Do you often compare yourself to your sibling, friend, classmate or the boy next door? Most of us habitually do so, trying to evaluate who is better.

Comparisons are good as long as they help you learn and improve but if they start preying on your mind they are the best to be avoided.

No two individuals, not even identical twins brought up in the same environment, have the same behavioral pattern. Our immediate environment, genetic constitution and experiences shape our personality. So, every individual is bound to be different.

On the other hand, do you think you are superior to others? Constant comparison may make you arrogant and definitely harm your relationship with your friends and siblings. Be proud of your achievements but be willing to learn and strive for more.

Pratham
XI-C

What article should I give in a magazine
I thought too much
I planned something special for this magazine
I decided to write about our respected leaders
But, they have become corrupt.
So I had this thought
And planned to write something unique for this magazine.
I decided to write about education system
But it has become a way of earning money.
So I abandoned this thought
and planned something special for this magazine.
I decided to write on natural beauty
But it has also become the victim of pollution.
So, I abandoned this thought
And planned something unique for this magazine.
I decided to write about non-violent Indians
But they have become fanatic and crazy.
So, I abandoned altogether the thought of writing a unique article.
But is it really so? Oh no!
I hope you will feel gay and definitely say What a strange article has come your way.
To be true to yourself means to act in accordance with who you are and what you believe. If you know and love yourself you will find it effortless to be true to yourself. Be who you are!!

Have the courage to accept yourself as you really are, not as someone thinks you should be. Do not take actions or pretend to be someone else for the sake of gaining acceptance.

Many young people believe that when they do things to please their peers, they will become popular and will be liked by others. They go against the advice of their parents or their own common sense only to find themselves in trouble and not accomplishing what they set out to do!!

When you do things that are not genuine or a reflection of the real you, you will not be happy with yourself and will end up confused. This is because you won’t know whom to please or how??

SELF RESPECT comes from being true to who you really are and from acting in accordance with your fundamental nature. IF YOU WILL RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS WILL RESPECT YOU!! They will make you feel that you are strong and capable of standing up for yourself and your beliefs.

When you are true to yourself, you allow your individuality and uniqueness to shine through. You respect the opinions of others but do not conform to the stereotypes of their expectations of you.

To be true to yourself takes courage. It requires you to be introspective, sincere, open minded and fair. It does not mean that you are inconsiderate or disrespectful of others. It means that you will not let others define you or take decisions for you that you should make for yourself.

Be true to the very best that is in you and live your life consistent with your highest values and aspirations. Those who are most successful in life have dared to creatively express themselves and in turn, have broadened the experiences and perspectives of everyone else.
As I sit here in the class
I observe my friends
And look forward to the year
It’s coming to an end…
It’s going to be hard
To say good bye!
I’ll miss everyone
I know, I will cry
I remember the day
When I came back
To be with my friends
And to follow the right track
We had so many moments
Some bad, some great
I’ll always remember the love and efface the hate
I don’t want to say good bye
To all my friends
I don’t want this year
To come to an end…

Jahnavi Gupta
XI-D

I’m the highest! Higher than everything around
The clouds crown me and the sun glorifies my face
I wear the royal cloak as white as snow
I directly peep into heavens and see everything remote
I’ve the battalions of fierce storms, thunders and bolts
And I splash the deadly lava when my top is blown
There’s nothing around stood as higher as me
For my height is non-plussed and it will always be
But my highness compels me into solitude
There’s no one to celebrate my supremacy
There’s no one to cry and smile with me
To them be it peace, for me it is solitary
‘Cause silence lingers all around me
I know now: The higher you are, the lonelier you are.

Praveen
XI-C
There are times in our life
When we all savour
being a part of a much
Larger plan,
Life is a feast and we each add a flavor.
I’ll make it better, believe it, I can.

Life is a struggle and not a bed of roses. Man is not perfect and he can’t ensure success in everything he undertakes. He often struggles in life for the simplest reasons. He comes across many hurdles. I agree that success naturally brings us joy and pride and failures disappoint and discourage us. However, the right approach towards a failure is not to be disappointed by it. I believe failures try a man just as gold is tried in fire. So, failures can be regarded as stepping stones to success. Failure and success are the two faces of the same coin. One should work hard to remove those pitfalls which may cause failures. Many lifesaving drugs are the result of constant hard work. The great inventors probably learnt from their failures. Today’s youth is restless they expect results immediately but Rome was not built in a day. To achieve heights in life, one should face failures in life boldly and should emerge as a winner.

Satyam
XI-D

Truth and lie are all around you
But to choose reality is up to you.

Life is not about what you see
For reality you have to go very deep.

People are attracted by your money and position
So, don’t get caught by your superstition.

Outer beauty may seem like gold
But all that glitters is not gold.

Sometimes life is not that easy
Don’t bang your head and be crazy.

Make the best use of time
So that you may not have to regret later in life.

Ritika
XI-A
MY WAY!

May people follow others' way,
But I've my own way.
I feel what I say,
Because, I like living life this way.
My energy is like fire,
I do what I desire.
Life isn't that easy, what it seems
It's all about fulfilling all your dreams.
Work on time, avoid mess,
Which is a great key to success.
On hard-work we should rely,
To touch the zenith of sky.
Happiness is a ray
Which accompanies me on my way.
Hard work is a flight
Which makes our future bright.
We'll receive peace and prosperity,
If truth is our priority.
Life should have a taste of suspense,
As there is sweetness in ignorance.
Competition doesn't make me conscious,
As feeling to win is tremendous,
Well, people may call me a naughty girl,
Still I'm quite a sporty girl.
About life what else should I say?
I want to live life my way.

Shivangi
XI-D

THIS TOO SHALL PASS

Make this your motto, when the going gets tough, shed a few tears in solitude if that makes you feel better, but don't let it affect you.

Your 'bad patch' could be due to a variety of reasons – financial worries, ill-health, and lack of space or privacy. Often most of these reasons are not in your control. When you don't have any way contributed to these problems, and cannot do anything to remove them, console yourself with the thought: "This too shall pass".

However, respecting others is all very well. But when you find that your politeness is being mistaken for weakness or that you are being ill-treated or taken for granted, call a halt.

Find a way of putting an end to unnecessary unpleasantness. Be as fair and patient as you can. But if there is no encouragement up from the other side, act now to rectify the situation.

Last but not the least, just as there is sunrise at the end of every long night so there is always a ray of hope which will put an end to the gloomy patches of your life.

Neelika
XII-B
Mental Strength: Our Best Friend

Many a time, we find ourselves in situations where we need to tackle our stress and the problems by ourselves. We may have a long list of people who we think can help us but there will be a time when, we need to fight alone. In those situations, no one is a better friend for us than our mental strength. Mental strength is our ability to control our emotions. It has been said by the philosophers of ancient India that control over one’s senses is the most important thing that one can do. We must have the ability to deal with things on our own. The biggest advantage of high levels of mental strength is that we can control our anger, our frustrations through it. Any display of anger always results in remorse and repentance, and hence, it is important that we know how to control it. Whenever we go through a bad phase, we have two options, either we accept our seclusion with resignation with the help of our mental strength or we face it head on and emerge victorious. For anyone to be mentally strong, he/she must be self-motivated and have people who can really help in case things go out of control. Tenacity, mental strength and steadfastness ultimately help you win all competitions and overcome impediments of life.

Arjun Gupta
XII-A

Friendship

Planted with kindness,
It’s warmed by the sun,
Of caring and sharing,
Laughter and fun.
It’s grounded in trust,
And nurtured by love,
With a sprinkling of grace,
From God in the heavens above.

Tears of sadness and joy,
Like dew,
Renew this friendship,
I share with you.
And in the heart’s garden,
We find the room,
To be ourselves,
To grow and bloom.
A blessing,
Of beauty unsurpassed,
Our friendship’s like a sunshine,
That will always last.

Daksh Poonia
I saw the sun rising again
Yesterday’s experience fills my heart with pain
For the aspirations I have for my future does not let me sleep.

I feel broken whenever I weep
So has the life changed over these years
I desperately want the end of all these tears

The fear of failing in the task
Not being able to identify the real face and mask
The dreams which I have grown up with, being shattered

The fear of not having people who have pampered

Life is not easy
As one expects it to be
The darkness of the thick cloud in the sky’s peak
Is destroyed by an orange sun’s streak
Many difficulties continue to knock the door
Have faith in yourself, nothing more
Know that the ones who love you by heart
Would never part

Know the God is here to help you
To make a life that is beautiful and new

Ask not only for victory
Add courage to your efforts

If you can handle the pain
Your hard work will never go in vain
And remember, you are the best
Stay calm and you will succeed in every test.

Gauri
XII-C
Here are some rules for you and me
See how important they can be
Always be honest, be kind and fair
Always be good and willing to share
We raise our hand to speak
We work quietly at our seats
We use voices soft and sweet
We keep our places tidy, neat and clean.

Don’t read a textbook when your hands
Aren’t clean, it’s tricky
To separate the pages when the pages get really sticky

Start flowing after
Drink tea, not coffee
Never eat toffee
Eat bread with butter
Once more, don’t stutter.

Don’t waste your money
On your honey
Shut doors behind you
Don’t slam them, mind you
Follow it if you are able
Sit close to the table
Take care of a candle
Shut a door by the handle
Don’t push with your shoulder
Until you are older
If you are able
First learn to be stable
Become great managers
But don’t be rude to strangers
These are rules we all should know
And should follow them wherever we go.

Learn well your grammar
And never stammer
Write well and neatly
And sing most sweetly
Be enterprising
Love early rising
Go, walk six miles
Be ready with quick smiles
With some laughter

Prerna Rana
XII-C

RULES!
1. You SHALL!
2. You WILL!
3. You MUST!
If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to change

You may be hurt, lost or broken down in this world in order to be crowned

But remember one small thing that can shoot you up to heights you never believed in

Time can heal almost everything; a wound, a cut or an injury unseen

All you need is to get up and get a positive perspective towards everything

You can climb up the mountains cross the seas
You can dance like Micheal Jackson or sing like Bob Marley with ease.

All you need is to believe in yourself because there is no one to tell you, that you can’t do it, except you-yourself.

Just take the first step to faith
And see how all your fears vanish away.

Believe in the strength
That you have deep inside
And your faith will help
Show you the way.

And you would be filled with Happiness just as ocean fills its bay.

Nidhi Duhan
XII-C

Kindness is a language that even a deaf can hear,
A blind can see and a dumb can cheer.
Kindness is something that we can’t buy,
It can make you smile when you cry.
Kindness towards animals, children and nature,
We should be kind to every creature.
Helping the poor, elderly and children is kindness,
But to neglect the one, who’s in need, is an act of blindness.
And is this the world in which we are living?
In my opinion most of the people living here are blind,
It’s proven by negligence of females and promotion of child labour,
The majority around us is in their favour.
But a ray, a ray of hope is seen,
This world may change if we stop acting mean.
Because of a few people who are kind,
If we all can change our outlook and mindset,
This world would be full of kindness,
And this will put an end to blindness.

Nishtha Jain
XII-C
“Silence is golden” is a proverbial saying, often used in circumstances where it is thought that saying nothing is preferable to speaking. As Thomas Carlyle said, “Speech is silver and silence is golden.” “It means that speech is like silver or money, it only lasts for a while but silence is golden and lasts till eternity” Mohammad Ali, the great boxer once said “Silence is golden when you can’t think of a good answer. He remembered an episode that taught him a lesson. The great incident occurred when he was in school in class VIII. It was the year of election of class cabinet members. There were 5 candidates who competed for the captaincy and the competition was intense. Everyone worked tirelessly, hoping to earn those precious votes.

In the morning, before the class began, he witnessed Diana running in the hall introducing her to the classmates. However, instead of complementing her for her hard work or encouraging her, Ali commented “Why are you working so hard day after day, when you know you are not going to win elections? These words enraged and disappointed her at the same time it showed his foolishness. Diana looked speechless and was shocked in disbelief of what he said. Then she simply walked away, her face wet with tears. That was when he realized the trouble he had caused. He had allowed hard words to come out of his mouth without considering the pain they might cause to someone. He behaved badly and let his cruel words pierce into some one’s heart.