



THE ENGLISH COLLEGE IN PRAGUE  
ANGLICKÉ GYMNÁZIUM

# The Graduation Ceremony 2022

27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

THE BETHLEHEM CHAPEL - THE CEREMONIAL HALL  
OF THE CZECH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE



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: Graduates with outstanding achievements in both academic and co-curricular work during their IB studies are awarded prizes and all Graduates of 2022 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. Additionally, this year we are very honoured that the new Karel Schwarzenberg Prize for History will be presented personally by Karel Schwarzenberg, our Czech Patron.

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



Beneath Your Feet  
Aneta Řehořová

#### *A word from the Headmaster*

*On paper, this school year has been so much more normal than the previous two; no enforced school closures, but we still had weeks of enforced quarantine, we had to endure masks both in corridors and classes for months and the general weight of ongoing uncertainty in our lives. Despite the steadily brightening picture, the overall experience of our graduates' senior years has been under a long Covid shadow. This has taken a toll on study habits, motivation, mental health and many other aspects of teenage life. So any and every success should be doubly celebrated as it has come out of moderately adverse circumstances - nothing, of course, like the adversity faced by many in Eastern Europe and beyond, but adversity nonetheless.*

*During this time, while keeping up with their studies, students have been pushing forward with initiatives that included setting up Dostupné doučování, a website offering educational opportunities for students during lockdown and launching a website educating individuals to help them make informed decisions about their finances. As well as 'buddying' Year 1 students in their first year at ECP, students organised online*

*student clubs in term time and the holidays, they prepared an online winter olympics for students and created wellbeing questionnaires to check on students during the closure. They also organised the sale of ECP hoodies, which proved to be very popular. These are just a few examples of the resilience and outward looking nature of our students, your sons and daughters.*

*I was so proud seeing everyone looking so smart and happy at the Graduation Ball. Pride should be an emotion that we use moderately sparingly - but today we should allow ourselves to feel as much as we want of it - as it really is deserved!!*

*Nigel S Brown*

*Dr. Nigel Brown  
Headmaster*



# Guests of Honour

## Pavel Fischer

Born and brought up in Prague, in his youth Pavel Fischer was a keen scout, a violinist in the Prague Student Orchestra and a singer in the Brixii Academic Choir. After graduating from the Faculty of Arts of Charles University with a degree in French and Czech, he continued his studies at the Center International de Formation Chrétienne in Geneva where he dealt with migration and refugees.

Pavel Fischer served as senior political advisor to the late President Václav Havel and Director of the Political Department of his Presidential Office until 2003. He was appointed Czech Ambassador to France and Monaco and awarded the Monaco Order of St. Charles (2009)

and the French Order of the Legion of Honour (2010). He then served as Political Director General in charge of defence, security and strategic issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before stepping down in 2013 for family reasons, and then worked with governmental and non-governmental partners including as Director of the STEM Institute of Empirical Research in Prague.

Entering politics in the 2018 presidential election, he came third with 10.23% of votes. Independent and not a member of any political party, in October 2018, Pavel Fischer was elected Senator for a Prague constituency and he now chairs the Senate Committee for Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence.

## Karel Schwarzenberg

Emigré, Dissident, Diplomat and Politician, Karel Schwarzenberg was exiled in 1948 as a child. In 1984, he became Chairman of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, and worked for the cause of human rights in Europe, becoming a leading voice against communist rule in Czechoslovakia.

In May 1989, he received the European Award for Human Rights on behalf of the Federation, together with Lech Walesa and in 1990, he was appointed the Head of the Office of President Václav Havel (Chancellor), whom he served until 1992. After a period managing the family business and engaging in extensive charitable and cultural activities, being awarded the Order of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk by Václav Havel in 2003, he returned to the political arena in

November 2004 when he was elected Senator for the Prague 6 constituency.

From 2007 to 2009, he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, nominated by the Green Party. Then with Miroslav Kalousek, he founded the TOP 09 party, becoming a Deputy and Foreign Minister from 2010-2013, defending his seat in the 2013 and 2017 parliamentary elections. He successfully took part in the first round of the 2013 presidential election, taking 45.19% of the votes in the run-off against Miloš Zeman.

We are honoured that Karel Schwarzenberg has been the Czech Patron of the English College in Prague since 2013. With his generous support, the Schwarzenberg Scholarship was created in 2018 and this year, the Karel Schwarzenberg Prize for History is awarded for the first time.



Size Doesn't Matter  
Johana Rejholcová

# List of Year 6 Students

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle A  
Aneta Řehořová



*Tutor: David Gwilt*

6A

Alessandro Barini  
Matilda Bubeníková  
Anna Marie Černíková  
Artur Jasanský

Anna Kastnerová  
Sebastian Koděra  
Ondřej Kozák  
Anna Kuřová

Pavel Kvoriak  
Jiří Malčánek  
Pavel Garik Pražák  
Viktorie Řeháková  
Victor Slimák

*Tutor: Josef Švéda*

6B

Ivan Bunieiev  
Vladimir Cirkl  
Tristan Roberto Giudici  
Oliver Grund  
David Jiříček

Šimon Kuchynka  
Vladislav Kursikov  
Zhiyan Linová  
Karolina Monari  
Daniel Moravec

Bibiana Nesvadbová  
Ngoc Anh Nguyen  
Philip Press  
Johana Vašíčková  
Anna Carolina Vojtová  
Nisan Yildiz

*Tutor: Harry Straughan*

6C

Michael Balamotis  
Caoimhe Farren  
Mark Furda  
Jia Ye Ge  
Dominik Hájek  
Anna Jiroušková

Alicia Joklová  
Olga Kosjakova  
Duc Anh Luong  
Anna Malová  
Oliver Mead  
Kryštof Pípal

Josephine Podaná  
Johana Rejholcová  
Julie Anna Tlustá  
Veronika Vojtová  
Michal Vu

*Tutor: Alison Vella*

6D

Alexandra Brízová  
Oliver Hermann  
Nico Janich  
Tomáš Nepala  
Gia Hung Ngo

Christo Nikolov  
Sabina Phanová  
Mark Polyakov  
Aneta Řehořová  
Jan Richtř

Nicholas Rossouw  
Jana Straková  
Matyáš Trůka  
Zihan Yuan  
Veronika Zouharová



Collage  
Anna Kufová

# Comments on Prize Winners 2022

## THE KAREL AND JOSEF ČAPEK PRIZE FOR CZECH

### **Viktorie Řeháková**

Viktorie has excelled throughout the IB Czech A Literature course and preparation for the Maturita in Czech Language and Literature. She has used her analytical and creative thinking skills to great effect, both in classroom discussions and in written analysis and essays; she is a highly sensitive reader and is able to make studied and original contributions, expressing herself most articulately both in the spoken and written language.

Her attitude to learning has been an example to others; she is motivated and has excellent personal organisational

skills, while in class she invariably reflects carefully before sharing her insights. Viktorie is not one to take the easiest route to examination success; challenge is very important to her, and she has been willing to take calculated risks at crucial moments in order to meet the intellectual challenges the course has presented to her. The quality of her judgement is such that the risks have been fully justified by her results.

## THE LIGHTFOOT PRIZE FOR ENGLISH

### **Olga Kosjakova**

Olga has been a model IB student. Throughout the course she has displayed a broad range of academic interests and has engaged in every part of the course

with diligence and intellectual curiosity. She was a leading member of not one but two IB English classes, and the quality of her ideas and participation set an excellent example for her classmates. This was particularly noticeable throughout the difficult period of online learning. Olga has consistently shown determination to develop the level of her textual analysis and critical thinking. She is thoughtful and mature in her approach to learning and is a skilled and sensitive reader of texts.

#### THE RONALD RANKIN PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS

##### **Gia Hung Ngo**

Gia Hung has consistently shown an outstanding aptitude for Mathematics over the course of the past two years. Quick to grasp new concepts, he is not only a naturally gifted student but he also matches his academic ability with an inquisitive nature, pushing him to explore content over and above that of the syllabus. Gia Hung's results have consistently been towards the high end - at one point achieving a Grade 7 in five of the class tests in a row. The awarding of this prize is all the more impressive given the strong competition he faced in a very disciplined and mathematically talented Higher Level class. The Mathematics faculty looks forward to seeing Gia Hung excel in his choice of undergraduate course, and hopes that it has a high mathematical content.

#### THE OTTO WICHTERLE PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY

##### **Gia Hung Ngo**

Gia Hung is an extremely talented Chemist who has maintained incredibly high standards throughout the IB course. He has always delighted in discussing the subject beyond the scope of the course, regularly asking questions that showed a willingness to take his learning further. Gia Hung also produced an Chemistry Extended Essay, with his final piece showing thorough research and impressive analytical and evaluative work.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE

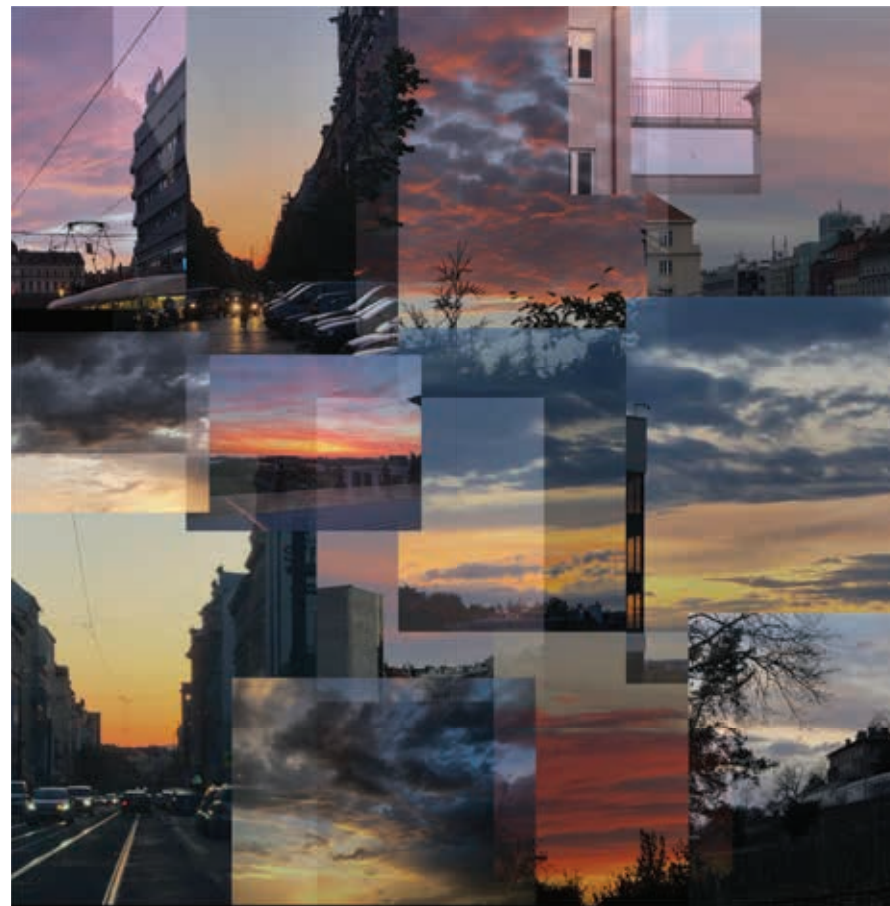
##### **Victor Slimák**

Victor is always excited by challenging himself and moving beyond the curriculum. He has a very inquisitive and independent mind, with a natural ability to make links between subjects. Victor not only has the skill set to be a top engineer, but the drive and motivation too.

#### PHYSICS

##### **Victor Slimák**

Victor is a natural Physicist and formative engineer. He has the ability to grasp the most difficult concepts quickly and clearly, and then is able to mathematically model and so solve them. This is the essence of Physics and engineering, and I am sure he will continue to excel at degree level studies and beyond.



All Colours  
Olga Kosjakova



Good Air Bad Air  
Aneta Řehořová

## BIOLOGY

### **Viktorie Řeháková**

Viktorie has been an outstanding pupil throughout the IB Biology course, and she clearly has an aptitude for the subject. Her verbal and written responses are always of a very high level, and she frequently demonstrates excellent scientific writing skills. It is clear that she uses a range of advanced resources to supplement her learning, which is why she sits comfortably at the apex of her class. Viktorie's relentless hard work, self-efficacy and strong metacognitive skills will undoubtedly play in her favour as she pursues a medical career.

## GEOGRAPHY

### **Jia Ye Ge**

Jia Ye has been awarded the Geography prize for her achievement and consistent effort in the subject. Her keen interest has been evident in her extended reading and her detailed research and analysis presented in her Geography Extended Essay. Anna has been consistently engaged in class and has contributed to discussions with insight.

## THE JIŘÍ HOVORKA PRIZE FOR HISTORY

### **Emma Srnková**

Emma is an outstanding student of History. She has been fully committed to the IB course since the beginning and she is always able to explore and understand the subtle nuances in history. Her written

work has been excellent, and she is able to fully analyse events in a critical way. She always participates actively in class, and her knowledge of the subject is second to none. In a class of some very strong characters, Emma is always able to hold her own and ultimately demonstrate excellence through her highly analytical essays.

## ECONOMICS

### **Tomáš Nepala**

Tomáš is an excellent Economist who has been an absolute pleasure to teach. He reads well beyond the syllabus and follows current affairs closely. For his Extended Essay in Economics he conducted some first class research. His approach to his studies in what has been a very difficult two years has been admirable.

## PSYCHOLOGY

### **Veronika Vojtová**

Veronika brings a lively and enquiring approach to Psychology lessons. From the very start of the course she showed a naturally critical approach to the research studied on the course. Her diligent hardworking attitude has been an example to others in the class, and she gives generously in supporting others when they do not understand the more difficult concepts. Veronika has been a joy to teach and will certainly continue to excel in this subject as she moves to higher education.

#### THE ROGER SCRUTON PRIZE FOR PHILOSOPHY

##### **Nicholas Rossouw**

Nicholas has been an outstanding student of Philosophy over the past two years. He has shown great dedication to the subject and has regularly gone above and beyond the required learning to extend his knowledge in this subject. His contributions to class discussions were always first rate in terms of ideas and analysis. His Extended Essay on utilitarianism gives us a clear insight into the nature of morality. His Internal Assessment on human nature is a fascinating read and gets right to the core of the issue of the need for authority and state control. Nicholas is a clear example of the ideal philosophy student: intelligent, analytical, critical and thoughtful.

#### THE JAN GROSSMAN PRIZE FOR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE

##### **Anna Carolina Vojtová**

Although this year group has not had the opportunity to perform for a public audience since Year 4, they have completed IB coursework that requires performance - namely a World Theatre Tradition convention presentation and a Solo Piece. Anna Carolina scored very highly in the criteria for both of these components, which is a testament to her diligence and love of the subject. She sets high standards for herself and has pushed herself out of her comfort zone in this discipline.

#### THE PROFESSOR MARTIN HILSKÝ PRIZE FOR DRAMA

##### **Pavel Garik Pražák**

Garik has extended himself far beyond the realm of his IB Theatre course to watch, participate in and even direct theatrics across the city of Prague. He immerses himself in the theatrics wherever possible and supports his fellow classmates and performers to push their boundaries and excel in performance, direction, creation and production as well. His dedication to the subject is palpable and a joy to watch.

#### THE EVA JIŘIČNÁ PRIZE FOR ART & DESIGN

##### **Johana Rejholcová**

Like the namesake of this prize, Johana takes much inspiration from the world of Architecture, and throughout her work can be found a fascination with imaginative constructions and innovative design of representational and abstract forms. Confident in exploring both traditional and emerging media, Johana has proved a dedicated student of the Visual Arts. And like Eva Jiříčná, she is also a talented Czech intending to relocate to London! This year, her work excelled artistically beyond the demands of the course in her extensive portfolios created for applications in the fields of Arts and Design Management, and she received superb offers from world respected institutions like Goldsmith's, and her first choice, London College of Communication (University of the Arts).



Inhale  
Aneta Řehořová





Funghi Feast  
Aneta Řehořová

## RUSSIAN

### **Jiří Malčánek**

Jiří has always been a hard-working student with exceptional excitement for learning not only the Russian language but also about Russian culture. He proved his enthusiasm in Saint Petersburg where he used every opportunity to practise his language knowledge. He has been working quietly at developing his language skills throughout the whole course and his diligence in producing high quality work, invariably on time, has been quite an achievement. Jiří has put a lot of effort into his studies and deserves his success.

## FRENCH

### **Kryštof Pípal**

Kryštof has always taken a keen interest in the French language and culture. He participated in the French Exchange twice and this insight into French society helped to give context to his learning. In lessons, he has always been keen to take part in discussions and his sense of humour made many of these very enjoyable. It is to be hoped that he will have the opportunity to make good use of his language skills in the future and that they will continue to bring him success.

## GERMAN

### **Emma Srnková**

Throughout her IB course, Emma has unfailingly submitted work of the highest quality, demonstrating her clarity and

maturity of thought and her appreciation of what is required at this level of study. Her contributions to lessons have always been most welcome as they have helped to draw others into classroom discussions.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS AND SOCIETIES

### **Zhiyan Linová**

Throughout the course Zhiyan has been quietly working away at developing her understanding of the content. She has diligently read deeply through all of the case studies and extra readings. Her note taking and revision have been thorough, and she has been proactive in asking for clarification and support where required. As a result, she has a very good understanding of the subject particularly in the biodiversity conservation topics.

## THE ERNEST GELLNER PRIZE FOR THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

### **Michaela Vladyková**

Michaela has been awarded the Theory of Knowledge prize for her outstanding work on both the essay and the Exhibition. Her approach to the topics combined both creativity and analysis in a way that fulfils the central aim of the subject. Michaela has drawn on an articulate understanding of the principles of knowledge to reflect on both personal and academic knowledge. Certainly her originality, academic excellence and diligence will serve her well in her future medical studies.

#### THE JAN KOVAŘOVIC PRIZE FOR CAS

##### **Julie Anna Tlustá**

Julie has received the CAS award for her strong efforts and commitment over the entirety of the IB Diploma course. Her portfolio demonstrates a large variety of activities throughout the three components of Creativity, Action and Service. Special note should be taken of Julie's contribution to service where she has worked extensively with children in need and in supporting refugees from Ukraine.

#### THE VĚRA ČÁSLAVSKÁ PRIZE FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT - GIRL

##### **Veronika Vojtová**

Veronika deserves this prize for her typical 'fair play' performances even in the most escalated match situations in school PE

classes as well as the inter-school contests in which she has taken part. Even though she has stood out among her peers with her high level performance and skills, she has always maintained her modest and helpful nature, in any situation. In this way, she has been developing into a strong personality in all sports generally.

#### THE DOMINIK HAŠEK PRIZE FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT - BOY

##### **Vladimír Cirkl**

Vladimír deserves this prize for his consistent and devoted approach to sports generally, reflected especially in PE, and his exemplary performance in all different situations, in all different activities. He has never missed any classes, nor sought any excuses to make his life easier. Always giving his best to the advantage of all the people involved, Vladimír is a born team player.



One Eye Shut  
Johana Rejholcová

## Special Prizes

#### THE IVAN M. HAVEL PRIZE

##### **Nisan Yildiz**

Nisan exemplifies the spirit of the Ivan M. Havel Prize. She has shown, across many subjects, the hard work, resilience and determination that leads to great success. She has always shown a desire to succeed in Physics. Her passion for learning is exceptional, and she regularly looks for where Science 'in the classroom' can be applied to the wider world thus extending her understanding beyond that expected of an IB student. Nisan is also an inquisitive Mathematician with a natural flair for the subject who has demonstrated a clear understanding of the way abstract branches of Maths are applied to real life problems. She is expected to excel in a challenging undergraduate course as she has the ability, the positive approach and the discipline to do so. Never afraid

to ask questions and challenge teachers in lessons, she has already demonstrated many of the required attributes to make her a successful Engineer. She is analytical, shows innovation with her work and, above all, is willing to accept a challenge.

#### THE JAN BARTA PRIZE

##### **Alexandra Brízová**

Alexandra was an outstanding President of the Student Council where she demonstrated her strong leadership skills. She has done a lot for the school community, especially during lockdown when she organised online student clubs. She prepared an online winter olympics for students. She also designed and created a wellbeing questionnaire for students, to check on them during the closure. She organised the return of ECP hoodies, which proved to be very popular. She is

always involved in events like Founders' Day, Remembrance Week and the sale of poppies for the Royal British Legion, and the Christmas concert. Outside school she works for Milion Chvilek pro demokracii, preparing translations for the organisation. She is very much her own person; an individual and a character who is an inspiration both to her classmates and to the school as a whole.

#### THE KAREL SCHWARZENBERG PRIZE FOR HISTORY

### Michael Balamotis

Throughout his studies at the English College, Michael has proved himself to be a student who has shown an exceptional interest in the history and spirit of European development. In the IB History class he displayed a strong interest in and ability to understand and analyse the history of Europe in the 20th century. He understands European history in its broadest context of that of a continent rather than that of individual countries. He has also shown a strong ability to link past historical events to current events in European politics. In the IB Philosophy class he similarly showed a clear understanding of the history of European intellectual development from the Ancient Greeks to current European philosophical trends such as Critical Theory, Postmodernism and British analytic philosophy. In Theory of Knowledge he has also demonstrated the ability to understand the big picture, and always showed a clear grasp of the

development of knowledge over time. Overall, Michael is a student with a passion for understanding the cultural, intellectual, historical and political development of Europe over the past three thousand years.

#### THE CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS' PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

### Sabina Phanová

In terms of report grades and predicted IB marks, Sabina is at the top of her class. She works diligently with teacher and peer feedback to improve her performance on assessments; if she is not pleased with how she performed on a paper, she will ask to redo it until she achieves an exemplary result. Her easy-going demeanour camouflages a forceful drive to do her best; she is simply relentless in honing her skills and knowledge. Sabina's academic outcomes are a testament to her unflagging work ethic and her determination to stretch herself and achieve her fullest potential.

#### HEADMASTER'S PRIZE FOR THE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

### Olga Kosjakova

Olga is a wise young woman and shows maturity and understanding of complex issues beyond her years. In lower school, she produced assemblies and resources related to mental health, engaging with the PSME programme and enhancing it further by talking to year groups about what she had learnt about recognising

a potential decline in your mental health and wellbeing. Since then, she has continued to be very active in the background - not stopping at all, despite being in lockdown for almost two years of her ECP career. Last summer, once again recognising that students' mental health and wellbeing had suffered, she organised the production and sale of items such as wristbands and cloth bags, to again bring to the forefront such an important and relevant topic. She is an unofficial adviser to many of her peers and she is a well-deserved recipient of this award.

#### The LORD HOLME PRIZE FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

### Tomáš Nepala

An active member and outstanding Vice President of the Student Council as well as a mentor to two Year 1 students, Tomáš has engaged very strongly with the school community and worked hard to bring everyone closer together during the pandemic.

He cares about the world around him and has a genuine interest in making it better. He always seeks peaceful solutions to every conflict and is extremely kind and supportive of his fellow students. Tomáš worked very hard in support of the Tereza Maxová Foundation and coordinated Dostupné Doučování (Available Tutoring), where a team of about sixty volunteers support socially disadvantaged students with remote learning. A strong believer in financial literacy, he



Cultural Appropriation or Appreciation  
Johana Rejholcová

also launched a website, PlanetFinance, to educate individuals and help them develop the skills and knowledge to enable them to make informed decisions about their finances.

These projects encapsulate Tomáš's personality perfectly: he cares about others and he is prepared to use his initiative to find ambitious solutions to problems.

# A New Prize in 2022

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## The Karel Schwarzenberg Prize for History

The Karel Schwarzenberg Prize for History is awarded to a student who has shown exceptional interest in the history and spirit of European development. The prize recognises the ability to appreciate European heritage and to

be able to analyse history and make connections with the current political scene. The winner of the prize must show initiative in promoting the importance of a willingness to learn from understanding history. It also recognises hard work, enthusiasm and a readiness to go above and beyond the curriculum.

# A Note on the IB Prizes

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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 special prizes are also awarded in the name of those who have had a special relationship with the College or with whom we continue to celebrate a connection.

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## 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.



All Green  
Olga Kosjakova

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### 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 Lightfoot Prize for English has not been awarded this academic year.*

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### 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 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!"

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### 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.



Forgotten Hate Supporting  
Johana Rejholcová

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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, for his achievements as a translator, writer and teacher, made him an honorary Member

of the Order of the British Empire (MBE). 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.

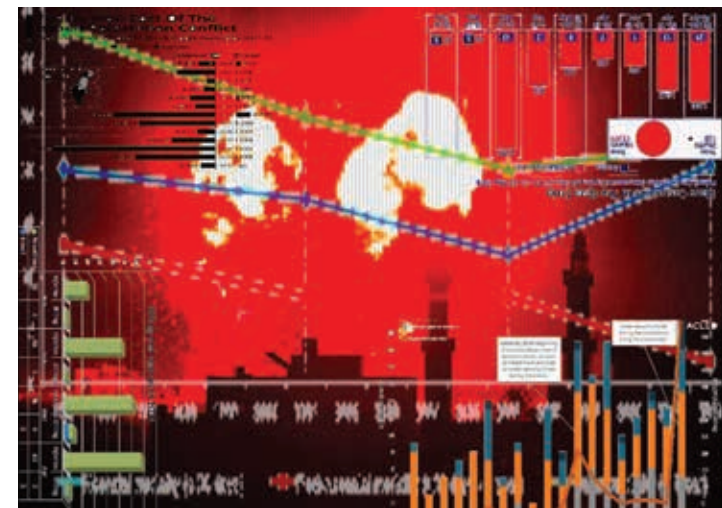
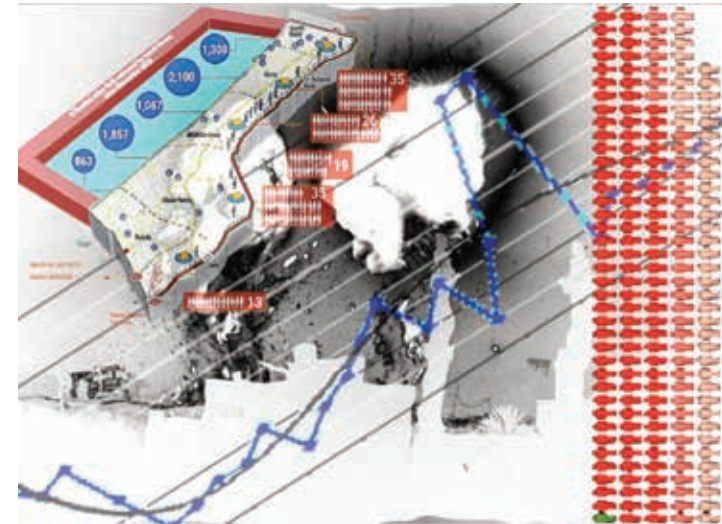
She established her own practice, concentrating more on interior design projects, including several retail shops for fashion designer Joseph Ettedgui. But it was her work on the interior design of the Lloyd's Headquarters that brought her to

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 at the VFN. Since 2019, Eva Jiříčná has been the head of CBRE Art of Space Awards, and in 2021, 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.



Media's War  
Johana Rejholcová

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### **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 so became a target of the Communist regime. She was also punished by Czechoslovakia's Communist authorities for her silent

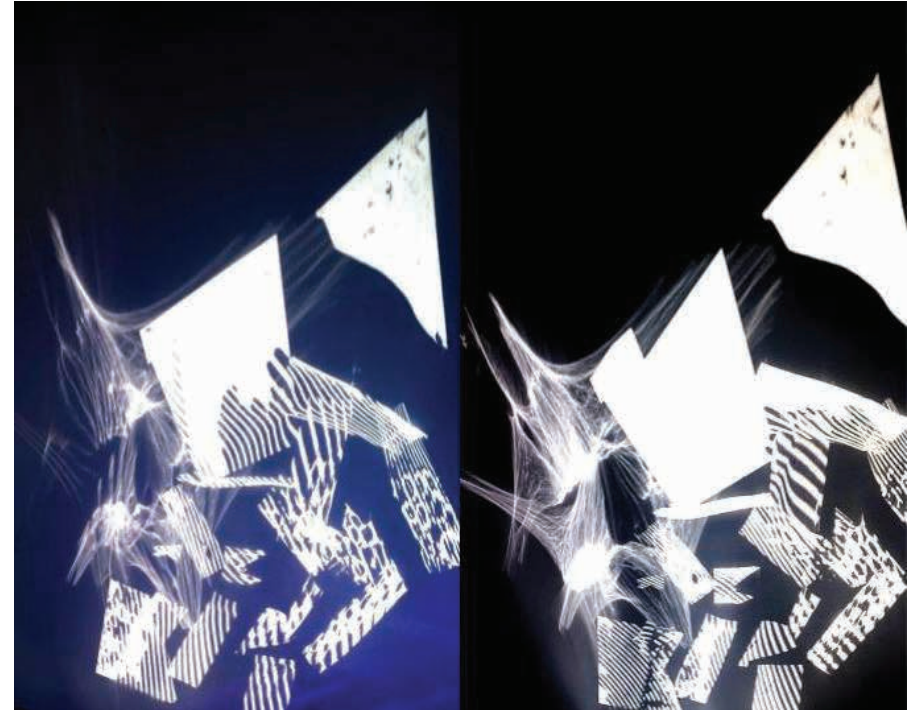
protest against the Soviets. For two decades she was barred from travelling or attending major sports events and often prevented from coaching children. Following the Velvet Revolution in 1989 that resulted in the fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia, Věra Čáslavská was President of first the Czechoslovak 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.

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### **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.







Reuse, Reduce, Recycle  
Aneta Řehořová

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### 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. Jan Kovařovic served as a Governor of the ECP for 23 years, from 1997 until his retirement in 2020.

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### 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 and inspiration 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 most significant work was his book Nations 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.”*

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### **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, whilst regularly visiting Europe and the Czech Republic. 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.*



Ghost Town  
Aneta Řehořová

# Special Prizes

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### **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).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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## The Ivan M. Havel Prize

This 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.

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Jewellery from trash  
Victor Slimák

# Welcome to 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 for nearly thirty 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 2022, 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.

Before the restrictions of Covid, our 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 for graduates, including reunions, 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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Enough Money but Empty Nets A, B  
Aneta Řehořová

# 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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