Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time

“Leaders are not born, but are made”

I have served as the Green house captain in my school, for the academic year 2015-2016. Being a house captain is not an easy job as there were many responsibilities on my. I had to deal with many difficult circumstances. But one thing which kept me motivating was the knowledge that, I was the one my fellow housemates were looking up to.

When I started off as the house captain, our house was at the bottom of the overall championship table. The first thing I had to work on was motivating the housemates to give their best and not to think about the results. We started our winning streak from the music competition after which we conquered everything which came in our way, be it the debates and quizzes or the football and volleyball matches. We did have have highs and lows but they didn’t make us give up. There were times students felt like they cannot do something. I had to effectively communicate in order to encourage them. There are no elevators for success; you have to take the stairs. We worked as a strong team and stood second in the overall championship.

The most important and challenging task was the basketball competition. We did not even have a proper team. I had to conduct team selections, choose worthy players, and train them. We worked for hours. I had to take difficult decisions for my team. On the day of the game we got to know we were facing the defending champions. As per our plan, we did what we were best at- Defense. But as the game progressed, we were not able to shoot a single basket. Whereas the other team has managed to shoot 4 already. I changed the plan at last minute and we went on the offensive. The tide turned and we emerged the winners.

I felt that it was a long way that we had come, from the bottom of overall championship table to the runners up, in one year. It was a huge achievement not only for me but for the entire house.