

## **St. Cecilia's Public School**

### **Short Story Discussion Competition**

#### **“Facts bring us to knowledge, but stories lead to wisdom”**

The Editorial club of St. Cecilia's Public School organized a discussion as well as competition based on a short story – 'The Necklace' on 31.8.18. Students of class XI participated. There were five teams with two students in each one of them.

The students were well prepared which was observed throughout the discussion. The young literary talents were not only confidently bringing forth their points but also exhibited a keen interest and enthusiasm to attain a nuanced understanding of the story. They listed down plethora of themes like – materialism, satisfaction in life, perceived value of objects and the power that lies within oneself. They also delve deeper and talked about the old adage – 'Appearances are deceptive' which forms another theme of the story. The message or the moral of the same was wonderfully conveyed by the participants – 'simplicity is the best form of sophistication'.

It was overwhelming to witness such young students showing the ability and skill to do an in-depth analysis of a literary text.

The question-answer session at the end was equally enriching where high quality and thought-provoking questions were put on each other's platter by the teams. Further, it was observed that they were quite excited to give answers and add on points to what others said. They unravelled the layers of the short story quite beautifully.

The competition ended with the teacher's brief discussion on the theme and main character. The participants were glad to unleash their creativity and learn from each other.