From 16th to 25th May 10 students from class X and XII participated in the Isha Vikas Program at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research ( IISER ) , Bhopal. They were accompanied by two teachers of Axel Public School

Ishān Vikās is an initiative take by MHRD, Government of India to introduce school children from the North-Eastern states to institutes of higher education in India. It is a comprehensive plan to bring school children into close contact with the IITs and IISERs. The focal point of the visit is to open up young minds and give them a broad overview of the future paths they can traverse. Unlike traditional tours, visits under Ishan Vikas Program thrust participants fully into campus life - they live in hostels, dine in-mess with their hosts, engage in social events and get the opportunity to visit the state-of-the-art laboratories.

Students from Axel attended interactive based lectures by eminent faculty members, covering not only the domain of science but also illuminating discussions about challenges of higher education and finding ways to overcome such challenges. This apart they also attended sessions on computer skills and computer programming, documentaries/short films on big scientific discoveries, biographical sketches of scientists. This was organised to create a deeper impact into the young minds. Students also got the opportunity to visit each of the state-of-the-art laboratories with a hands on experience in working in such laboratories.

Students also participated in Quiz and Drawing competitions during the program. Axel’s Quiz Team secured the third prize and Bhiravi Deori secured the second prize in the drawing competition.

It was a great learning experience for the students who got the opportunity to develop their spirit of enquiry, critical thinking and scientific reasoning.