

## VISIT TO KASBA GANPATI

Students of Class VIII Ameythst , Mauve and Lilac had an interaction with rich cultural heritage of Pune when they visited KASBA PETH GANPATI. Pune, on 25 September 2015, once the seat of power of the Marathas, city is located on the confluence of the rivers, Mula and Mutha.

In the year 1630 AD, the queen Jijabai Bhosale arrived in Pune with her son Shivaji. Young Shivaji, who was only aged 12, was disturbed by the pathetic plight of the mavalas. Shivaji vowed to liberate the mavalas from the Mughals. At the same time, an idol of Lord Ganesh was found near the house of Vinayak Thakar, who used to reside close to the residence of the queen, Jijabai Bhosle. Jijabai perceived this as an auspicious moment and promptly built a temple, which is today known as the famous Shri Kasba Ganpati Mandir. Young Shivaji started building the empire of 'Swarajya' after this auspicious moment. This is now considered as "Gram Daiwat" of Pune.



This is their 123rd year of celebration !! The mandal has adopted a village in the drought hit area of Maharashtra , where they would be donating grains collected during the ten days of Ganesh Festival.

Students were enthralled to witness such spiritual and awe inspiring experience especially on the last day of their SA1



Some students shared their experiences :

The field trip to Kasba Peth was an amazing experience in the heart of the city. We were all very excited to be going to Kasba Peth .

The bus journey was long but fun filled.

The moorti (idol) was very well-decorated -INIKA JHAMVAR(MAUVE)

Shyamak( Amethyst ) states they wanted to thank god , for what they have been gifted in life. The decoration of the Ganpati Pandal was truly beautiful. It was one of the most respected Ganpati. I would love to visit again. The modak he received in Prashad reminded him of his grandmother!!