



THE ENGLISH COLLEGE IN PRAGUE
ANGLICKÉ GYMNAZIUM

The Graduation & Prize Giving Ceremony

**31ST MAY 2019 AT 6 PM
CEREMONIAL HALL OF THE CZECH TECHNICAL
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The English College in Prague, the first IB school in the Czech Republic, opened in September 1994 as a 6-year grammar school with high academic standards. Its Founding Patrons were President Václav Havel and HRH The Prince of Wales. ECP offers the IB Diploma together with the Czech Maturita. The Graduation and Prize Giving ceremony serves two purposes: students with outstanding achievements in both academic and co-curricular work in the current academic year are awarded prizes and the Graduates of 2019 are awarded their graduation certificates.

The names of the prize winners will be announced by Deputy Head Co-Curriculum. They are congratulated by the Guest Speaker and are handed their prize by the Senior Deputy Head. The Chairman of Governors' Prize for Academic Achievement is presented by the Chairman of Governors.

Additionally, this year we have some guest presenters. We are very honoured that The Martin Hilský Prize for Drama will be presented by prof. Hilský.

The names of the Graduates are announced by Deputy Head (Upper School). They are congratulated by the Chairman of Governors and are handed their certificates by the Headmaster.

Programme 2019

Procession of the Graduates
March of the Legion of Students / Pochod studentské legie by Bedřich Smetana

Headmaster's Welcome Address

Dr. Nigel Brown

Arabesque no. 1 by Claude Debussy

Jakub Müller (Y6) – piano

Address by the Guest of Honour

Prof. Ing. arch. Eva Jiříčná, CBE

Ballade in G minor by Frederic Chopin

Nikita Smolin (Y5) – piano

Presentation of the Prizes by the Guest of Honour

Waltz no. 10 in B minor, Op. 69, No. 2 by Frederic Chopin

Iveta Pudilová (Y6) – piano

Address by the Chairman of Governors

Ann Lewis CMG

Gaudeamus Igitur (anonymous)

Voices of ECP

Presentation of Certificates by the Chairman of Governors and Headmaster

Riptide by James Keogh

Y4 students:

Carla Astol Centena – vocals,
Amálie Bahbouhová – drums,
Tereza Karbanová – guitar,
Emma Monk – vocals,
Jue Li – vocals,
Tereza Nohejlová – bass
guitar

Vote of thanks by a Representative of the Graduands

Thuy Ly Leová

Alone by Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly

Agáta Nedbalová (Y6) –
vocals, accompanied by
Trevor Marshall

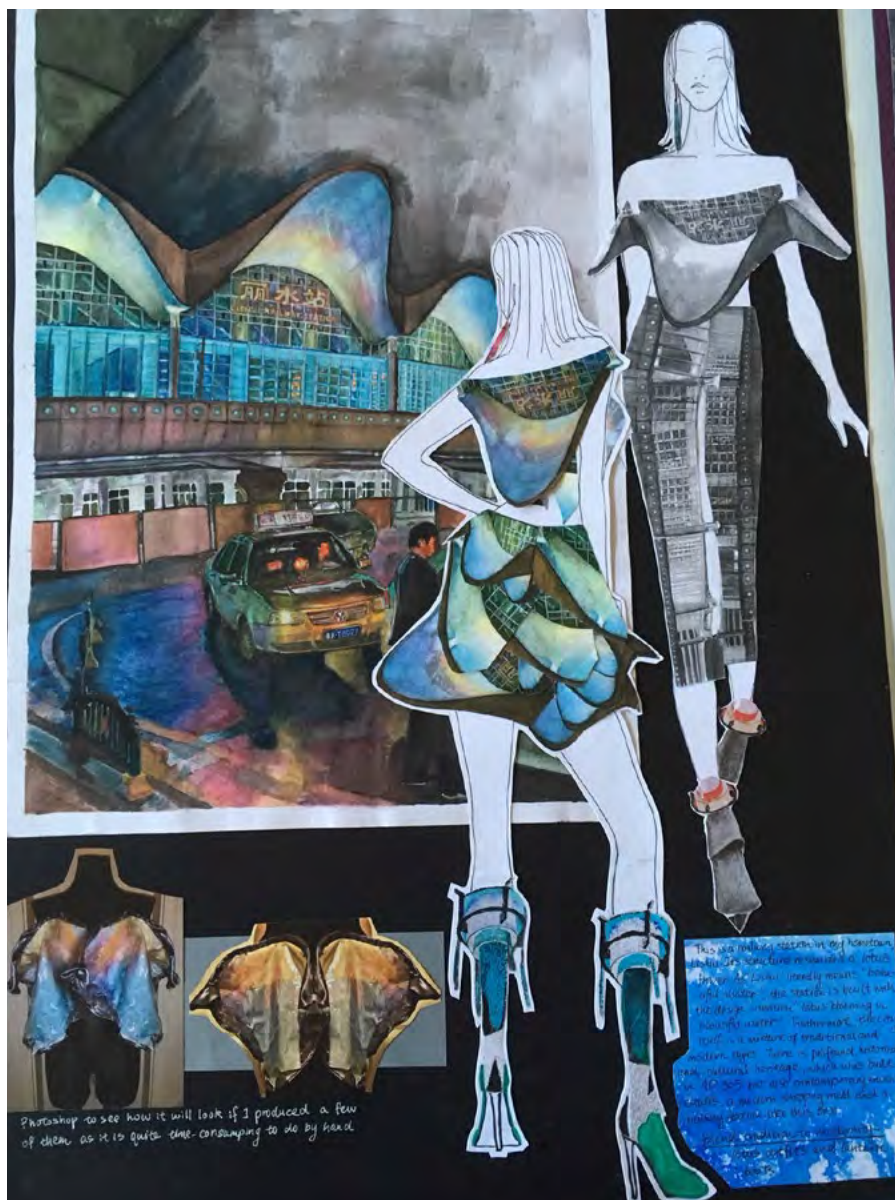
Procession of the Graduates

Trumpet Tune and Air by Henry Purcell

organist

Mgr. Lucie Golonková

Refreshments will be served
after the ceremony



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Shan Shan Chen
Y4

Comments on Prize Winners 2019

THE PROFESSOR SLAVÍK PRIZE FOR CZECH LOWER SCHOOL

Ema Srnková

Ema is an excellent and extremely talented student of Czech and her impeccable organisation is admirable. Her written work is always on a very high standard, she has shown deep interest in literary topics and independent thinking. Ema's contribution to class discussion has been exemplary.

THE KAREL AND JOSEF ČAPEK PRIZE FOR CZECH UPPER SCHOOL

Anna Hrudková

Anna has been an outstanding Czech student since the beginning of her IB studies and she has made enormous progress in her studies. She is not only a hard working student, but is very focused and is able to apply her – often deep – knowledge to her independent thinking. Her literary es-

says are on a university level and her oral presentations are always well structured and persuasive in their arguments. She is respected by other students not only for her knowledge and skills, but also for her calm and open approach to discussions. Anna took part in all our literary trips and events, where she proved that her interest in literature goes beyond the school curriculum. Anna produced an outstanding extended essay on Jaroslav Seifert, it was a pleasure to work with her – she did some very good research and came up with some really interesting findings.

THE PAVEL EISNER PRIZE FOR CZECH (NON-CZECH STUDENT) LOWER SCHOOL

Thi Thuy Tien Nguen

Thi Thuy Tien is a very talented student who has always displayed an exemplary attitude towards learning Czech. She is

highly motivated and shows a lot of enthusiasm both, for the Czech language and culture.

Thi Thuy Tien is a great student who is well organised, conscientious and highly proactive. In the light of these qualities, it is no surprise that she has made such excellent progress.

THE SEBASTIAN BARKER PRIZE FOR ENGLISH LOWER SCHOOL

Emma Evelína Marešová

Emma has been a modest, yet gifted student of English. She has produced excellent creative and analytical work throughout the course and has always done so with wonderful enthusiasm. Emma is a skilled reader who is capable of applying keen personal insight to literary texts and who communicates ideas with distinctive style. Emma produces intricate and beautifully presented work that perfectly mirrors her engagement. She deserves recognition for her ability and wonderful attitude to the subject.

THE LIGHTFOOT PRIZE FOR ENGLISH UPPER SCHOOL

Heda Antošová

Not only has Heda shown herself to be an astute and sensitive reader of literary texts, she has engaged thoughtfully with the linguistic and sociolinguistic issues the class has explored. She has combined natural ability with hard work and exemplary organisation to consistently achieve high standards across the range of topics and assessments.

MATHEMATICS LOWER SCHOOL

Kryštof Sršeň

Kryštof's natural curiosity and interest in a wide range of mathematical topics seems to be boundless. In Year 3 his analysis of reflections in a parabola was impressive, and he continues to find new areas to investigate and report back on. His wide reaching interests do not in any way detract from his precision and attention to detail. Kryštof is a gifted mathematician whose drive will ensure success in any mathematical field.

THE RONALD RANKIN PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS UPPER SCHOOL

Ariel Etlin

An extremely talented and enthusiastic mathematician, Ariel has performed exceedingly well in HL Maths over the course of the last 2 years. His inquisitive nature, desire to explore content beyond that of the syllabus and above all - a disciplined work ethic - have made him an exemplary student and a pleasure to teach.

CHEMISTRY LOWER SCHOOL

David Karásek

David is a very capable student who executes every task to the best of his ability. He is very well organised and presents his work with the greatest amount of detail and care. He strives for perfection in his work. He has shown himself to be able to work independently and his contribution to class discussions suggests a high level of thought, as well as a good recall of facts and principles. His un-



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“Home Sweet Home”

Heda Antošová

Y6



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“Come Dine With Me” (top), “Me Me Mee!” (bottom)

Thuy Ly Leová

Y6

derstanding of concepts of Chemistry is outstanding.

THE OTTO WICHTERLE PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY UPPER SCHOOL

Stephanie Seidl

Stephanie has been an exemplary student throughout her IB Chemistry studies. She has always demonstrated a desire to learn more and has often gone beyond the scope of the course to enhance her understanding. This passion for learning is complemented by an incredible work ethic that has led to her consistently producing outstanding work throughout the course.

COMPUTER SCIENCE LOWER SCHOOL

Linh Gia Nguyen

Linh Gia often takes his learning beyond the classroom. He has thrived in an environment of open-ended tasks, where he always seeks to go down the route of new inquiry and challenge.

COMPUTER SCIENCE UPPER SCHOOL

Ariel Etlin

Ariel’s dedication to his studies and impeccable organisation is admirable. He is always excited to challenge himself, moving beyond that of the curriculum. Ariel is a community leader and a model student. He has one of the most inquisitive and independent minds I have taught, with a natural ability to make links beyond a discrete subject.

PHYSICS LOWER SCHOOL

Ivan Gromakov

Ivan has huge ability and enthusiasm for

Physics, as well as being a remarkable engineer - his work with David Karásek to build an Induction Furnace as part of his Year 4 Physics Project is outstanding and successful! He puts fantastic effort into all he does and he is always prepared to take any risk to try out new ideas, as he clearly demonstrated when he built his own rocket to demonstrate Newton’s 3rd Law.

PHYSICS UPPER SCHOOL

Martin Vladyka

Outstanding natural ability combined with an exemplary work ethic. Martin’s performance throughout the whole IB Physics has been to set himself the highest possible standards which he always achieves.

GEOGRAPHY LOWER SCHOOL

Thi Thuy Tien Nguyen

Thi Thuy Tien has shown excellent commitment and enthusiasm for Geography achieving a very high standard in her work throughout the course. Her keen interest in geographical issues is evident in her pertinent contributions to class discussions.

GEOGRAPHY UPPER SCHOOL

Tereza Řasová

Tereza is an excellent student of Geography who has great insight and understanding of geographical concepts. She has shown outstanding commitment and enthusiasm for the subject, which is reflected in the consistently high standard of her work. Tereza’s contribution to class discussion has been exemplary and high-

lights her extended reading and interest in global issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES UPPER SCHOOL

Tereza Řasová

Tereza has worked studiously and positively throughout the course. Her curiosity during lessons and her involvement during discussions stimulated much critical thinking. Her knowledge and interest for the environment extended to the wider community where she contributed greatly to raising awareness of sustainability.

BIOLOGY LOWER SCHOOL

Michaela Vladyková

Michaela has shown remarkable perseverance and dedication to the study of Biology this year. She is a talented student who has consistently achieved the highest of grades. She has excellent problem-solving skills and shows great initiative and the ability to think independently and creatively. This will stand her in good stead as she begins her IB studies next year.

BIOLOGY UPPER SCHOOL

Zuzanna Kamińska

Zuzanna is an exceptional student who thoroughly deserves this recognition for her dedication and hardwork throughout the IB. She has a very good eye for detail and is able to critically evaluate her work. These skills were particularly apparent in her extended essay. Zuzanna has regularly achieved the highest grades in her year

and she has focussed on learning from her mistakes and doing even better next time; an excellent approach to learning.

THE JIŘÍ HOVORKA PRIZE FOR HISTORY UPPER SCHOOL

Vitaly Maleev

Vitaly is an outstanding Historian in every way. He is analytical in his thinking, and he always makes excellent contributions to class discussions. Furthermore, he reads around the subject and is able to discuss and debate historians' views to the undergraduate level, making him particularly worthy of this prize.

ECONOMICS UPPER SCHOOL

Bára Bayerová

Bára is an outstanding economist. From our very first lesson she has shown great enthusiasm for the subject and in Year 5 was selected to take part in the CERGE-EI Projects in Applied Economics at Charles University. From her wider reading she chose to write her extended essay on Behaviour Economics which is normally taught at university level. Bára always volunteers to represent the subject in school events. She is extremely hard working and has shown dedication and a real passion for learning.

PSYCHOLOGY UPPER SCHOOL

Thuy Ly Leová

Ly has been an impressive student of Psychology from the very start of the course. She shows an exceptionally high level of critical insight during discussions, and has developed this into a strong writing style.



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“Self-Portrait”
Jan Loeb
Y6



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“Expanding Exposure”
 Natálie Vacíková
 Y6

Although she has consistently produced work of the highest level, Ly continues to strive to improve her skills. She is a deserving winner of this prize.

PHILOSOPHY UPPER SCHOOL

Amálie Vystavělová

The Philosophy prize is awarded to Amálie for her dedication to the pursuit of philosophical knowledge. She shows a strong interest in all aspects of philosophy and always maintains her own, original perspective on all important issues. She can be truly said to live the examined life, which is the hallmark of a real philosopher.

THE PRIZE FOR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE LOWER SCHOOL

Yelisey Kazakevich

Yelisey has performed a variety of different roles this year across a variety of different theatrical styles: Dasher in “Medway”, the Dentist in “Little Shop of Horrors”, Romeo in Romeo and Juliet, and Alan in God of Carnage. His passion and dedication to the performing arts are abundantly clear.

THE JAN GROSSMAN PRIZE FOR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE UPPER SCHOOL

Sophia Thompsonová

With an outstanding performance as Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors and two Gold Medals from LAMDA, Sophia has not only proved herself an exceptionally capable actress but has also been invaluable as production manager and assistant director in the IB Theatre production of Medway.

DRAMA LOWER SCHOOL

Angelina Soueidanová

Angelina is awarded the prize in Drama for her polished performances in the LAMDA exam where she achieved a distinction and for her outstanding and hilarious contributions in class work.

THE PROF. MARTIN HILSKÝ PRIZE FOR DRAMA UPPER SCHOOL

Barbora Hrabová

Alongside being an excellent student of theatre within class Barbora achieved an exceptionally high score on her LAMDA Silver Medal examination alongside contributing a complete choreography to our Upper School Production of Little Shop of Horrors.

MUSIC LOWER SCHOOL

Tereza Karbanová

Tereza has shown exceptional commitment to learning a new instrument and made significant steady progress, in class and out.

THE TOM SCHRECKER PRIZE FOR MUSIC UPPER SCHOOL

Nikita Smolin

Nikita has worked tirelessly to work on his music, has supported all the school performances, and has extended his repertoire to Little Shop of Horrors, supporting the cast throughout the rehearsal process.

ART & DESIGN LOWER SCHOOL

Shan Shan Chen

Shan Shan is an extremely talented, focused and motivated student. As recipient of the Art Scholarship for this year she has

taken advantage of every opportunity to advance her skills. She has a natural flair for drawing and painting and has worked hard to bring her textile skills to the same level. I have long been impressed with her commitment and determination to achieve her best and the positive influence she has on her peers. I believe she has incredible potential; this combined with an excellent work ethic bodes well for her future career. She is a most deserving winner of the Junior Art Prize.

THE EVA JIŘIČNÁ PRIZE FOR ART & DESIGN UPPER SCHOOL

Thuy Ly Leová

Ly is an exceptional student with a consistently positive and friendly demeanor. She is self-assured and calm during stressful times and has a legendary work ethic. Her technical and analytical skills are impressive and clearly reflect her passion for all things creative. She has developed her skills in a number of directions and shown real ingenuity in the use of media, making detailed investigations and experimentation a vital part of her process. She is self-motivated, independent and I have extremely high hopes for her. Well done Ly!

RUSSIAN LOWER SCHOOL

Marieta Kyselá

Marieta displays exceptional commitment and enthusiasm for learning the Russian language. She is an excellent student, full of energy, hard-working and a highly talented linguist. After only two years of studying Russian, she is now able to communicate in basic situations.

RUSSIAN UPPER SCHOOL

Elena Delgado

Elena has always been a hard-working student with exceptional enthusiasm and excitement for learning not only Russian language but also about Russian culture. She has continued to put a lot of effort into her studies and she really deserves her success.

FRENCH LOWER SCHOOL

Vojtěch Kopřiva

Vojtěch is naturally gifted in languages and seems to have made a lot of progress rather effortlessly. His interest in the language seems to have come as a surprise even to himself. He has achieved a very good level of fluency in both written and spoken form. This prize is awarded in recognition of the progress he has made. I hope it will also serve as motivation to him as he begins to prepare for IB French.

FRENCH UPPER SCHOOL

Daniela-Olivia Csontosová

Daniela has worked incredibly hard over the past 6 years and has made a lot of progress. She is always full of energy and ready to learn. I believe that her knowledge of the language and culture has shaped her personality and opinions. Her dedication to the subject has brought her great success and I have no doubt that this will be invaluable to her in the future. I wish her all her best for continued success.

SPANISH LOWER SCHOOL

Gaetana Fagone

Gaetana has worked consistently over the whole year and has shown great commit-

ment to improving her Spanish. She has made significant progress, is always willing to work extra hard to achieve better results and always hands in assignments on time, with clear thinking and analysis. Gaetana's talent for the language will be of great use to her over the next two years on the IB Spanish course.

SPANISH UPPER SCHOOL

Tereza Prokešová

Tereza has worked very hard over the course of the whole year and her ability in Spanish is unquestionable, not only spoken but also written. Her oral presentation skills are excellent and she has mastered her speech techniques, making it a delight to listen to her contributions in class discussions, as well as to read her written assignments. Tereza is a deserving winner of the prize.

GERMAN LOWER SCHOOL

Marieta Kyselá

Over the past three years that Marieta has been in my class, she has shown total dedication to improve her knowledge of German. Always ready to use the language spontaneously, Marieta asks intelligent, searching questions to deepen her understanding, and she is never afraid to take a risk and try out something new. Marieta has all the hallmarks of an excellent foreign language learner, and is an exemplary student in all aspects.

GERMAN UPPER SCHOOL

Heda Antošová

As a linguist with a natural feel for German, she maintains a high level of com-

plexity in her work and never shies away from a new challenge. Being a thoughtful and creative student with a bright intellect, she sparks up many interesting discussions in the class, where she not only presents her ideas clearly and convincingly but also carefully listens to the views of others. She has also devoted herself to German outside of school classes.

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE UPPER SCHOOL

Cyril Smetánka

The Theory of Knowledge prize is awarded to Cyril for his outstanding contributions to class, and his compelling presentation and essay.

CAS UPPER SCHOOL

Tereza Řasová

Tereza was deeply involved in a wide range of activities over the full two years of her IB Diploma. Her commitment and involvement in raising environmental awareness at the school was demonstrated clearly in her assemblies and her service projects. She was also very active in her creative pursuits with much of her free time devoted to playing music and singing. Much of this was connected to service and her support of the school and wider community.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT GIRL LOWER SCHOOL

Marieta Kyselá

For exemplary commitment in each and every single PE class and within her engagement in Interhouse tournaments. For her fair play behaviour, help to the others

and modesty, even though she has reached the highest results in all sports contests which puts her among the best sportspeople in the frame of the whole school.

THE VĚRA ČÁSLAVSKÁ PRIZE FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT GIRL UPPER SCHOOL

Linda Beková

Reward for undying enthusiasm and effort in the PE classes that she has been coordinating with out of school high level sports activities. She has set great example to other students how to interlace those two aspects of human life in a single valuable unit. I do appreciate Linda's behaviour and commitment within fights for her House Team colours in all House contests during the whole time of her studies.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT BOY LOWER SCHOOL

David Karásek

For tireless full effort, enthusiasm, and highly motivated approach to all different activities within the subject of PE, and for excellent results rising from that especially in running disciplines.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT BOY UPPER SCHOOL

Martin Horák

For appreciable courage with which he faced some challenges while undergoing surgical treatment of a physical difficulty, and especially the courage shown during rehabilitation and return to most active approach to activities within the subject, as well as for excellent representation of

the College in inter-school basketball matches throughout the whole time of his studies at the College.

COBIS AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Marieta Kyselá

Marieta is a model student who approaches every new challenge with a hunger and a desire to succeed. She has consistently strived for academic excellence, not just this school year, but over her entire tenure at ECP. A swift thinker, her ambitions are always accompanied by a conscientious and humble approach across all of her subjects.

COBIS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Michaela Vladyková

Wherever help is needed, there is a good chance you will find Michaela Vladyková there: school events, from Open Days to trial entrance exams; visiting a home for the elderly every week to talk to the residents; supporting every charity event by buying sweatshirts, cupcakes – anything to boost the funds raised. All this activity, however, is only a part of why Michaela is a worthy winner of this prize. These are things she does. We must not forget who she is. Michaela is loyal, selfless, thoughtful and principled, and it is this outward-facing attitude that both drives her commitment to others, and makes her a great choice for this prestigious prize.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL

Amálie Vystavělová

Amálie has always been a thoughtful, active and caring student ever since she joined the

ECP. Her involvement in school activities started early in Year 2 when she represented the school in the Czech Logická Olympiada. Since then, her contributions have become more diverse and have included further Maths Olympiads and she became a reliable and talented member of the Terra House who has represented us in many different sporting disciplines and the Cultural Olympiad. As she moved into the upper school, her interests turned towards human rights; journalism and philosophy. She has attended a number of lectures and events in these areas including the Fridays For Future protest earlier this year. During the past year, Amálie has been tutoring a Roma girl (from Člověk v tísni); was Editor in Chief of last year's student magazine and has entered various essay-writing competitions - including winning an honorary 4th place in the Václav Havel essay competition last year. Amálie's contributions have been consistent throughout her time at school and she is a well-deserved winner of this prize.

CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS' PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (YEAR 6)

Martin Vladyka

Since joining the school in Year 3, Martin has been an outstanding academic and a role model for younger students to follow. He has excelled in all of his subjects, and he has taken the same passion for knowledge and understanding to the IB level. At the IB level he has been consistently predicted over 40 points, and he has performed brilliantly across the board. In addition, he has been offered a place at both Oxford and the University of Pennsylvania (US Ivy

League), although true to his passion, he has opted for the London School of Economics. In terms of academic brilliance, it is difficult for anybody to compare in the sheer breadth of specialist areas where Martin has exceeded all expectations.

THE JAN BARTA PRIZE

Tereza Řasová

Understanding the problem of plastic waste, and knowing the steps we can take to reduce our use of it is one thing. Actually putting those measures into practice is altogether a different thing, but Tereza has not only been living plastic-free for over a year, but she has also taken a lead in the school in showing us how we can all take simple steps to achieve the same. As well as this concern for our community, Tereza has been a reliable, invaluable assistant at all the school music events with setting up, running and tearing down the sound system.

THE LORD HOLME PRIZE FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

David Jehlička

David is an extremely hard working student who is never tired to help others and to fulfill his tasks in the team work. His reliability in any charity project he is doing makes him a valuable member of any team. He does not only help in particular projects but he is also always interested to know why certain problematic issues start and how to find the best solution to fix them. David is not only involved in school charity projects, but helps outside school in various areas. David also brings to school culture of real and selfless friendship.

List of Year 6 Students

Tutor: Matthew Jarvis

Heda Antošová
Bára Bayerová
Eric Brown
Yvona Byrne
Adéla Černá

Martin Glacner
Khanh Ly Mai Thi
Alexandre Martin
Tomáš Moravec
Philip Nikolov

Cyril Smetánka
Karel Sun
Adéla Tajovská
Vasilina Trukhmanova
Amálie Vystavělová

Tutor: Gary Cossins

Daniela-Olivia
Csontosová
Viet Dang Quoc
Elena Delgado
Quoc Khanh Do
Diana Doubová

Zbyněk Doucha
Kyle Herda
Louis Keen
Mai Marika Kubišová
Vitaly Maleev
Veronika Nedomová

Dominik Patočka
Iveta Pudilová
Ondřej Svoboda
Natálie Vacíková
Anna Winkel

Tutor: Teresa Collier

Johanka Bahbouhová
Nigel Austin Blount
Ariel Etlin
Olga Fakeieva
Klára Grubnerová

Martin Horák
Dominik Hron
Tereza Kejvalová
Thuy Ly Leová
Jan Loeb

Tereza Prokešová
Tereza Řasová
Stephanie Seidl
Jessica Šimková
Jimi Xu

Tutor: Gareth Pugh

František Babka
Karol Tomasz Duszyński
Nikita Dyatlov
Kristýna Hrabáková
Anna Hrudková

Valeriia Kornilova
Kristián Krejsa
Adam Kubánek
Zechen Li
Jakub Müller

Nela Pospíšilová
Tina Pospíšilová
Matyáš Rybín
Hoang Long Truong
Martin Vladyka

Tutor: Diana Young

Mariya Judickaja
Zuzanna Kamińska
Xiao Jie Lin
Allison Mahmood
Aneta Mrňová
Jakub Musil

Agáta Nedbalová
Tereza Řežábková
Justina-Anna Šmuclerová
Natálie Soukupová
Martin Straka

Andreas Svoboda
Sara Thiry
Le Minh Truong
Stanislav Uma
Anna Wehrenberg

Guests of Honour



Ann Lewis CMG
Chairman of the Board of Governors

Founder Governor of The English College in Prague. Free-lance editor and consultant. Former Member of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service who spent most of her diplomatic career dealing with Central and Eastern Europe.



Prof. Ing. Arch. Eva Jiříčná

Eva Jiříčná is a world-renowned Czech-born architect and designer who has lived in Great Britain since the late 1960s, but has worked all over the world.

Jiříčná's projects are stylish, featuring mathematically pure forms and a holistic approach to design. Her works can be seen in the world's most prestigious design magazines.

A Note on the Prizes

Every year teachers nominate students who have made a notable contribution to their subject. Departments choose students from the upper and lower school. Many prizes are awarded in memory of those who have had a special relationship with the College and by those who continue to celebrate a connection.

The Professor Jaroslav Slavík Prize for Czech

Professor Slavík was a teacher at the Prague English Grammar School. Because of his essential democratic belief, he could not reject the offer of his four students to work illegally against the totalitarian communist regime. The illegal work of these pupils was manifested by writing leaflets and placing them in telephone booths and especially by stealing the 'ČSM' school file, where active volunteers

drew attention to the various political misconduct and opinions of their classmates. Probably because of one member of the teaching staff, who was involved in other anti-regime activities, the group around Professor Slavík was revealed. The students and Professor Slavík went to the State Court in 1951. After the prosecutor's appeal, Professor Slavík was sentenced to seven years in prison. He spent those seven years mainly in the uranium mines in Jáchymov.

The Karel and Josef Čapek Prize for Czech

Josef and Karel Čapek were not only brothers, but also very close friends who entered the world of literature together, collaborating on their first books, before eventually finding their own literary paths. It was Karel Čapek who first used the word ROBOT – which was originally Josef's invention – in his play R.U.R. Already as a child, Karel was asking many questions, always wanting to seek the

truth and to put right what did not work. He was an excellent observer and had a remarkable knowledge of people, about their lives, their weaknesses and their virtues. While Karel explored the visible word Josef, on the other hand, explored the inner, invisible world more. Both of them stood up against Nazism and Josef died in Belsen concentration camp. They both spoke out when human and moral values in society were threatened. The prize is awarded to students in the Upper School.

The Pavel Eisner Prize for Czech (non-Czech student)

Pavel Eisner (1889-1958) was a linguist, one of the most important Czech translators and the author of many studies about the Czech language. He came from a German-speaking Jewish family who lived in Prague. He loved the Czech language and chose it as the language he spoke and in which he wrote his works. He translated

from twelve languages, mainly German, edited for the German newspaper, Prager Presse, and contributed to a number of Czech cultural magazines. He was a member of the Prague Linguistic Circle and a great promoter of the Czech language. The prize in his name is awarded to students whose mother tongue is not Czech and who excel in the Czech language or who promote Czech culture.

The Sebastian Barker Prize for English

Sebastian Barker (1946–2014) was a distinguished lyric poet as well as an early friend and supporter of the English College. He was committed to the idea that the study of language and literature should be central to the liberal education planned for the English College in Prague. He championed the role of poets and poetry in contemporary

society, and was Chairman of the Poetry Society from 1988 to 1992. He produced a fine body of poetry himself, which culminated in his last volume, *The Land of Gold*, which many readers consider his best work. He was a creative editor of the *London Magazine* from 2002 to 2008, served for many years on the executive committee of PEN, and he was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. The prize is awarded to students in the Lower School.

The Lightfoot Prize for English

Bob Lightfoot was an early supporter of the English College Foundation.

He worked in London as a Senior Partner in a firm of Chartered Patent Attorneys. The prize is awarded to students in the Upper School.

The Ronald Rankin Prize for Mathematics

This prize is awarded for achievement in Mathematics and is donated by Mr David Rankin in memory of his father who lived in Liverpool from 1905 to 1974. He was an early supporter of the English College Foundation. Mr. Rankin writes: *“My father ... ran a food import business for a good part of his life. He had an analytical mind*

but his talent for analysis was not passed through the genes to me. Indeed, he had to pay for extra tuition to ensure that I passed my Maths exam when I was sixteen years of age! So, in 1996, I thought that I would try to encourage some students in the College in the same way that my father had helped me and, with a certain sense of irony, chose Mathematics!”

The prize is awarded to students in the Upper School.

The Otto Wichterle Prize for Chemistry

Otto Wichterle is remembered as the inventor of the soft contact lens. Wichterle supported Alexander Dubček and his Prague Spring reforms. When Czechoslovakia was invaded, and Dubček arrested, he was dismissed from his position as Director of the Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry. He signed the *Two Thousand Words*

manifesto, calling for the continuation of the democratisation process, begun during the Prague Spring. In 1989, Wichterle was able to resume his work, was elected head of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences and received many awards and honorary doctorates. He registered around 180 patents and wrote over 200 publications on various aspects of organic, inorganic and macromolecular chemistry, polymer science and biomedical materials.

The Jiří Hovorka Prize for History

Jiří Hovorka was a student of the Prague English Grammar School (PEGS) before it was closed by the communist regime, interrupting his studies. He was arrested

by the communist police for his participation in resistance activities and imprisoned for 15 months. Prevented from studying, he spent all his life as a manual worker but was self-taught, became knowledgeable in politics, history, literature, space flights and the English, Polish and Ger-

man languages. English literature and culture were his lifelong hobbies. When the English College was to be re-established after the fall of communism, Mr Hovorka provided valuable assistance to the founders and to the first Headmaster, Hubert Ward. His early life under the Nazis and

then the communists strengthened his belief in democracy. He was firm in his principles and moral attitudes, generous, kind and modest. As Mr Hovorka's personality was formed by the adverse history of this country, it is fitting that our prize for History should bear his name.

The Jan Grossman Prize for Dramatic Performance

Jan Grossman (1925-1993) attended the Prague English Grammar School during the 1930s, but WWII interrupted his education. Nevertheless, he retained a perfect

command of the English language and during the war, he was a member of the non-Communist resistance. Afterwards, he studied at Charles University and became a literary critic and editor, but was uncompromising in what he wrote and was banned from publishing.

The Prof. Martin Hilský Prize for Drama

Martin Hilský is a professor of English literature at Charles University in Prague and a translator.

He is most acclaimed for his translations

into Czech of William Shakespeare's works for which he was awarded the 2011 Czech State Award for Translation.

In 2001 he was named an honorary holder of the Order of the British Empire. He has also written extensive prefaces and epilogues for several books.

The Tom Schrecker Prize for Music

Tom Schrecker was one of 669 Jewish children whom British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton rescued after the Nazi invasion of Prague by organising trains to Britain. He worked as an Asia-Pacific director for Reader's Digest, founding new branches of the magazine, and later established his own publishing house.

He has lived in Australia since the 1960s. He has been enjoying retirement since 1992, regularly going to Europe for the summer, and to the Czech Republic for a few months. He supports various charitable and cultural activities in many countries. He attends Prague Spring concerts, he financially supports the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, the festival in Třeboň and Sydney Opera.

The Eva Jiřičná Prize for Art & Design

Eva Jiřičná is a world-renowned Czech-born architect and designer who has lived in Great Britain since the late 1960s, but has worked all over the world.

The Věra Čáslavská Prize for Sporting Achievement Girl

Ms. Radka Čáslavská, a daughter of Věra Čáslavská, will present The Věra Čáslavská Prize for Sporting Achievement Girl.

Věra Čáslavská was a Czechoslovak gymnast, coach, member of prominent sports organizations, 7-time Olympic Gold medalist, 4-time World Champion, 11-time European Champion, and 4-time Czechoslovak Athlete of the Year. During the period of political liberalization of the Prague Spring in 1968, Mrs Čáslavská signed the Two Thousand Words manifesto and thereby became a target of the Communist regime. She was also punished for her silent protest against the Soviets by Czechoslovakia's Communist authorities. For two decades she was barred from traveling or attending major

Mrs. Jiřičná's projects are stylish, featuring mathematically pure forms and a holistic approach to design. Her works can be seen in the world's most prestigious design magazines.

sports events, forced to work as a cleaner and often prevented from coaching children. Following the Velvet Revolution in 1989 that denoted the fall of communism in Czechoslovakia, Mrs Čáslavská was the President of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee (1990–1992), President of the Czech Olympic Committee (1993–1996), and a member of the International Olympic Committee (1995–2001). Mrs Čáslavská was inducted into the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1991, and the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1998. In January of 1990, Mrs Čáslavská became a trusted advisor to Václav Havel, the newly-elected President of Czechoslovakia, in the area of social issues and sports. President Havel conferred the Czech Republic's Medal of Merit on Mrs Čáslavská in 1995.

COBIS Awards

The English College is an Accredited Member of the Council for British Inter-

national Schools (COBIS). COBIS supports two awards each year for academic and pastoral work undertaken by students at the College.

Headmaster's Prize for Services to the School

This prize is awarded to the student who has done most for the school community over the year.

Chairman of Governors' Prize for Academic Achievement (Year 6)

This prize is given to one student in Year 6 whose academic achievements are outstanding and who excels in many areas.

The Jan Barta Prize

This prize is named after Jan Barta, one of the early graduates of ECP, now a successful internet entrepreneur who gener-

The winner's name will be engraved on the stand that supports an Armada silver dish, generously donated to the College in 2011 by the late Nicholas Morris, ECF Director (1998-2012) and ECP Governor (2004-2012).

ously funds six scholarships. It is awarded to students who use their special talents in unconventional ways but whose endeavours suggest leadership potential and success.

The Lord Holme Prize for Service to the Community

The Lord Holme Prize is awarded in memory of the Founding Chairman of the Governors of the English College.

Any member of the school community can nominate a student who has worked hard for the school community or who has helped people in need. Teachers then vote for the winner of the overall award.

The English College in Prague Network (ECPN)

All our graduates are now members of the English College in Prague Network. The ECPN is an association for the wider ECP community, providing a way for everyone who has been part of the ECP family over nearly twenty five years to keep in touch, maintaining a link between the College, its alumni, their parents, former members of staff and Governors. We hope that by broadening and strengthening these links, we will in turn strengthen the ECP so it can continue to fulfil and expand its mission of educating the next generation of young people in Prague.

And as you, the Class of 2019, progress through university and your chosen careers, the ECPN will be there to help put

you in touch with others who are in the same profession, to offer advice and encouragement, so that in another twenty five years' time, there will be successful ECP graduates in senior positions in all areas of Czech life, helping to make the country a better, more equitable and prosperous place.

As you will know from your own experience, graduates regularly visit the College to advise current students, sharing their experience and offering practical advice, helping to guide the next ECP generation as they prepare to make important decisions about universities and careers. As one of them said after his visit: "Not only is it helping my old school, it is helping



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my country.” So whenever you feel homesick for the ECP, you are very welcome to come back to Vysočany to visit us and to share your story with those who are following in your footsteps.

The ECPN organises regular events, including the annual New Year party,

and circulates the ECP Newsletter, so please update your details with us so that you are kept informed of the latest news and events. The ECPN secretariat is based in the College and its activities are co-ordinated by Gina Hearn, Director of External Relations –
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Gaudeamus Igitur

LATIN

*Gaudeamus igitur
Iuvenes dum sumus.
Post iucundam iuventutem
Post molestam senectutem
Nos habebit humus.*

*Vivat academia!
Vivant professores!
Vivat membrum quodlibet;
Vivant membra quaelibet;
Semper sint in flore.*

ENGLISH

*Let us rejoice, therefore,
While we are young.
After a pleasant youth
After a troubling old age
The earth will have us.*

*Long live the academy!
Long live the professors!
Long live each student;
Long live the whole fraternity;
For ever may they flourish!*

