

GB Speech 2020 - Students

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen and anyone in between,

Here we are, almost at the end of our ECP careers. There is that slight hurdle of exams of course, but if we write with only blue or black ink, have a see through bottle without a label and place our watches on the desk in front of us... we should be fine. Take a good look at us now, because it will be a rare sight seeing us out in the open like this when pre-exam panic kicks in. That goes especially for you, parents, you might have to book an appointment to speak to your kid soon.

The smart bilingual cookies amongst you may have noticed that this was an inaccurate translation of what Sabina said. One of the frustrations of our bilingual education is being forced to translate everything word for word. Teachers constantly tell us to include everyone in conversations, but we all know they just want to listen in to the juicy gossip. Sometimes things simply cannot be directly translated to the same effect and Sabina and I realized this writing our speech for last year's ball. So as our last act of defiance before we leave, we will stick to these inaccurate translations.

You may notice that our ball is a little different from previous years. We decided to invite ECP's new fleet of little people to join us. We were by no means forced to do so by the upper school team, or influenced by the extra ticket revenue that would come from them and their families. We did this out of the kindness of our hearts and out of our passion for supporting the next generation. You also may have noticed that ticket price dropped from last year. Apparently there aren't many economics students in the GB committee... Two words: inelastic demand. Then again, some things never change. The teachers are still having trouble with the student-teacher dance, so we chose to restrict it to a simple blues yet again. We aren't perfect either, we finalized our surprise dance choreography earlier today.

As any class, we have had our ups and downs which includes all the phases teenagers go through in their highschool years. Many boys grew out their hair, we were at times too cool for school but we formed friendship groups that will hopefully last a lifetime. But now we stand here as grown-ups, ready to face any challenge, no matter what tomorrow brings. Now that's gotta be my best joke so far. (yeah right/I see ... looking at me like he completely disagrees with that)

On a serious note, the GB committee really did a great job organizing this amazing event and they deserve a big round of applause.

A big thank you to our sponsors for making today possible!

We would also like to thank our teachers for putting up with us all these years, and especially shout-out our tutors.

paní učitelce Bucharové

Mr. Hillier,

Mr. Athwal

And Mr. Ibbitson

We can not forget about the Upper school team lead by Mrs. Rankin

Mrs. Buchanan,

Ms. Collier,

Mr. Hill

Mr. Hudson,

We know you have been working hard to help us achieve our goals and we are truly grateful for all your efforts.

Also thank you to those who helped us choreograph tonight's dance performances.

Paní Gančevové

Mrs Gavriněvová and the man, the myth, the legend, Mr Gavriněv!

Thank you to both Mrs Švejdvová, the brains behind today's operation and Dr Brown, who has kept us motivated throughout the years.

And lastly we must of course thank our parents. They are the real MVPs in our lives and we hope that our surprise dance performance won't disappoint you too much.

Before we bid you a good evening, we would like to celebrate our years at ECP by ending our speech symbolically in a similar manner to our Headmaster, Dr Brown, and his assembly speeches..

Crossing this line symbolizes an opening of a new chapter in our lives.

Thank You!