

Event: Guest Speaker Session – ‘Eco-Inspire’ with Mr. Ishan Shanavas	
Date: 16 th October 2025	Time/ Duration: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Venue: School Auditorium	No. of Participants: Students from Grades 6 to 8
Objectives: • To foster emotional and intellectual connections with the natural world. • To inspire students to develop environmental awareness and responsibility. • To encourage curiosity, compassion, and care for India’s biodiversity through storytelling and interactive learning.	
Event Details: New Horizon Gurukul hosted a Guest Speaker Session on 16th October 2025, featuring the young environmentalist and bestselling author, Mr Ishan Shanavas, founder of the national environmental education initiative, Eco-Inspire. The event commenced with a warm and heartfelt welcome, acknowledging Mr Ishan’s profound impact on environmental education across the country. At just 22, Mr Ishan has become a TEDx speaker, author of the acclaimed book <i>The Light of Wilder Things</i>, and the driving force behind Eco-Inspire, a movement that has already reached over 20,000 students. It was an inspiring one-hour session filled with wildlife photography, real-life encounters, and storytelling that captivated the students. From coral reefs to rainforests, students were transported into India’s wild ecosystems and taught that nature is not something distant but deeply connected to our daily lives. The speaker emphasised the emotional dimension of environmentalism, encouraging students to feel wonder, empathy, and respect for all life forms. His stories of frogs, elephants, mangroves, and mountaintops resonated deeply with students of all ages. Interactive segments and reflective moments made the session truly memorable and impactful, sparking discussions among students long after the event. The session was highly engaging, smoothly conducted, and it was extremely well received by students. The unique format of combining storytelling with visuals and emotional reflection made a lasting impression on all the students.	

