



THE ENGLISH COLLEGE IN PRAGUE
ANGLICKÉ GYMNAZIUM

Graduation Ceremony 2020/21

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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, offering the IB Diploma together with the Czech Maturita. Its Founder Patrons were President Václav Havel and HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Graduation Ceremony serves two purposes: Upper School students with outstanding achievements in both academic and co-curricular work during the current academic year are awarded prizes and the Graduates of 2021 are presented with their graduation certificates.

The names of the prize winners will be announced by the Deputy Head (Co-Curriculum). They are congratulated by the Guest Speaker and handed their prize by the Senior Deputy Head.

The names of the Graduates are announced by the Deputy Head (Upper School). They will be congratulated by ECP Governor, Miroslava Kopicová, and handed their certificates by the Headmaster.



The Facets of Insanity
Emma Marešová

Introduction

Schools are places where young people grow, discover things about themselves and the world. At school every day is a celebration of some small new piece of learning, some new revelation, some new idea forming in our minds. That almost continuous flow of discoveries is the background noise that gives every school its “buzz”, its spark. It gives it the unique energy that we as teachers and students all recognise.

The background noise of school life has, of course, like everything else familiar to us, been dramatically altered by the unusual year. Online learning, masks, restricted travel and worries about whether we would even be able to hold this event at all! However, despite all of this, our graduates have not only survived, many have thrived. They have adapted and made the very best of the year. They've trusted us as teachers to help them in the best way we can and we have been able to trust them. I was particularly impressed with the students shortly after we heard the IB Organisation was insisting that we still hold in-school examinations even when we all knew in the Czech Republic this would be both unfair and unsafe. Instead of overreacting, they joined a meeting and very calmly and persuasively explained to our leadership team their views and then stepped back and allowed us to advocate on their behalf. This was at a time when we needed to insist that they take mock exams. They did not complain, or become angry, they simply focused on the job in hand and trusted the

school. It is easy to be strong and reasonable when everything is plain sailing. Our graduates have proven beyond doubt they are equally steadfast when under pressure, living with uncertainty, and deprived of the usual daily companionship and support. However, circling back around to the “buzz” of school-life, it is still there: the proof is in their studies, their essays, their tired but smiling faces on “Google Meet”, it is in their charity work and their attendance in our Super Curriculum programme, long after formal school had finished for the year.

So being here together today to celebrate our graduates is especially sweet this year. It is a moment in time when we try to capture and celebrate high points from within the “buzz” of school life. This Graduation Ceremony is then really the last chapter of a book whose other chapters tell the story of their six-year journey through learning; along the way taking in its successes and failures, its highs and lows, the fanciful and the serious... but of course we all know this is the start of something and not the end.

Nigel S Brown

Dr. Nigel Brown
Headmaster





Sūnyatā
Le Lam Khanh Truong

Comments on Prize Winners 2021

THE KAREL AND JOSEF ČAPEK PRIZE FOR CZECH

Marieta Kyselá

Marieta has been an exceptionally dedicated student of Czech throughout her time at the College. Not only did her excellent analytical skills and perfectly structured essays set her apart from other students, but also her preparedness for every single lesson and most of all, her readiness to share her ideas and thoughts. Despite the challenges of an online learning environment, Marieta has kept her positive attitude, and her camera on in lessons, which has helped her teachers as well as other students.

THE LIGHTFOOT PRIZES FOR ENGLISH

Arina Smirnova

Arina has demonstrated a passion for

literature and for the arts in general. Throughout the IB course, she consistently produced sophisticated analyses, which were sensitive to the nuance and play of language, aware of the complexity of character and which engaged intelligently with a wide range of intellectual issues. She is always keen to extend her knowledge and understanding and equally willing to share with others. She is an exceptional student of literature.

Rita Kyjovská

Rita never ceased to provide innovative analytical thought and beautifully crafted pieces of writing in her English class. She was the epitome of an independent inquirer but didn't work in isolation; she was always a collaborative group member who modestly and generously shared her keen insights and massive vocabulary with

her peers. Clearly enthusiastic about literature from all eras and in all forms, Rita is very deserving of this award.

THE RONALD RANKIN PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS

Tereza Karbanová

Tereza's absolute dedication to her studies is admirable; her proactive approach to lessons and positive attitude have never wavered, despite the prolonged period of remote learning and she completes every task to the best of her ability. Her academic coursework in Mathematics was particularly impressive and was written to a much higher academic standard than might be expected of an IB student. Tereza's gentle humour and willingness to take part have made her an absolute pleasure to work with throughout her time at ECP and she will undoubtedly excel in her chosen career path, given her strength of character and her determination.

Kryštof Sršeň

Kryštof's natural curiosity and interest have meant that he has gone from strength to strength in Mathematics. His work is rigorous and precise, but he has the critical thinking skills and creative flair that enable him to consider multiple perspectives and find sophisticated solutions to problems. Beyond that, his generosity of spirit in terms of his support of his classmates has really made him stand out. It has been a privilege to have Kryštof in the class, not just because he is an

exceptional Mathematician, but because he is a true gentleman as well.

THE OTTO WICHTERLE PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY

David Karásek

David is an excellent Chemist. Throughout his studies, he has always shown great enthusiasm for the subject and a thirst for further knowledge that could never be quenched. To be awarded this prize, it is obvious that David has maintained incredibly high academic standards, but what has truly set him apart from his peers is what he has done outside of lessons. He has been the driving force behind the Chemistry ECA, he completed an excellent Chemistry Extended Essay and he has engaged in many conversations with his teachers, discussing his home Chemistry projects.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Linh Gia Nguyen

Linh Gia has been an outstanding student throughout his years at the College. He has taken every opportunity to learn things beyond the curriculum, as well as applying his skills to acquire an understanding of new programming languages.

PHYSICS

Gaetana Fagone

Gaetana is an outstanding natural Physicist. She combines strong abilities in Physics with considerable mathematical



Drowning
Arina Smirnova



Restriction
Arina Smirnova

skills. She is very quick to grasp new Physics principles and is able to apply them to real situations and solve the most complex and demanding problems quickly and accurately. She sets herself very high standards, which she always achieves.

BIOLOGY

Vojtěch Mazur

Since joining the English College, Vojtěch's abilities have been apparent. He is a truly outstanding student who has excelled in all areas of Biology. He readily understands both complex biological content and the skills and work ethic needed to succeed. He is never satisfied with accepting information at face value, delving deeper into a topic to ensure he has a comprehensive understanding, which usually goes well above that required at this level. He is also very considerate of his classmates and is always willing to help and support others. For these reasons, and many more, he is a worthy winner of the Biology prize.

GEOGRAPHY

Vojtěch Mazur

Vojtech is an excellent student of Geography who has worked consistently hard throughout the two-year IB Diploma programme. He has shown great depth of understanding of the themes covered and has been adept at identifying the relationships between different concepts. His keen interest in the subject has been evident in the high standard of his work

and his regular and perceptive contributions to class discussions.

THE JIŘÍ HOVORKA PRIZE FOR HISTORY

Alex Balaria

Alex is a conscientious, thoughtful and intellectually curious Historian who consistently aims for the highest levels. He has consistently produced work to a high standard and always fully engages with all elements of his historical study. Alex is a student who reads widely and works to enrich his understanding of historical events and interpretations. He enjoys discussion and debate with other students and always shows respect to his fellow students.

ECONOMICS

Šimon Kolařík

Šimon is an exceptional student of Economics who has shown real dedication to the subject. He chose to do his Extended Essay on the Czech economy, but his interest goes well beyond the IB syllabus and extends to financial investments and global news. He has worked extremely hard throughout the course and his humour and positivity have made lessons more enjoyable for everyone.

PSYCHOLOGY

Rita Kyjovská

Rita is an exceptionally dedicated and brilliant student of Psychology. Her confident understanding of advanced

concepts and research is impressive. Despite the challenges of an online learning environment, her academic progress has continued unabated. A sharp-witted critical thinker, Rita has always raised the intellectual level of debate in the classroom.

THE PROFESSOR SIR ROGER SCRUTON
PRIZE FOR PHILOSOPHY

Gaetana Fagone

Gaetana is an outstanding Philosophy student who has shown a strong dedication to this subject over the past two years. Her contributions in class, whether in person or online, have always been first rate in terms of ideas and analysis. Her Extended Essay on the relation between law and morality is a fascinating read and gets right to the core of the Hart-Devlin debate. Her Internal Assessment on cultural relativism gives a clear insight into the nature of morality. And even after the IB exams were cancelled, she chose to continue the study of Philosophy with an in-depth exploration of issues surrounding the death penalty. Gaetana is a shining example of the ideal Philosophy student - intelligent, analytic, critical and thoughtful.

THE JAN GROSSMAN PRIZE FOR
DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE

Yelisey Kazakevich

Yelisey is an outstanding and versatile student of theatre who leaves the College with an impressive range of widely varying performances already under his belt.

Recently his talent has been spotted in a commercial setting and he has been involved in the Lionsgate Film *White Bird* at Barrandov Studios, fulfilling his long-held ambition to be “in the movies”.

THE PROFESSOR MARTIN HILSKÝ
PRIZE FOR DRAMA

Eliška Pechlátová

Eliška is an outstanding actress with a formidable range and presence. Her academic focus during lessons has been relentless and her contributions to class projects impressive. Her successes have been most recently compounded by her Distinction in Gold Medal Solo Acting from LAMDA.

THE EVA JIŘIČNÁ PRIZE FOR ART
& DESIGN

Shanshan Chen

Shan Shan is an exceptional student of the Visual Arts - committed, enthusiastic and consistently outstanding. Her work during her time at the College evidences a strong, imaginative approach, and she displays great maturity in visual risk taking. Over the distance learning period, she has continuously sought to develop ambitious studio works, synthesizing her adept skills in construction, textiles and sculpture with a flair for digital experimentation. Vivid, bold, and humorous, Shan Shan's work makes for a delightful and inspirational viewing experience. Technically competent and conceptually rich, her resultant body of work is a pleasure to



Camouflage
Shanshan Chen



Reminiscence
Veronika Galinskaya

have witnessed, and bodes well for her future as a successful designer.

RUSSIAN

Tereza Marková

Tereza has always been a hard-working student with exceptional enthusiasm and excitement for learning not only the Russian language, but also about Russian culture and literature. Her participation in every lesson has been exemplary and her diligence in producing high quality work, invariably on time, has been quite an achievement. She has continued to put a lot of effort into her studies and she really deserves her success. Tereza's decision to write her Extended Essay in Russian showed a tremendous desire to set herself a difficult challenge. She rose to this with admirable determination and ultimately produced a very strong piece of work. This prize is awarded in recognition of the progress she has made so far and it is hoped that it will also serve as a motivation to her as she deepens her knowledge of Russian language and literature by studying Russian at university.

FRENCH

Vojtěch Kopřiva

Vojtěch has a natural flair for languages. His attention to detail when writing in French is particularly impressive and he is able to use a wide variety of complex vocabulary and grammar with sophistication. He was a pleasure to work with on the Higher Level literature component of the course

and his analysis of French literature on Thursday afternoons will be particularly missed.

SPANISH

Kryštof Sršeň

Kryštof is an excellent student of Spanish. He has very clear goals in what he wants to achieve and has acquired a very high level of communication in Spanish. His knowledge of the Hispanic language and culture is admirable. During Kryštof's years at the College, his growth and development, not only in the topics covered in class, but also in his ability to learn independently, thus empowering his studies, have been evident.

GERMAN

Alfred Byrne

Alfred clearly has a very genuine interest in acquiring German as an additional language. His participation in class has been consistently outstanding throughout the IB course and was not affected by online learning. He attended several additional sessions to improve his grammar and speaking fluency, through which he has improved, exceeded expectations and demonstrated that he will go the extra mile to become a fluent German speaker.

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES

Lea Kornová

Lea has shown a very strong interest in

the environment since the beginning of Year 5. Her individual research and involvement in every lesson have strengthened her understanding in this complex subject. Lea's Internal Assessment was also an in-depth and insightful investigation to evaluate Britain's use of legislation to curb greenhouse gas emissions. Her quiet leadership and calm composure allowed her to gain the most from Environmental Systems and Societies.

THE ERNEST GELLNER PRIZE FOR THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

Vojtěch Mazur

Vojtech is to be congratulated on his outstanding journey through TOK where he fearlessly engaged in the subject and demonstrated both intellectual vigour and rigour. His essay was a particularly impressive *tour de force* of imagination and clarity of insight.

THE JAN KOVAŘOVIC PRIZE FOR CAS

Gaetana Fagone

Gaetana has been actively involved in all aspects of extra-curricular activity while in the Upper School. Her efforts and commitment to service to the community have been outstanding. She has worked directly with elderly people since Year 4 and has encouraged many of her peers also to get involved, providing a role model when it comes to helping the community unselfishly. She has also been involved with events in the village of Dřevčice, supporting children's activities.

Gaetana has always conducted herself in a mature manner, standing for and being elected to the School Council, and she has led by example.

THE VĚRA ČÁSLAVSKÁ PRIZE FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT - GIRL

Tereza Karbanová

Tereza is a keen sportswoman who has always approached PE with great energy and commitment. She has participated in many different sporting events, never taking time-outs or seeking excuses. Though Tereza is very modest, she has managed to fulfill her sporting ambitions through her consistent effort and hard work. Her virtues are a very good sense of fair play and a strong sense of the importance of team work and team spirit. Because of all this, Tereza serves as an excellent example to all her peers and is a worthy winner of this prize.

THE DOMINIK HAŠEK PRIZE FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT - BOY

Alfred Byrne

Throughout the whole of his time at the College, Fred has always been a real enthusiast in all PE classes and in all of the other events offered by the PE department, bringing to the classes a positive attitude, full of wit and humour. If perhaps not with outstanding physical performances, his approach to the subject has certainly served as an excellent example to his schoolmates. Most commendable has been Fred's attitude to

History
Melanie Dzurendová



the online PE Sports Challenges during the school's closure, continuing to participate in all of them with maximum effort

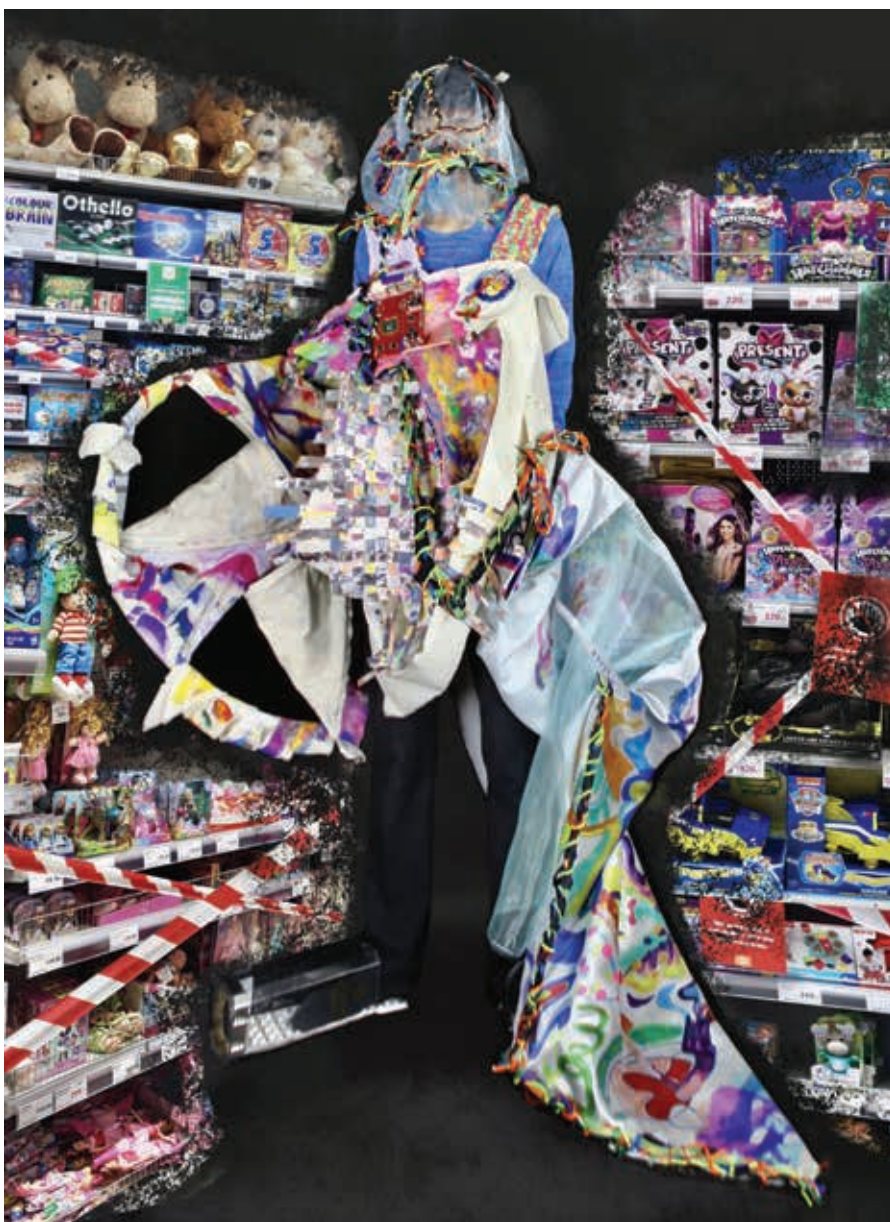
even after IB students had been released from PE.



Hectic Reality
Vanessa Schlée



Adam and Eve
Vanessa Schlée



Give Back My Childhood
Shanshan Chen

Special Prizes

THE IVAN M. HAVEL PRIZE

Tereza Karbanová

Tereza is a truly exceptional student who thoroughly deserves this recognition of her abilities and dedication across all the areas of Science and beyond, an all-rounder who excels in every area. An exemplary student in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Maths, in English, she writes detailed, logical analyses with clarity and precision, embracing the challenge of studying literary texts and her CAS project and TOK have been excellent. Tereza has excelled throughout her time at the English College in Prague, showing determination, focus and an exemplary approach to her studies. She has demonstrated great attention to detail and meticulous logic whilst also expressing her creativity and insight. Although Tereza took the extremely challenging decision to study

three Sciences for her IB Diploma, she has still found the time to contribute to numerous extra-curricular projects, including qualifying, for the past ten years, for the Czech national karate championships.

THE JAN BARTA PRIZE

David Karásek

David has always stood out since arriving at ECP. He has been his own harshest critic and has gradually learned over the years that even though his way of doing and seeing things was not always inline with his classmates', it was still a valid method of learning and approaching the challenges that an education at ECP brings. He has developed selective, but good relationships with his peers, which demonstrates the manner in which he considers many aspects of his life. He is empathetic, willing to support others and gets involved in

many of the school and House activities. The Arts department is losing a great technician and Terra is losing a great supporter and participant in House events. David should maintain his unique approach to life as he will be very successful in the future.

THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS' PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - YEAR 6

Vojtěch Mazur

In a year where a number of our graduates were set to gain very high IB scores, this award is a particularly special honour.

The recipient, Vojta Mazur, has shown himself to be an industrious and intellectual pupil, one who has an unquenchable curiosity about the wide world and all its tropes, perspectives, equations, history and complexities. He can speak confidently about power structures in the medieval epoch, the impact of non-cyclic phosphorylation, characterisation in post-modern literature and the similarity between fractals found in both biology and computing. Vojta is truly a well-rounded young academic, and he has been a great pleasure to teach.



Pressure of Desire
Annabelle Blount



Separate
Arina Smirnova

List of Year 6 Students

Trapped
Arina Smirnova



Tutor: Francesco Tognini

6A

Carla Anna Astol Centena	Lea Kornová	Nella Országhová
Alex Balaria	Jan Kotrč	Eliška Pechlátová
Leon Horvitz	Marieta Kyselá	Emma Talacková
Matyáš Hronek	Kryštof Lorenc	Patrick Trimmel
Kuda Kawara	Nguyen Thi Thuy Tien	Truong Le Lam Khanh
Sára Knotková	Tereza Nohejlová	Vu Nhat My

Tutor: Jean Kerr

6B

Adam Buřil	Adam Hanus	Jáchym Prach
Alfred Byrne	Leontýna Janatová	Zuzana Rožďalovská
Shan Shan Chen	Šimon Kolařík	Jessica Rusnoková
Ella Doboszová	Emma Marešová	Angelina Soueidanova
Melanie Anna	Štěpána Marethová	Georgy Trushevskiy
Dzurendová	Vojtěch Mazur	Maria Yavorskyy
Ivan Gromakov	Eliška Nourse	Daria Zaytseva

Tutor: Philip Purslow

6C

Amálie Bahbouhová	Šimon Krolupper	Egor Petrov
Annette Dvorská	Mridul Kumar	Filip Procháška
Tamarine Epp	Rita Kyjovská	Vanessa Schlée
Andrej Hraboš	Zoe Malkovská	Arina Smirnova
Anna Jonková	Tereza Marková	Kryštof Sršeň
David Karásek	Emelia Marshall	
Tereza Karbanová	Emma Monk	

Tutor: Gareth Pugh

6D

Anna Bártová	Adrian Cinar Hykel	Barbora Šebestová
Viktor Bednář	Yelisey Kazakevich	Mario Rahman Štumpa
Annabelle Blount	Vojtěch Kopřiva	Nikol Tesařová
David Chmelík	Polina Korenukhina	Michaela Vladyková
Gaetana Fagone	Nguyen Gia Linh	
Veronika Galinskaya	Brian Regan	

Guest of Honour

Dr. Barbara Day MBE

Barbara Day is a Founder Governor of the English College. She first came to Prague in the mid-1960s, writing her PhD dissertation on the Czech theatre of the time. Back in the UK, she organised the Bristol Czechfest in 1985, with the aim of presenting to the British public such independent elements of the Czech arts as the Theatre on a String, Chorea Bohemica, Magdalena Jetelová and Jiří Stivín. Through this, she became involved in the world of the unofficial culture, and worked for the Jan Hus Educational Foundation. After 1989, Barbara moved to the Czech Republic to help establish

the NGO sector, and since then has been teaching and translating for renowned Czech institutions. Her published work includes *Czech Plays* (1992), *The Velvet Philosophers* (1999) and *Trial by Theatre: Reports on Czech Drama* (2020). She was awarded the MBE in 2002 and the Commemorative Medal of President Václav Havel in 1998.



Party at Gatsby's Mansion
Shanshan Chen

A Note on the Prizes

Every year teachers nominate students who have made a notable contribution to their subject. There are also three special prizes that recognise a student's broader talents and achievements. The highest academic prize is the Chairman of Governors' Prize for Academic Achievement. Some prizes are awarded in the name of those who have had a special relationship with the College or with whom we continue to celebrate a connection.

A New Prize in 2021

The Dominik Hašek Prize for Sporting Achievement - Boy

In the world of great Czech ice hockey players, Dominik Hašek is *primus inter pares*. One of the world's most successful goalkeepers ever, his legendary status perhaps owes most to his sterling performance in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano and the country's first and only Olympic gold medal in ice hockey. He became a hero to his compatriots and holds the highest career save percentage of all time at 0.9223. Spending most of his professional career in the NHL, he returned to Europe in 2009, signing for HC Pardubice before playing his last season with

Spartak Moscow in 2012, to be inducted into the International Ice Hockey Hall of Fame and the Czech Ice Hockey Hall of Fame.

He is also the father of ECP alumna, Dominika Hašek, whose successful musical career we have regularly celebrated since she graduated in 2014. A good supporter of the English College, teachers and graduates will remember Dominik Hašek's visit to school to help us celebrate our Theme of the Year to coincide with the London 2012 Olympics. With Czech paralympian cyclist, Jiří Ježek, he spoke to students about the skills and dedication needed to succeed in sport and how they are relevant in our everyday lives.

The Karel and Josef Čapek Prize for Czech

Josef and Karel Čapek were close friends as well as brothers. They entered the world of literature together, collaborating on their first books before finding their own literary paths. It was Josef who invented the word ROBOT, but Karel who first used it in his play R.U.R. As a child, Karel was already asking questions, always

seeking the truth and wanting to put right what did not work. He was an excellent observer and had a remarkable knowledge of people, their lives, weaknesses and virtues. While Karel explored the visible world, Josef was more interested in the inner, invisible world. Both of them resisted Fascism and spoke out when human and moral values in society were threatened. Josef died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

The Ronald Rankin Prize for Mathematics

This prize is given by David Rankin in memory of his father Ronald, who lived in Liverpool from 1905 to 1974, and was an early supporter of the English College Foundation. David Rankin writes: "My father ran a food import business for a good part of his life. He had an ana-

lytical 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 Otto Wichterle Prize for Chemistry

Otto Wichterle is remembered as the inventor of the soft contact lens. He supported Alexander Dubček and his Prague Spring reforms and signed the *Two Thousand Words* manifesto calling for the continuation of the democratisation process. When Czechoslovakia was invaded by the Soviet Union, Wichterle was dismissed from his position as Director of the

Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry. He was unable to resume his work until 1989, when he 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.



Formation
Veronika Galinskaya



Beauty of Despair
Annabelle Blount

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 Jiří Hovorka Prize for History

Jiří Hovorka's studies at the Prague English Grammar School came to an end when it was closed by the Communist regime. He was arrested for his part in resistance activities and imprisoned for 15 months. Prevented from studying, he spent his life as a manual worker, but continued learning, gaining knowledge of politics, history, literature, space flights and languages: English, Polish and German. English literature and culture

became his lifelong hobbies. When the English College was established after the fall of Communism, he provided invaluable assistance to the founders and the first Headmaster. His early life under the Nazis and the Communists strengthened his belief in democracy. He was firm in his principles and moral attitudes, generous, kind and modest. As Jiří 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 attended the Prague English Grammar School before World War II and then, during the Occupation, took part in the Resistance against the Nazis. The Communists expelled him from Charles University, which meant he was unable to follow an academic or literary career, and so he chose to work in

the theatre. He had an analytical mind and found it impossible to conform to ideology. He became renowned internationally as a theatre director, particularly for his work at the Theatre on the Balustrade in the 1960s, when he worked closely with Václav Havel on the early productions of his plays, but in the 1970s and 1980s had to work in obscurity.

The Professor Martin Hilský Prize for Drama

Martin Hilský is Professor Emeritus of English Literature at Charles University and one of the leading translators of English literature into Czech. He is well known as an author, translator and performer on various Czech broadcast platforms including ČRo 3 Vltava and Česká televize. A member of the Czech Modern Language Association, he was its Chairman from 1993 to 1996, and he is also a member of the European Society for the Study of English and the Czech branch of the PEN Club. His translations include Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus*, James Goldman's *Lion in Winter*, J M Synge's *Playboy of the Western World* and works by Steinbeck, D H Lawrence, T S Eliot amongst others. But it is for his translation of the complete works of William Shakespeare that Martin Hilský is most acclaimed and for which he was awarded the 2011 Czech State Award for Translation, having previously received

the prestigious Jungmann Prize for his Czech translation of Shakespeare's *Sonnets* and the Tom Stoppard Prize for his essays on Shakespeare.

In 2001, HM Queen Elizabeth II made him an honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his achievements as a translator, writer and teacher. In 2012, he was awarded two further prestigious awards – the State Award for Translation and the President's Medal of Merit.

Martin Hilský has been invited to give lectures at many universities and venues in the Czech Republic and beyond, including University of Warwick, University of East Anglia, University of London, Penn State University, Pennsylvania, Shakespeare Gesellschaft, Weimar, University of Murcia and the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of the Bard himself.

The Eva Jiříčná Prize for Art & Design

Eva Jiříčná CBE RA is a world-renowned architect and designer. Born in Zlín, she studied architecture at the Czech Technical University and at the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague. In 1968, she moved to the UK to take up a temporary placement

with the Greater London Council, working on social housing projects. She stayed in the UK working on projects such as the Brighton Marina, becoming a British citizen in 1976.

She established her own practice and started to concentrate more on interior design projects, including several retail shops for

fashion designer Joseph Ettedgui. But it was her work on the interior design of the Lloyd's Headquarters that brought her to international attention. She formed her current practice, Jiříčná Kerr Associates, and has worked on projects all over the world. Since 1989, her work in the Czech Republic has included the Congress Centre in Zlín, the main hall of Komerční banka in Wenceslas Square, the Orangery at Prague Castle, the reconstruction of St Ann's Church in Old Town and the new building, currently under construction, at the VFN. Since 2019, Eva Jiříčná has been the head of CBRE Art of Space Awards, and earlier this year, her design

won the tender for the reconstruction of Věžák Tower in Ostrava.

Her projects are stylish, featuring mathematically pure forms and a holistic approach to design and they are known for their subtlety and originality, combining the qualities of the materials with the intriguing use of light. Illustrations of Eva Jiříčná's work can be seen in the world's most prestigious design magazines and she has received many international awards, recognising her contribution to architecture, including the Lifetime Achievement Medal at the London Design Festival in 2018.

The Věra Čáslavská Prize for Sporting Achievement - Girl

Věra Čáslavská was a Czechoslovak gymnast, coach, member of prominent sports organisations, 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 liberalisation of the Prague Spring in 1968, Čáslavská signed the 2000 Words manifesto and thereby became a target of the Communist regime. She was also punished by Czechoslovakia's Communist authorities for

her silent protest against the Soviets. For two decades she was barred from travelling or attending major sports events and often prevented from coaching children. Following the Velvet Revolution in 1989 that resulted in the fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia, Věra Čáslavská was President of first the Czechoslovak and then the Czech Olympic Committee and a member of the International Olympic Committee. In January 1990, Čáslavská became a trusted adviser to Václav Havel, the newly-elected President of Czechoslovakia, in the area of social issues and sport.

The Professor Sir Roger Scruton Prize for Philosophy

Roger Scruton was born in 1944 and studied Philosophy at Cambridge University, where he wrote his PhD on “Art and imagination, a study in the philosophy of mind”. In 1979 he was invited to lecture at the underground philosophy seminars in Prague and realised the hunger for philosophy among young people in Communist Czechoslovakia. He co-founded the Jan Hus Educational Foundation and worked with Czech and Slovak colleagues to extend the

seminars to Brno and Bratislava. In 1985 the Communist regime placed him on the Index of Undesirable Persons. After 1989 he worked to establish the JHEF as an educational charity in the Czech and Slovak Republics. He published more than 50 books, including a novel about the underground university, *Notes from Underground*, and was an early supporter of the English College Foundation. He was awarded the Medal of Merit (First Class) by President Václav Havel in 1998 and knighted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in 2016.



Let Me Guide You to Rebirth
Le Lam Khanh Truong



Stoic
Emma Marešová

The Jan Kovařovic Prize for CAS

Jan Kovařovic attended the Prague English Grammar School from 1945 to 1951, then studied at the Faculty of Architecture and Building at the Czech Technical University in Prague where he received his PhD. His focus on educational facilities developed there and continued during his Postdoctoral Fellowship in Trondheim. He also studied the management of education at the University of Victoria in Canada. His professional interest focused on education - from research, planning, design and the wider use of educational facilities and educational infrastructure, but also on the economy and effectiveness of education. He worked at the Educational Research Institute, the

Institute for Development of Educational Facilities, the Ministry of Education and the Education Policy Centre, but also for the former Greater London Council where, as an architect, he planned and designed educational facilities. He is a co-author of the NEMES Freedom in Education and the Czech School project, the study Czech Education and Europe, and other works for the OECD and other international organisations. He was a member of the team that prepared the National Programme for the Development of Education in the Czech Republic and subsequent documents. Jan Kovařovic served as a Governor of the ECP for 23 years, from 1997 until his retirement last year.

The Ernest Gellner Prize for TOK

Ernest Gellner was a theorist of modernity. He made significant contributions in very diverse fields, notably in philosophy and social anthropology. Born in Paris in 1925, Gellner was brought up in Prague and attended the Prague English Grammar School, the model for the ECP. He left PEGS after the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia in March 1939, when his Jewish family managed to escape to England. He finished his secondary education at a school in St Albans and when he was 17, he passed the entrance exam to Balliol College, where he studied Philosophy for a year.

During the Second World War, he enlisted with the Czechoslovak Independent Armoured Brigade with which he took part in the siege of Dunkirk, returning to Prague in 1945. In 1946, out of fear for the country's political direction, he left Czechoslovakia again and returned to England, finishing his education at Oxford in 1947. He became a Professor of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics, staying for the next 35 years, moving to teach Anthropology at Cambridge before returning to Prague after the Velvet Revolution, where he died in 1995. His

tions and Nationalism (1983), which was translated into more than ten languages, including Czech.

An eminent Czech sociologist, Professor Jiří Musil, who had worked with Gellner, offered an interesting insight into what PEGS had meant to Gellner. Writing in the Czech Sociological Review in December 1995, he

said: *“Prague experiences, his father’s conversion to Czech nationality, the multicultural milieu of the family, a Czech and an English school in Prague, and a flourishing life of the city in the thirties, all that had without any doubt a formative effect on Gellner’s intellectual orientation.”*

The Tom Schrecker Prize for Music

Tom Schrecker was one of 669 Jewish children rescued by the British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton who, with his colleagues, evacuated them by train to Britain before the Nazis invaded Prague. He worked as Asia-Pacific Director for The Reader’s Digest and later established his own publishing house. He moved to Australia in the 1960s and has been enjoying retirement

since 1992, regularly visiting Europe and the Czech Republic for a few months in the summer. He supports various charitable and cultural activities in many countries. He attends Prague Spring concerts, and gives financial support to the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, the festival in Třeboň, and the Sydney Opera.

The Tom Schrecker prize has not been awarded this academic year.



Out of the Box
Shanshan Chen

Special Prizes

The Ivan M. Havel Prize

Ivan M. Havel was the former Director of the Centre for Theoretical Studies, a joint endeavour involving Charles University and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. From 1990 to 2019, he was editor-in-chief of *Vesmír* magazine. Together with his brother Václav, he was one of the founders of the Civic Forum.

He graduated in Automation and Computers from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the Czech Technical University in Prague. In 1971, he received his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. In the early 1990s, he qualified as a professor, having achieved his doctorate in the field of artificial intelligence at the 3rd Medical Faculty of Charles University. His recent work at the Centre for Theoretical

Studies at Charles University and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic focused on cybernetics, artificial intelligence, robotics, cognitive sciences and philosophical issues related to these fields.

The Ivan M. Havel Prize is awarded to a student who displays the qualities of a polymath. Specialism is increasingly important in society, but a polymath excels in more than one discipline. Primarily a scientist, who has shown exceptional talent and interest across scientific disciplines, including theoretical ones, enhancing interdisciplinary approach to the studies, showing an understanding of the humanities and creativity in the arts and the ability to apply interdisciplinary competence across several subjects. The prize recognises hard work, enthusiasm and willingness to go beyond the curriculum.

The Jan Barta Prize

This prize is named after Jan Barta, one of the early graduates of ECP, now a successful internet entrepreneur who generously 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 Founder Chairman of the Governors of the English College, Richard Holme. 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 award.

This prize can be awarded to a student in any year group and has already been awarded for this academic year to Lower School student, Selma Kaymakci.

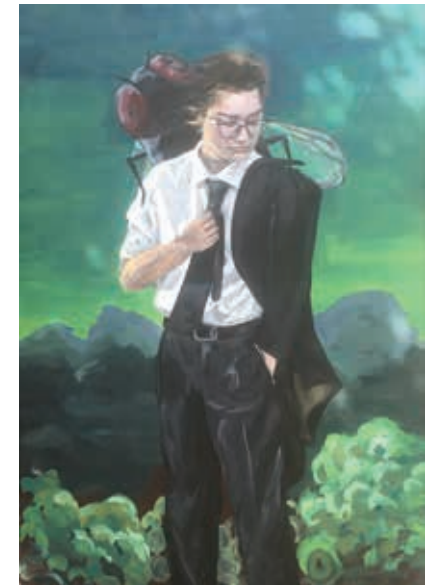
The Chairman of Governors' Prize for Academic Achievement

This prize is awarded to a student in Year 6 whose academic achievements are outstanding and who excels in many

areas. 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).



Enlightenment
Le Lam Khanh Truong



Metamorphosis
Emma Marešová

Welcome to the English College in Prague Network

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 more than twenty five years to keep in touch, maintaining a link between the College, its alumni, their parents, former members of staff and Governors and the English College Foundation. 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 2021, 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 the years to come, 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, before Covid, graduates regularly visited 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 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 iNewsletter, 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 – gina.hearn@englishcollege.cz



Branched
Vanessa Schlée



Wrapped Memories
Veronika Galinskaya

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!*



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