



Our Emblem

Om represents *Brahmavidyā*. The hands holding 'Om' up symbolize the effort of our Institution to keep *Brahmavidyā* aloft. The flames represent *Jñānāgni* – the fire of Supreme Knowledge that the Knower embodies. Transformation of the hands into flames emphasizes that *Brahmavidyā* is really kept aloft only by *Jñānāgni*.

The motto "*Brahmavit Āpnoti Param*" means that the Knower of Brahman attains the Supreme. The Supreme is no other than the ultimate non-dual Knowledge the Knower verily *becomes*.

Brahma Vidya:

"*Brahman*" means the supreme Reality. "*Vidya*" means knowledge. *Brahmavidya* represents the science of realizing the ultimate Reality. Although *Brahman* is the Reality underlying the entire creation, man realizes it as his own Self. In all other forms and branches of knowledge the consciousness, through the faculties of intelligence, mind and the sense organs, knows the objects and objective phenomena. But *Brahmavidya* instills in man the process by which the Consciousness begins to know itself, in its pure pristine form.

The pursuit of *Brahmavidya* involves primarily a process of expansion, purification and transformation of the personality. In its consummate level, the Knower of *Brahman* becomes *Brahman* itself. He identifies himself with the One Supreme Reality - the causeless substratum of the entire universe.