lessons in Hope

Education for All : An Initiative by Nanritam

Every morning, nearly 50 children gather beneath a hay-thatched roof in Gagda Sabar village. Their classroom is modest, open to the changing seasons, yet every day it fills with voices reciting poems, sounding out the alphabet and discovering words that, not long ago, belonged to another world. Standing among them is Mejapi Mahato.



"After completing my studies, I used to stay at home," she says. "Now I have the opportunity to teach these children, and it makes me very happy."

Mejapi knows exactly what these children are up against. Most come from families where education has never been part of everyday life. Their parents, daily wage labourers, struggle to earn enough to support

their families, and during harvesting season, many children are pulled from class to work in the fields alongside their parents. As girls grow older, the pressures only increase. Household responsibilities, work at brick kilns or early marriage often force them to leave school behind.

For some children, even reaching a government school is a challenge. Many walk three to five kilometres, often barefoot and without proper protection from the weather, just to attend class. It is one of the reasons Nanritam established the study centre in the village, bringing education closer to the community and making learning more accessible.

Yet when Mejapi speaks, it is not the hardships she remembers first.

"Whenever they see me on the road, they call out, 'Ma'am! Ma'am!'" she says with a smile. "They keep asking me if they have learned correctly or if they are reading well."

Every child at the centre receives bananas and protein *laddus*. For some, she explains, this food is what allows them to stay in class at all, rather than at home. It's nourishment that makes learning possible in the first place.

Despite the hardships, the children of Gagda Sabar village keep showing up – to learn, to recite, to dream a little further each day. And for Mejapi, that's reason enough to keep showing up too.

Ayushi Banerjee, VII



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