

## **SCHWARZENBERG**

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the English College in Prague on the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It is now a quarter of a century since the College first opened its doors to students in September 1994 and since then, I understand that over 1350 students have graduated from the College with the IB Diploma. They have gone out into the world as self-confident young people, fluent in English and qualified to study at the most prestigious universities around the world. They are pursuing careers in many professions and are great ambassadors for the Czech Republic.

I would encourage all your students to continue to follow the example of the College's Founders, who wanted to educate young people about the importance of developing their full potential, of encouraging each student to 'put something back' and of working for international understanding between nations.

On my visits to the College, I have been very impressed by its students and reminded that the achievements of a school are the result of the combined efforts of every individual – Founders, Governors, the Headmaster, teachers and staff, students and their parents.

An anniversary provides an opportunity not only to celebrate past achievements, but also to look forward to future successes and I know that the English College will continue to provide an excellent education for young people in the Czech Republic.

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