

Welcome to the English College in Prague

A GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS 2022/2023



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Thank you for thinking about placing your son or daughter at the English College in Prague. I have been the Headmaster here for over six years now and the thrill of helping steer this wonderful school is as absorbing today as it was on that first day. I hope you find the prospect of sending your son or daughter here as exciting as we do the anticipation of them joining us.

We are a school under the jurisdiction of the Czech Ministry of Education, also a British independent school that is a member of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) group of schools in the United Kingdom and a fully certified COBIS (Council of British International Schools) training school. But enough of the badges and labels, what are we actually like?

We have a humanistic, liberal tradition, which essentially means being open minded, thoughtful and caring. Our primary focus is on building relationships for the purposes of improving the educational experience, but also for life in general. By following our curriculum that leads ultimately to the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) at 18 or 19, your son or daughter will qualify for admission to universities here in the Czech Republic, in Europe, in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world. The IB Diploma, if taken at the English College together with the State Maturita in Czech Language and Literature, is also recognised as the equivalent of the full Czech Maturita.

We provide an education that will generate not only the academic qualifications needed for higher education, but will also equip your son or daughter with the skills and values necessary for success in the workplace and to become a responsible citizen of an interdependent world. Perhaps even **:more**.

Do come and visit us to see what we have to offer – a unique blend of British and Czech elements where predominantly Czech students learn to think independently, gain confidence and fluency in English, but can do so without sacrificing their Czech language, literature and heritage.

As we have now finally purchased our building here in Vysočany, we can put down real roots here. We have ambitious plans to renovate and extend the site, so there is plenty to excite and stimulate us all here for a long time to come.

Dear Parents.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Nigel Brown Headmaster

What does the English College in Prague stand for?

Mission Statement

The English College in Prague was established, and continues to exist, to provide an Englishmedium education for young people in Prague, primarily of Czech origin, which is second to none academically but also develops every individual's potential to the full and prepares them for the practical, social, intellectual and moral challenges that they will face in today's globalised society.

Message from Lord Holme of Cheltenham, our Founder Chairman of Governors

Lord Holme was instrumental in the founding of the College and was its first Chairman of Governors. He considered the following principles to be central to our mission:

- 1. The concept of developing each student's full human potential. Genetic inheritance confers upon each of us a bundle of talents, aptitudes and responses and the life chances that go with them. It is one of the roles of education to identify and nurture these potentials and to raise them further so that each student realises his or her fullest self.
- 2. The ideal of a community built on reciprocity. A school is a community in miniature and it should be guided by mutual care and respect with each student "putting back" into the common store of good will and positive actions at least as much as they take out. Dealings between members of the school community should be characterised by care, consideration and courtesy.
- 3. The importance of international understanding, not just between the UK and the Czech Republic, with ties of language, literature and learning but throughout the larger family of mankind when so many shared problems can only be solved by shared values and shared actions. We are educating responsible and aware citizens of an ever-smaller interdependent world.



Our current vision for the next 5 years

The current vision for the English College is built on the school's founding Mission Statement and Lord Holme's Three Guiding Principles. Maintaining its focus on relationships and academic aspirations, the College's 5-year vision is to routinely hit an average of 35 IB points (expecting 36 occasionally), but without squeezing out the passion, individuality or the wellbeing of our students, nor the extensive range of co-curricular activities and events that define the school's approach to holistic education.

It further intends to fulfil its ambition to modernise and extend its premises, creating a unique fusion of modern and traditional styles to inspire great teaching and learning. Consistent with positioning itself as a leading COBIS and HMC school, it aspires to strengthen connections between what is taught in the classroom and wider Czech society, but also our connections to the UK through teacher training, teacher collaboration and exchanges with our partner schools there and in Europe.



The English College Foundation and the Origins of the ECP

The English College Foundation is a UK registered charity, established in 1992 by the ECP's first Chairman of Governors, the late Lord Holme, and Founder Governor Ann Lewis who, together with others, led the long and sometimes challenging task of opening the English College in September 1994, with Hubert Ward as its first Headmaster.

The inspiration for the College came as a result of a meeting in 1990 between President Havel and the British Foreign Office Minister, William Waldegrave. Ann Lewis was one of the Minister's advisors and at that meeting, it was suggested that a project be launched to revive the tradition of a British-style education in Prague, established by the old Prague English Grammar School, which opened in 1927 before being closed down by the Nazis. It had a brief re-flowering after the war, but was finally closed down for good by the Communists in 1954.

One of our former Governors, Jan Kovařovic, was a pupil at the school and speaks with gratitude and affection about their teachers including Mr Slavík, who was arrested in 1950 and spent time in prison for anti-state activities – for producing a leaflet commemorating the anniversary of President Masaryk. A team of British and Czech supporters, including Ann Lewis, Dr Martyn Bond and Lord Holme, our first Chairman of Governors, set up a UK registered charity – the English College Foundation. These early supporters had been on the point of giving up because of the difficulty in finding a suitable home for the school and were therefore very grateful to Prague 9 Council and the Mayor at the time, Tomáš Szennai, for the offer of our building on Sokolovská. Originally secured on a 25-year lease, we were finally able to purchase the free-hold in August 2021, thus securing the building for future generations of students. Architects have completed an exciting plan to develop the site and we look forward to being able to offer increased and improved facilities for students and staff as we approach our 30th anniversary in 2024-25.

The English College Foundation continues to help and support the ECP today. Its members take great pleasure in seeing our graduates make their way in their chosen careers and they continue to support the College with regular donations, including money raised at garden parties generously held by the Czech Ambassador in London. Welcome additions to our facilities - the drama studio and music courtyard - were made possible by donations from the ECF, together with a new English College Foundation Scholarship.







1989

November

Václav Havel

becomes President of a free, democratic

1990

February

Meeting between **President Havel** and British Foreign Minister, William Waldegrave, with British Ambassador Laurence O'Keeffe, & ECP Founder Governor, Ann Lewis, at which the idea of a successor to the Prague English Grammar School is

March

first suggested.

President Havel's first official visit to the UK where he is guest of honour at a lunch hosted by the Lord Mayor of London. Sir Brian Jenkins, attended by Founder Governor, **Martyn** Bond, Head of the European Parliament Office in London.

1991

February

in Prague Steering Group set up.

1992

May

English College in Prague project launched at the British Embassy in Praque. **HRH The Prince** of Wales and **President Havel**

agree to become joint patrons of the English College Foundation.

September

Hubert Ward

appointed the ECP's first Headmaster.

1993

January

Founder Governor, Ladislav Venyš, become The English

October

The Czech Education Ministry officially recognises the IB and the ECP signs up its first student, Kryštof Mejstřik.

1994

4 September

Prague opens for the first time, with 117

1995

7 April

Official Opening of the English College by UK Foreign Office Minister **Baroness Chalker of** Wallasey, and Czech Education Minister, Ivan Pilip.

8

1996

lune

Hubert Ward is awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

September

Albert Hudspeth

First ECP students sit

IB examinations.

2001

Roof Conversion officially opened by **Lord Holme** and Karel Kühnl

September

Student numbers pass 300 for the first time.

1997 2002

October

Radka Kučerová (2003) and Milan Reiholec (2003) receive commendations from the Society of Czech Architects for their work with flood relief projects.

1999

May

July

Monika Žáková (1999) becomes the first ECP student to achieve 45 at IB – one of only 27 worldwide.

December

The Student Council presented 71,000 Kč to the Klíček Foundation at a televised concert - the second largest donation after the President's. 40.000 Kč of the total was raised at the Christmas Fair.

2000 30 October

Visit to the ECP by **HRH The Prince** of Wales and the creation of 22 ECP Prince of Wales

2003

January

Peter De Voil becomes the ECP's third Headmaster.

2004

September

The ECP celebrates its **Tenth Anniversary.**

2005

July

Miriam Kürtösiová

2008

May

Death of ECP's first Chairman of Governors, Lord Holme.

Baroness Rawlings

becomes the new Chairman of Governors.

2009

September

Mark Waldron becomes the ECP's fourth Headmaster.

2010

March

HRH The Prince of Wales's second visit to the English

October

Re-naming of the Governors, Lord Holme.

November

The unveiling of the end of WW1

2011

July

Alexander Malanyuk (2011) achieves 56 at IB, by taking 8 subjects and getting 6 and 7

in the extra subjects.

September

Introduction of the Barta Scholarships.

Official opening of new Chemistry

18 December

Death of Founder Patron, Václav Havel.

2012

May

Visit to the ECP by English Philosopher, Prof A. C. Grayling.

July

Cam Nhung Duong achieves 45 at IB.

5 September

Official opening of new Biology laboratories by the Mayor of Prague 9, **Ing. Jan** larolím.

September

First ECP Havel Scholarship awarded.

2013

lune

Inaugural Group 4 collaboration with the 1st International School of Ostrava.

July

1000th ECP student graduates with the IB

September

Simon Marshall becomes the ECP's fifth Headmaster.

24 October

Founders' Day and first visit by ECP's new Czech Patron, Karel

Schwarzenberg.

2014

The ECP celebrates its **Twentieth Anniversary**

2015

May

The ECP Network

September

Visit to the ECP by and Founder Director of the English College Foundation, **Prof Sir** Roger Scruton.

2016

September

Dr Nigel Brown the ECP's sixth

February

Alexander Vondra, journalist, **Silvia**

2017

lanuary

Visit to the ECP by Michael Žantovský. Czech Ambassador to the UK 2009-2015.

February

Founder Director of the English College Foundation and Founder Governor, Ann Lewis CMG. becomes Chairman

of the ECP Board

of Governors.

2018

May

Visit by HE **Nick Archer** MVO, the British Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

2019

ECP celebrates 25th anniversary of the school's foundation.

The new Prince of Wales Scholarship is established.

2020

The creation of **The** Schwarzenberg Scholarship.

Lucie Samcová.

2000 graduate. becomes ECP's first

2021

January

Denis Keefe CMG of Governors

August

School building 9 and architects develop the site.

2022

March

ECP welcomes Ukrainian refugee students, following on 24 February.

September

Prague 9 name the square in front of the school náměstí Alžběty II in honour of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Patrons of the English College in Prague

We are proud that two distinguished people, President Václav Havel and Charles, Prince of Wales, now King Charles III, agreed to be Founder Patrons of our school when the English College was established in 1994. Our Royal Patron has visited the school on two occasions, most recently in 2010.

HRH The Prince of Wales - Message on the occasion of the ECP's 25th anniversary

Over the years, during my visits to Prague, I have been particularly pleased to have the opportunity to meet so many of the staff and students and to see for myself the open and engaging environment the College provides, as well as the international outlook it encourages in its students. I am glad to hear that many of them go on to study at top universities in the United Kingdom, and that the first graduates of the English College are now pursuing successful careers both in the Czech Republic and beyond. I have every confidence that in the years to come alumni of the College will be amongst the future leaders of the Czech Republic - in politics, in law, in the diplomatic service, in science and the arts, in the voluntary sector and in business. I would like to send my very best wishes to everyone at the English College the staff, Governors, current students and alumni, and their families. I trust that the English College will continue to provide an outstanding example of the best of British education adapted to the special circumstances of the Czech Republic, and to offer a vital and much-valued connection between our two countries.



The Prince of Wales – Patron

Václav Havel († 18. 12. 2011)

"I appreciate the English College's insistence on combining high academic standards with personal achievement in areas such as art and music, sport and debating, and strong sense of community involvement. The students emerge self-confident and articulate, fluent in English and at home on the international scene."



Karel Schwarzenberg

"I treat it as a singular honour to have been invited to succeed our former President Václav Havel as Joint Patron of the English College in Prague, alongside HRH The Prince of Wales. The College is a shining example of Anglo-Czech cooperation for the noblest of purposes: educating coming generations in the values and principles which have sustained our own. From the modest beginnings of the project some twenty years ago, it has developed into one of the leading educational establishments in the capital, attracting not only many gifted young Czech students but also those from a variety of other countries living here in Prague. It is both Czech and international, a combination that brings out the best from both backgrounds."



Karel Schwarzenberg – Patron

Members of the Board of Governors

The English College was made possible by a charitable trust in the UK, the English College Foundation. The Foundation raised the money to establish and develop the College. The Foundation entrusts the daily management of the College to the Headmaster and his team but they are overseen by a group of appointees called College Governors. These people are nominated for the service they can provide to the College from their professional backgrounds and positions in the UK and the Czech Republic. They receive no financial reward for their service, which is highly valued by the College and the Foundation. They meet three times a year at the College.



Chairman **Denis Keefe CMG**

Recently retired as a member of the Senior Directing Staff at the Royal College of Defence Studies, Denis joined HM Diplomatic Service in 1982 after grammar school in Essex, an MA in Classics from Cambridge and post-graduate research in Hellenistic Poetry at Oxford. His first posting was to Prague during the Cold War, where he managed the Embassy's contacts with dissidents including

Václav Havel. He has served in Nairobi, Prague (as Deputy Head of Mission during the Czech Republic's preparations to join NATO and the EU), Tbilisi (as Ambassador) and Moscow (as Minister).

Denis has worked in London on the EU Single Market, German Unification and relations with China, Japan, India and other countries of the Far East and the Subcontinent. At the Cabinet Office in 2002-3 he led the team drawing up the UK's first Counter Terrorism Strategy. His last posting was as British Ambassador to Serbia, from 2014-2019.

He was a Governor of the ECP from 1998-2002, re-joining the Board in 2019, and becoming Chairman in 2020. He is also Chairman of the Honorary Patrons Committee of Belhospice, the campaign to establish the first Hospice in Serbia. He has six children (four of whom attended primary school in Prague), and speaks Czech.



Deputy Chairman (Czech) Doc. Ing. Zdeněk Tůma CSc.

After graduating from the University of Economics in Prague, Zdeněk completed his postgraduate studies at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. At the beginning of the 1990s, he participated in the reintroduction of Economics education at Charles University where he was appointed an Associate Professor. He continues to lecture at Charles University, specialising in central banking and financial

regulation. In 2000, Zdeněk was appointed Governor of the Czech National Bank where he served until 2010. He was a partner at KPMG Czech Republic from 2011-2019 and is now Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ČSOB. He is also a member of the scientific and statutory boards of several universities and a member of the Czech Economic Society, of which he was President from 1999-2001. Zdeněk Tůma has been a Governor of the ECP since 2001 and is Chairman of the Finance Committee.



Deputy Chairman (British) Elizabeth Cooke

A former teacher in the UK where she was Assistant Principal (Pastoral) at High Ongar Primary School in Essex, she has also served as Chair of the Governing Body of a primary school. Her father, Nicholas Morris, was both a Governor of the ECP and also a Director of the English College Foundation, and Elizabeth's first official involvement with the College was also as a Director of the ECF, taking over as Chairman in 2017. She became a Governor of the ECP in 2011 and is now Deputy Chairman (UK) and a member of the Finance and Education Committees.

Members

Dr Barbara Day MBE PhD

A writer, translator and lecturer, Barbara first came to Prague in the mid-1960s to study at DAMU and wrote her PhD on the Czech Theatre at Bristol University, where she organised a festival of Czech culture in 1985. She then worked for the Jan Hus Educational Foundation at the time of the "underground university", moving to the Czech Republic after 1989 to help establish the NGO sector. Since then, she has been teaching at SIT, CERGE-UPCES and DAMU, as well as translating for Prague Castle, Charles University and other institutions, and writing - her latest work, published in 2019, is Trial by Theatre: Reports on Czech Drama. She was awarded the Commemorative Medal of President Václav Havel in 1998 and the MBE in 2002 and is a Board member of the Československé dokumentační středisko and patron of the Jan Hus Educational Foundation. Barbara became a Governor of the English College in 1995 and serves on the Education Committee. She is also Chairman of the ECP School Council.

Simon Eliot

Headmaster of Sherborne School 2000 to 2010. Former Chairman of HMC South West and Housemaster of Winchester College. Simon Eliot has been a Governor of the English College since 2010 and is a member of the Education Committee.

Petr Fiman FRM

Petr Fiman is a 2004 ECP graduate and the first alumnus to become a member of the Board of Governors, which he joined in 2016. He also serves on the Finance Committee. He has a BSc in Economics and an MSc in Finance from the London School of Economics. He joined Deutsche Bank in London on a graduate scheme in Credit Risk Management in 2007, moving to Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 2010 and is now Senior Risk Specialist for Ezpada s.r.o.

Jan Grozdanovič LLB

An ECP Governor since 2004, and a member of the Finance Committee, Jan Grozdanovič is a solicitor admitted to practice in the Czech Republic and England based in Prague. He is Chairman of British Czech and Slovak Law Association and former member of the Board of the British Chamber of Commerce.

PhDr. Miroslava Kopicová

Former Czech Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, who has led various EU collaborative programmes for employment, education and social policy and the first Director of the National Education Fund (NVF). She is a member of the managing bodies of VŠE and VŠFS universities, serves on the OECD LEED Committee and is an external examiner for the MBA at Sheffield Hallam University in the UK. Miroslava became a Governor of the ECP in 2019.

Viktor Kotlán

Studied in the Czech Republic, USA and Holland. Professionally, he is responsible for balance sheet management at the largest Czech retail bank, Česká spořitelna. Prior to his current assignment, he held several management positions in ČS and acted as the bank's Chief Economist. He began his career at the Czech National Bank where he headed the Monetary Policy and Strategy department. Viktor holds a PhD in Economics and is a board member of the Czech Economic Society. Viktor is the proud father of two great children and a lover of cycling and cross-country skiing. An ECP Governor since 2019, he is a member of the Finance Committee.

JUDr. Karel Kühnl

Karel Kühnl has been a Governor of the English College since 1997 and both his children are graduates of the ECP.

He studied Law at Charles University in the 1970s, but was prevented from taking his finals for political reasons and emigrated to Austria, where he studied Economics at the University of Vienna. He finally graduated as a Doctor of Law in 1991. Karel worked as a freelance journalist in Vienna and later went to Munich to work as an economics and politics editor and analyst at Radio Free Europe. After 1989, he returned to Czechoslovakia and became economic adviser to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic (then part of Czechoslovakia). He served as Chairman of the Board of Czech Television before becoming Czech Ambassador to the UK from 1993-97. From 1998 to 2006 he was a member of the Czech Parliament. He served as Minister of Industry and Trade (1997 to 1998) and as Minister of Defence (2004 to 2006). Later on, diplomatic appointments followed in Croatia and St Petersburg, Russia, before he returned to Prague in 2019 to take up the post of Ambassador-at-large.

Ann Lewis CMG BA

After grammar school and university in Leeds and four years in Finland, Ann joined the Foreign Office. She spent most of her diplomatic career on the Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe, serving at Embassies in Moscow (until expelled in 1971 in retaliation for the UK's expulsion of 105 Russian spies), Helsinki and East Berlin, and on secondment to the Cabinet Office. A long stint in the Eastern European Department (non-Soviet Warsaw Pact countries) straddled the events of 1989 and included the invention and early running of the Know-How Fund. She retired as Head of Cultural Relations at the FCO.

Since her retirement from the Foreign Office, Ann has edited books on the EU's relations with Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, and two books on the history of the English College. She is also a long-standing Trustee of The BEARR Trust, which supports health and welfare NGOs in the former countries of the Soviet Union.

Ann is a Founder Governor of the English College, becoming Deputy Chairman and then Chairman of Governors from 2017 to 2020.

Margaret Rudland

Margaret was the Head of Godolphin and Latymer School in London from 1986 until 2008. She also taught Mathematics there between 1967 and 1970 before working as a VSO in Nigeria. At St Paul's Girls' School, from 1972 to 1983, she became Head of Mathematics and Second Mistress, moving to Norwich High School as Deputy Head. In 1996 she was President of the Girls' Schools Association. She has served on the General Teaching Council of England and the Boards of UCAS, The English Speaking Union, AGBIS and the Council of University College London. She has been an ECP Governor since 2008 and is Chairman of the Education Committee.

Katie Schoultz

International lawyer, real estate specialist, sustainability champion, strategy fanatic and women's advocate. Originally from the UK, Katie has lived and worked in Prague as a lawyer since 2001. Before moving to the Czech Republic, she graduated from Oxford University with a BA in Jurisprudence, trained as a lawyer in London, qualifying as an English Solicitor, then moved for 2 years to New York, and qualified as a New York State Bar Attorney. After a short stint at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at the United Nations in Manhattan, as an administrative volunteer and speech writer, she moved to Prague where she lives with her two children.

Katie has been Group General Counsel for P3 Logistic Parks since January 2015, adding the role of Sustainability Officer in 2017, responsible for shaping and implementing P3's sustainability strategy and culture. She joined the ECP Board of Governors in 2016 and is a member of the Finance Committee.

Co-opted member of the Education Committee - Mgr. Johana HeřmánkováTeacher of the History and Theory of Literature at Konzervatoř a vyšší odborná škola Jaroslava Ježka and Research and Educational Programmes Manager (literature) at the Institut pro studium literatury ops. Formerly PhD Admissions and Development Coordinator and Founder and Manager of Projects in Applied Economics for Talented Students at CERGE-EI (Centre for Economic Research and Graduate Studies); teacher of Philosophy at the Lauderovy školy v Praze.







Headmaster & Registrar

Dr	Nigel	Brown	Headmaster; Thinking Science
Mrs	Stanislava	Jirešová	Registrar, e-mail: admissions@englishcollege.cz

Teaching Staff

Mr	Adrian	Anet	Spanish
Dr	Harprit	Athwal	Head of Chemistry; Science
Mrs	Agathe	Avila	Spanish
Mr	Samuel	Bale	Physics, Science
Ms	Monika	Baťková	Senior Tutor - Head of Ventus House; German
Ms	Caroline	Baxter	Head of Learning Support
Mr	Laurence	Baxter	Deputy Head Pastoral & Wellbeing; Designated Safeguarding Lead; History, TOK
Mrs	Anna	Beard	English; English Support; English Entrance Exam Preparation Coordinator
Ms	Katalin	Biró	Biology, Chemistry, Science
Mr	Glenn	Bleaks	Senior Tutor - Head of Aqua House; Head of French & Exchange Co-ordinator; TOK
Ms	Veronika	Bucharová	Czech
Mr	Vojtěch	Bureš	Music
Ms	Terri	Collier	Head of Humanities; Head of Psychology; Head of TOK; Upper School Support
Mr	Gary	Cossins	English
Ms	Ann	Daly	Head of Geography; Extended Essay Coordinator; Humanities
Mr	Stephen	Elder	Head of English
Mr	Tony	Emmerson	Senior Deputy Head; Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead; Applied Technology, Chemistry
Mr	James	Foster	Head of Modern Foreign Languages; Spanish, German
Ms	Jana	Fuchsová	PE & Sports; The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award
Mr	David	Gwilt	English
Mrs	Marie	Gwiltová	Czech
Mr	Nicholas	Hill	Head of Careers and Upper School Tutor Coordinator; Head of History, Czech Humanities
Mr	Stephen	Hudson	IBDP Coordinator; Head of Philosophy; Exams Officer
Mr	Daniel	Ibbitson	Head of Computer Science, E-learning Coordinator, Teacher Training Lead
Mr	Matthew	Jarvis	Mathematics
Mrs	Jaime	Kister	English
Ms	Jean	Kerr	Head of Science; Biology, Science
Mr	Jan	Klaus	PE & Sports; The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Ms	Beathe	Linde	Cultural Studies, Drama
Ms	Katy	MacLeod	Head of the Arts Faculty; Director of External Arts Events
Mrs	Markéta	Mašovská	Czech Humanities
Mr	Craig	Mayall	Science
Mr	Kilian	McGrath	Science
Mr	Marco	McKee	English
Ms	Catherine	Morgan	Head of Drama
Mrs	Daniela	Ogden	Czech, French
Mr	Mark	Paterson	CAS Coordinator; Humanities, Environmental Systems & Societies
Mrs	Barbora	Pávková	Russian
Ms	Dana	Peerless	Czech
Ms	Elizabeth	Platt	Head of Physics
Mr	Gareth	Pugh	German
Mrs	Emily	Rankin	Deputy Head Upper School / Teaching & Learning; English
Ms	Gail	Reardon	Timetable Coordinator; Head of Mathematics
Мr	Jon	Redding	Director of PE, Sports & The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award
Ms	Helen	Sartain	Senior Tutor – Head of Terra House; Head of PSME; Mathematics, TOK
Mrs	Kayti	Selbie	Teacher Librarian; English
Dr	Josef	Švéda	Head of Czech; Czech Teacher Training
Mrs	Alena	Švejdová	Deputy Head Co-Curriculum; MPP Manager; Czech, Czech Humanities
Mr	Francesco	Tognini	Mathematics
Иs	Akiko	Uriu	Mathematics & Computer Science
Or	Gaelle	Vassogne	History, English
Иs	Alison	Vella	Head of Business Studies; Geography
Mr	David	Wyllyams	Senior Tutor - Head of Ignis House; Head of Economics, History
Dr	Diana	Young	History, TOK



Important Dates for the Academic Year 2023/2024

OPEN DAYS:

• Open Days: 23 November 2022 • 12 January 2023 • 6 February 2023

AUTUMN 2023

Start of term

Half-term

Student holiday/Staff training

Student holiday/Staff training End of term

SPRING 2024

Start of term
School reports
Czech schools' holiday/Staff training

Half-term End of term Wednesday 3 January

Monday 23 - Friday 27 October

Monday 4 September

Thursday 16 November Friday 15 December

Wednesday 31 January

Friday 2 February

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

Friday 22 March

SUMMER 2024

Start of term
Student holiday/Staff training
End of term and school reports

Monday 8 April Monday 3 June Friday 28 June

Public holidays: 28 September, 28 October, 17 November, 1 May, 8 May

Daily Routine

Registration	08.10 – 08.30
Period 1	08.30 – 09.15
Period 2	09.15 – 10.00
Morning Break	10.00 - 10.20
Period 3	10.20 – 11.05
Period 4	11.05 – 11.50
Lunch	11.50 – 12.45
Period 5	12.45 – 13.30
Period 6	13.30 – 14.15
Afternoon Break	14.15 – 14.25
Period 7	14.25 – 15.10
Period 8	15.10 – 15.55



Extra-curricular activities take place during lunch breaks, after school or at other times by arrangement.

The College is officially open between 7.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday during term time. We cannot take responsibility for students on or around the premises before or after these times. Students should not be in the school building before 7.30am or after 4.30pm unless they have made a specific arrangement with a teacher.

Academic Programme

The College offers a unified curricular programme for all students in their first four years of study, which both prepares them for the IB Diploma and also covers the Czech national curriculum. All subjects are taught in English, apart from Czech and Modern Languages, which are taught in the target language. In Years 5 and 6 all students study for the International Baccalaureate Diploma. In addition, we also prepare those on the IB & Maturita Programme for the Czech Maturita, which is taught alongside the IB Diploma. The IB Diploma allows students who wish to take the Maturita to be exempt from all other Maturita examinations except those in Czech Language and Literature.

It is an important principle of our academic programmes that students are rewarded for positive achievement – what they know, understand and can do – rather than being penalised for an accumulation of errors. As well as testing whether students can recall information and present it in an orderly manner, the curriculum encourages:

- The development of literacy and practical skills
- An investigative and creative approach
- The use of initiative and logic to solve problems
- The application of skills, knowledge and understanding
- Digital literacy and the effective use of ICT



Foundation Programme (Years 1 - 2, students aged 13 - 15)

UK & Czech Equivalent Years 8 & 9

The Foundation Programme introduces students to a wide range of subjects, developing both their subject knowledge and the English skills needed to access the curriculum and communicate effectively.

Year 1 is designed to allow students to make rapid progress in English and also to become acquainted with a practical and reflective approach to learning. Students follow a broad curriculum of English, Czech, Mathematics, General Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), History, Geography, Computer Science, a Modern Foreign Language (French, German or Spanish), Art, Music, Drama, Physical Education (PE) and Personal, Social and Moral Education (PSME). A large number of lessons are devoted to English Language preparation. Students can study Czech either as a first or second language. In Year 2 students continue the broad curriculum of Year 1 and prepare for the increasing demands of Years 3 to 6. In both Years 1 and 2 there is a high level of embedded Information and Communication Technology (ICT) content, and it is expected that all pupils are able to bring a laptop into school when requested.







Pre-IB Programme (Years 3 - 4, students aged 15 - 17)

UK Equivalent Years 10 & 11; 1st and 2nd year of 4-year Czech grammar schools

All Year 3 and 4 students follow our two-year Pre-IB course, at the end of which they will sit a combination of internal and external examinations in a wide range of subjects. These are academic courses and involve both factual learning and the development of the skills needed to lead happy and successful lives beyond school. They form an excellent and rigorous preparation for the IB Diploma Programme.

Our bespoke Pre-IB curriculum was specifically created by our teachers to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to succeed when studying for the IB Diploma. Assessments are designed to mirror the style of assessment encountered in Years 5 and 6, and students will be encouraged to think and work creatively.

At the end of Year 4 all students will be expected to take external examinations in English (IGCSE or Cambridge English), Mathematics (IGCSE) and a Modern Foreign Language (Common European Framework). For those taking Performing Arts there is also the option of taking the LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exam. All other subjects will be assessed by a combination of continual assessment and end-of-year exams set by ECP.

All students are required to study the following subjects:

English Language & Literature; Czech; one of either French, German or Spanish; Changing Times and Changing World (Humanities); Biology, Chemistry and Physics; Mathematics; Physical Education*; PSME*.

Students will then choose to take one of the following subjects:

- Visual Arts*
- Performing Arts (Drama and Music
- Computer Science
- Business Studies or an extra Language qualification (usually Russian).

Students who do not choose to take either Visual Arts or Performing Arts must also take one extra lesson of Cultural Studies*.

Year 4 internal examinations will take place in June. Year 4 students will remain in school until their internal exams. If they have an external examination during this time, they are excused from school on the exam day and the day before to help them prepare.

The curriculum in Years 3 and 4 is demanding and will certainly stretch students academically. They will need to work hard throughout the two years, avoid being absent and keep up-to-date with their work. As Information and Communication Technology (ICT) content is integrated into all subjects, all pupils are expected to bring a laptop into school when requested.

^{*}These subjects are continually assessed, with no final examination.

International Baccalaureate (Years 5 - 6, students aged 16 - 19)

UK & Equivalent Years 12 & 13, 3rd and 4th year of Czech grammar schools

"A School offering both the IB and Maturita"

The English College is unusual in Prague in that we also prepare students for the Czech State Maturita examination alongside the IB Diploma, which allows those students who take this option the choice of universities in the Czech Republic as well as across the globe. Increasingly we are seeing our students study in a broader range of locations and our key priority is to enable them to compete successfully for places at the top universities in the world.

The International Baccalaureate (IB)

Students follow a course of study that leads to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme qualification. The IB Programme is designed to 'develop enquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people, who will help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.' It is a prestigious, demanding two-year programme with end-of-course examinations designed for highly motivated students. We are following the IBO's General Regulations for the IB Diploma Programme. The document is also available in the School Policies section on ECP website.

Students can opt for a Maturita route, which requires the study of Czech Language and Literature as well as English and another Modern Foreign Language and leads to qualifications in both the IB and Czech Maturita. Students currently may also opt for a non-Maturita route, which does not have such restrictions but leads to qualification only in the IB Diploma. For students whose native language is not Czech or English we can offer the possibility of studying the native language as 'self-taught'; this can be only taken at Standard Level and requires independent work on the part of the student. The ECP will assist with coordinating and supervising the student's work. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact the IBDP Coordinator.

About the IB Philosophy and Structure

The IB Diploma Programme was born of efforts to establish a common curriculum and university entry credential for students moving from one country to another. International educators were motivated by practical considerations but also by an idealistic vision. They believed that students should share an academic experience that would emphasise critical thinking, intercultural understanding and exposure to a variety of points of view.

To be eligible for the award of the IB Diploma, all candidates must:

- Study six subjects, one subject from each of the groups mentioned below
- Study three of these six subjects at Higher Level and three at Standard Level
- Submit an Extended Essay of up to 4,000 words in one of the subjects of the IB curriculum
- Complete the Theory of Knowledge course
- Complete the Creativity-Action-Service programme

Group 1: Language A (native language): The IB & Maturita Programme students study Czech. For other students the Language A is English or their own mother tongue (for which the College supports students doing the SL self-taught route.

Group 2: Language B (second or foreign language): English B, French B, German B or Spanish B. We sometimes also offer Russian B (subject to demand and teacher availability) and an ab initio language for pupils who have not studied a language before, or whose current level of ability is not high enough to access the Language B curriculum. The courses in Language B are practical and language-based. Alternatively, students may study a second Language A and earn a bilingual IB Diploma.

The IB states that "Language ab initio and Language B courses are language acquisition courses - designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop in a language in addition to their home/personal/best language(s). They are not designed for students entering the course who already have the ability to communicate confidently and proficiently in that specific language." As the IB says "misplacement may be considered school maladministration according to Academic Integrity," we cannot place native speakers of a language into that Language B class. By doing so, we risk our status as an IB school. Parents and students must carefully consider IB language choices offered by the ECP in the years before entering the Diploma Programme to ensure suitable options are available that do not violate IB regulations.

Group 3: Individuals and Societies: Economics, Geography, History, Environmental Systems, Philosophy or Psychology.

Group 4: Experimental Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Systems, Physics or Computer Science.

Group 5: Mathematics: Mathematics Analysis HL and SL, Mathematics Applications SL.

Group 6: Arts: Theatre or Visual Arts or a second subject from Groups 1 to 4.

Please note that not all courses run every year. In particular if fewer than 4 students choose a course then the College may not run it that year.

The Extended Essay: This is a 4,000 word essay. Each student has the opportunity to investigate a topic of special interest. The essay requirements acquaint students with the kind of independent research and writing skills expected by universities. It should be written in one of the six IB subjects being studied by a student.

Theory of Knowledge (ToK): The course researches the issue 'How we learn', challenging students to question the basis of knowledge, to be aware of subjective and ideological biases and to develop the ability to analyse evidence that is expressed in rational argument. It aims to develop intellectual honesty in making knowledge claims.

Creativity-Action-Service (CAS): Creativity-Action-Service (CAS): The IB Diploma Programme's goal is to educate the whole person and foster responsible, compassionate citizens. The CAS component encourages students to share their energy, enthusiasm and special talents with others. Students may, for example, participate in theatre or musical productions, sport activities, community service and charity activities. Students should, through these activities, develop greater awareness of themselves, concern for others, and the ability to work cooperatively with other people.

Assessment of the Programme: The IB Diploma Programme has earned a reputation for rigorous assessment. The grading system is criterion-referenced, which means that each student's performance is measured against well-defined levels of achievement. IB points (grades) range from 1 point (minimum) to 7 points (maximum) at both Standard and Higher Level. The award of the Diploma requires at least 24 points and the successful completion of the Theory of Knowledge course, the Extended Essay and CAS. Our results are consistently above the IB World Average.

We have developed the Annex section of our campus into an International Baccalaureate Centre where students can find support for their academic courses and preparation for university and careers. Predominantly IB classes take place in the Centre and our experienced Upper School Team's office is also located there.

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Czech Maturita

The Maturita qualification is awarded if a student a) passes the IB Diploma, b) achieves a passing grade in all their subjects at the end of Year 6 and c) passes the examinations in Czech Language and Literature set by CERMAT. Those taking the Maturita should study Czech at Higher or Standard Level for IB.

Maturita students who achieve the B1 qualification in a Modern Foreign Language, which they study at ECP (French, German or Spanish) before Year 5 do not need to take a third language (in addition to Czech and English) in Years 5 and 6 unless it is one of their IB choices. All other students must either choose the third language as an IB option, or attend non-IB language classes until they achieve the B1 qualification.

The external examinations set by CERMAT are currently taken by ECP students in April and May of Year 5 (the written parts) and May of Year 6 (the oral part).

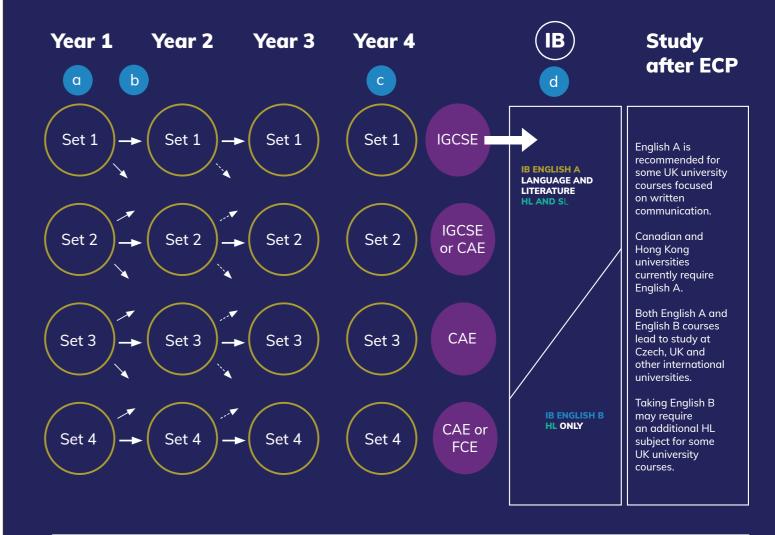
The Provision of English

English lessons in all years are tailored to fit the needs of our students' wide range of prior learning in English: both fluent first language speakers and those who started learning English later in life are catered for. As we recognise that many of our students are not native speakers and have ambitions to study and work in the English-speaking world, our courses from Year 1 include English language acquisition and development so that they will have the language skills and knowledge to take either IB English A or English B. To that end, all students are trained to develop their literacy skills and to learn how to appreciate and analyse literary and non-literary texts.

In addition, we identify students who need additional English language support. The Head of English as well as the Head of Learning Support are always involved in this process. All of our courses, whether for first or second language learners, ensure that students study language structures, develop literacy skills and can analyse and enjoy literature at an appropriate level.

ECP Pathways Through English





Pathways Through English:

a) Entrance, Setting & Course

- Before joining ECP, students sit an English placement test and are set according to their current level of English.
- All pathways for students starting in Year 1, lead to the possibility of studying English A at IB. Each set studies literacy and language skills, literature and textual analysis as well as language input (grammar and vocabulary) appropriate to their level of English.

b) Changing classes

• Students can be moved to a different set at any time in the school year after the class teacher, in consultation with colleagues, has fully assessed their ability across all language skills and has evaluated their learning needs.

c) Y4 External Exams

- In Year 4 all students have the opportunity to sit external English exams.
- 4-1 sit IGCSE English First Language.
- 4-2 sit either IGCSE or CAE (Cambridge Advanced English)
- 4-3 sit CAE
- 4-4 sit either CAE or FCE

IGCSE is the international equivalent of the English 1st language exam that school students take in England and Wales at the age of 16. Cambridge CAE tests students to C1 and C2 levels on the Common European Framework for Languages (CEFR). An A grade at FCE is equivalent to a pass at CAE.

d) Entry to IB

- IB English A courses are English first language and focus on textual analysis
- IB English B is a second language course and focuses on developing language knowledge and skills.
- Students can not take IB English B after sitting IGCSE English 1st Language. They must continue to IB English A
- Students usually need C1 level (FCE grade A or CAE pass) to continue to English A
- For students who are planning to study a technical subject at university, IB English B may be an appropriate option for IB.

International Baccalaureate Results 2022

All ECP students are entered for the full IB Diploma, consisting of six subjects, the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, and Creativity, Activity & Service.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

	Average over the past five years	Result for 2022
ECP average score	34	35
World average score	31	32
ECP highest score*	44	43
Number of ECP students taking the Diploma	70	64
Number of ECP students with 38 points or more	18	19
% of ECP candidates with 38 points or more	26 %	30 %
% of ECP students passing the Diploma	98 %	100 %
World % of candidates passing the Diploma	82 %	86 %

^{*}Maximum IB Score = 45

A small number of external examinations are taken at the end of Year 4, but a large majority of the examinations taken at this point are internal and marked using ECP's own grading criteria.



The Unique Nature of Teaching and Learning at ECP

Teachers at the English College create opportunities for students to not only acquire content knowledge, but also to rigorously evaluate it and explore context and multiple perspectives. Learning is an engaging, collaborative process that takes place inside and outside the classroom and encourages risk-taking and critical thinking, as outlined in our school-wide ECP Lesson Attributes:

- **Engagement & Challenge** Teaching engages and challenges students to adopt aspirational and ethical attitudes
- **Making Connections** Review of and making connections with prior learning and the wider world
- **Curiosity** Asking questions that inspire inquiry and reveal the level of student understanding
- **Guided Learning** New material is presented in small steps, with modelling and guided student practice
- Language & Literacy Teaching is explicitly aware of EAL context and provides for rich practise of the different modes of literacy

Students aren't our only learners; ECP staff visit each others' lessons in order to disseminate best practice, and they investigate evidence-based ways of teaching, supporting and assessing students. We have a rich culture of educational research and reflection, outlined in a long-term Teaching and Learning Strategy, that aims to celebrate, support and enhance the pedagogy at ECP.

The ECP is one of only 20 Council of British International Schools (COBIS) Training Schools around the world, which means we serve as a model to other educational institutions for pedagogical development. We are also founder members of "Teaching Together in Europe," a consortium with two other prestigious European COBIS Training Schools and three UK teacher training providers. This group partners internationally to offer UK teacher trainees the chance to learn in our European classrooms.

Academic Support

All students at ECP take brief, online skills assessments provided by the Cambridge Assessment. Our Tutors use this information, alongside entrance exam results, previous academic performance, guidance from subject teachers and their own professional judgement, to form a broad minimum expectation of their tutees' academic progress. We track attainment against this baseline, intervening where students appear to be performing below expectations. This is a holistic system, considering both academic and pastoral factors, and placing the students' individual needs at the heart of the process as we seek to help each student fulfil their academic potential.

The Learning Support Department

The Learning Support Department is designed to work not only with students with Specific Learning Difficulties, but it also offers general learning support to all students at the English College. The Head of Learning Support works closely with all staff and parents to identify and assist such students. Support can be individual, group or in-class, either on a regular or occasional basis. The aim of the Learning Support Department is to create a level playing field for all students, allowing them to achieve their full potential regardless of their difficulties.

Pastoral Care

The emphasis on pastoral care and wellbeing is fundamental to the life of the College. We aim to provide a friendly environment, in which students are cared for as individuals in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding between teachers and students. For students to succeed academically and to develop their full potential, it is important that their wellbeing is central and they are encouraged to have high expectations and standards.

Students are divided into four Houses – Aqua, Ventus, Terra and Ignis. Each of them is a small community and together they create the whole school community.

Every student has a personal tutor, who is a member of a team of tutors under the leadership of a Senior Tutor, who reports to the Deputy Head (Pastoral and Wellbeing). The tutor's role is to support each student's academic development and wellbeing, encouraging them to make the best use of their time and talents, to examine moral issues, to have confidence in their own ideas and opinions, to learn to work effectively with others, and to develop the maturity and judgement to overcome personal problems and manage difficult situations. The Headmaster has an open-door policy and takes a personal interest in every student.

Aims of the Pastoral Programme:

- 1. To prioritise the wellbeing of our students.
- 2. To deliver individual care and support in an atmosphere of high attendance, mutual understanding and respect.
- 3. To create an environment where freedom is always linked with the sense of responsibility, an environment where creativity is the bridge between different cultures, an environment where older students feel responsibility for younger students, a caring environment that ensures that problems can be identified at an early stage.
- 4. To ensure that high academic and attendance standards are met and students achieve their full potential.
- 5. To provide a Tutor Time programme based on a range of foci that aims to ensure that all cultures and nationalities are understood and respected equally in the College community.
- 6. To listen and learn from students, both inside and outside the classroom.
- 7. To provide tactful, fair, kind, supportive and consistent pastoral care in order to encourage and help the student to enjoy and make use of all his/her virtues and talents.
- 8. To help young people choose the right way to develop their characters, make ethical decisions and find their place in society.
- 9. To make sure that students are aware of people in need in society.
- 10. To help students manage difficult life situations and overcome difficult personal problems.
- 11. To work closely with parents and families, help them to deal with any problems their child faces and, if necessary, liaise between parents and students and teachers and students.





The :more Programme



The **:more** programme represents a variety of activities promoting overall students' development and developing broader understanding. The **:more** programme naturally reinforces life-long education and supports the school community as most of the activities involve students of the same year group or across the year groups.

The **:more** programme therefore connects pastoral care and the academic programme and it also embeds the IB Learner Profile. The value of 'experience' as a learning tool has been more and more acknowledged in many educational documents. The **:more** programme puts experience at the centre of learning by providing challenges and opportunities. It encourages students to explore more, to create more, to help more, to live more in the present, simply to experience more in life. Students then learn from their own mistakes, from specific true life situations. Students are also naturally using their academic knowledge in real life situations and meanwhile learn more about specific areas through the activities rather than just in the classroom.

We believe that every child has a variety of talents and the obligation of the school is to help discover and develop them. Success in any area helps a young person to establish self-confidence and self-esteem. Nowadays universities increasingly pay attention to the extra-curricular activities of the applicants. The College is therefore not merely an academic factory but it must pay attention to the development of all the talents and skills of our students: physical, emotional, creative and social. It is no surprise then that tutors, in their holistic comments at the end of the school year, write about to what extent a student has developed as a whole person.

The **:more** programme also prepares students for the IB Programme's CAS element - students who want to get the IB Diploma must prove that they are active, that they help people in need and are capable of creative thinking and work. Through a special Pre-CAS programme, students in Years 1-4 develop habits that are required in the IB Programme.

Students are also encouraged to take their own responsibility and help to improve school life. Students leadership and Mentoring programme are good examples of students involvement in running school.

Student Leadership

Student leadership takes many forms, from organising ECAs to taking on specific responsibilities in their house (sporting/cultural, for example) but perhaps one of the most important leadership activities is the Student Council where students learn how to become active partners with the school management and how to organise different events and projects representing the student body of the school. Very popular is the election of the new President of the Student Council each September - it is important, not only for the candidates, who have to prepare presentations and campaigns, but also for other students who learn how to choose the best candidate.

Mentoring Programme

The mentoring programme helps students in Year 1 to adapt well at school. Selected students from Year 6 take care of small groups of Year 1 students and meet with them each month to support them in the first stage of their studies at ECP. Year 1 students then also join Year 6 students at their Graduation Ball where they are formally welcomed into the ECP community. Not only do Year 1 students benefit from the mentoring programme, but Year 6 do also - taking responsibility for youngsters is a great life experience.

The Art of Reflection - Experience Books and CAS Blogs

An important part of the **:more** programme is reflection. The **:more** programme activities and outside school activities are recorded in the student's Experience Book (students in Years 1-2) or in the CAS blogs (Year 1-4) Students write their reflections of them - a summary of what they have learnt. Although writing reflections is challenging, students start to realise that through meaningful reflection the experience becomes stronger and they can learn more from it. The Experience Books are also a nice memory book that students will value later in life. Tutors check Experience Books and CAS blogs/entries regularly and help students to reflect sensibly and encourage them to ask good questions about everything they go through in their lives. Students can also use other ways to record their reflections, such as videos or any form of art.

To understand the **:more** programme better we have created the **:more** tree - a symbol that shows how activities are connected and what they lead to. For more information, explore **:more** tree on the website.

Here are just some examples of **:more** programme activities: Extra-Curricular Activities and Societies, Caritas, Trips, Prague Programme, House Competitions, DofE, Theme of the Year, Lectures Programme, Debates, Cultural Olympiad, Festival of the Arts and **:more**...



The Lord Holme Library and Ann Lewis Reading Room

The recently refurbished library is an exceptional space where staff and students can access information, read or work in a peaceful environment. It is one of the best English language libraries in Prague, housing over 10,000 books, thousands of textbooks, a range of magazines and a photocopier. There are 10 computers available for students to use during the day and 10 laptops which students may borrow for use in lessons. In addition, the library has a large reading room that students can use throughout the day, and after school, for quiet reading or private study.

The library catalogue, Destiny, is available 24/7 giving access to over 20,000 e-books as well as a range of subscription databases such as JSTOR, Infobase, Britannica Schools, and The Day as well as providing links to other free online resources.

The Library staff are available before and after school and throughout the day to help students find appropriate resources, books to read or to support students with information searching or referencing.





University Destinations 2022

When they leave the English College, most students expect to go on to college or university in the UK, the Czech Republic, the USA or elsewhere in the world. Experienced teachers advise students on their choice of university and courses of study and help them with their applications. Students are encouraged to research the opportunities available to them and to gain work experience that will assist them with their applications. Students are taught to evaluate their personal strengths and match them to career and study aspirations. They construct personal curriculum vitae and make a provisional career and study/training plan, which will form the basis for future university applications.

Every year our students receive offers from the most prestigious universities in the world, from Oxford and Cambridge to the US Ivy League Universities such as the University of Pennsylvania. Twelve ECP students have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge universities in the past eight years, and most students who go onto the UK study at the UK Russell Group universities, such as LSE, York, Manchester, Bristol, UCL and Imperial College. In addition, many of our students opt for diverse locations such as Hong Kong, South Korea, the Netherlands, France, Sweden, Switzerland or Austria.

Of our 64 students who left school in the summer of 2022, 51 were awarded places at their first choice university including King's College London, University of Edinburgh, Warwick University, the University of Amsterdam, the University of British Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, NYU and Charles University. A further five will be attending other prestigious universities throughout the world, with the remainder taking a gap year.

University Destinations 2022

14% UK

23% Czech

20% Dutch

14% Rest of Europe (Germany, Belgium, Italy, Sweden and Spain)

Asia (Hong Kong, China, South Korea and Singapore) 3%

Australia or Gap Year

UK University Places in the last six years

Russell Group Universities in bold

Bath (4 students)

Birmingham (5 students)

Brighton (2 students)

Bristol (3 students)

CASS Business School, London

Cambridge (2 students)

Cardiff (2 students)

Durham (5 students)

Edinburgh (3 students)

Exeter (10 students)

Goldsmiths Greenwich

King's College London (9 students)

Kingston Keele

Kent Lancaster

Leeds Beckett

London School of Economics

Loughborough

Manchester (5 students)

Northumbria

Oxford (3 students)

Queen Mary London (5 students)

Royal Holloway

Sheffield

Southampton (3 students)

St Andrews (4 students)

Stirling (3 students)

Sussex (2 students)

Swansea

University of Arts London (5 students)

UCL (13 students)

University of West London (2 students)

Warwick (7 students)

Westminster (3 students)

York

Czech Universities

Charles University (29 students; 16 of whom read Medicine) ČVUT - České vysoké učení technické (9 students) DAMU - Divadelní fakulta Akademie múzických umění FAMU - Filmová a televizní fakulta Akademie múzických umění VŠE - Vysoká škola ekonomická (7 students) Anglo-American University, Prague (5 students) University of New York in Prague (7 students) Prague College (2 students) **CEVRO Institute, Prague** Jihočeská Univerzita v Českých Budějovicích

Dutch Universities

Amsterdam (21 students) Groningen (9 students) Leiden (3 students) NHL Stenden (3 students) **Lund University Maastricht (4 students) University College Utrecht Hague University of Applied Sciences Vrije University** TU Delft (2 students)

Other European Universities

Sciences Po, Paris, France IE University, Madrid, Spain Complutense University of Madrid, Spain Les Roches, Switzerland (4 students) **EHL**, Switzerland Poznan University, Poland Uppsala University, Sweden Webster, Vienna, Austria Sigmund Freud University, Austria Accademia del Lusso, Italy Bocconi, Italy Turin University, Italy Politecnico Di Torino, Italy Schiller International University of Paris, France University of Queensland, Australia BIMM (Berlin), Germany Frankfurt School of Finance, Germany KIT, Germany KU Leuven, Belgium **ESCP Business School (2 students)** Trinity College, Ireland

Rest of the World

UPENN (University of Pennsylvania), USA (2 students) UCLA, California, USA UCF, Florida, USA (3 students) Chapman University, California, USA **Boston University, USA** NYU, USA (3 students) University of Austin Texas, USA UC Santa Cruz, USA Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada Simon Fraser University, Canada University of British Columbia, Canada (3 students) UIC Yonsei University, South Korea University of Melbourne, Australia University of Sydney, Australia University of Nottingham in Ningbo, China Hong Kong University, China Beijing University, China

In order to help our students decide which university to apply to, we run a number of university and careers events throughout the year. This includes hosting universities from all over the world as well as holding larger events such as a Dutch University fair. We also bring in speakers from a variety of different careers, often ECP alumni, to give students a taste of what careers are available to them. We are a community that learns from each other and many of our recent students often come back to offer additional advice to our current students.

Work Experience

TU Munich (3 Students)

JAMK UAS, Finland

The English College Foundation, the charity that set up and still supports the English College, for many years arranged a programme of work experience in London in the autumn term for about 10 final-year students at the College. This involved finding placements in organisations working in areas of interest to the students, who stayed for the week with volunteer host families. The programme was halted by the Covid crisis but the ECF hopes to reinstate it as and when conditions, including new working practices, allow. Meanwhile they are helping with online careers information and advice where required.

In addition, we have commenced our first series of Parental Work Experience Placements whereby parents of current ECP students offer work placements for current students. We are grateful for our parents' support, and we fully expect this to further supplement our existing work experience programme in the years to come.

ECP Graduates

All ECP students automatically become members of the ECP Network (ECPN) when they leave school. Our graduates regularly visit the College to advise current students on universities and careers, sharing their experience and offering practical advice, helping to guide the next generation as they enter their adult lives. Here, some of them talk about what the English College means to them.

Tomáš Pospíšil (IB 1999) Diplomat



If I think about how the English College has helped me, I would say primarily with my English skills and then that teaching me the ability to think critically and to consider the arguments both for and against have been equally important for my work. I learned the meaning of the words biassed, unbiased and prejudice. I hardly understood the idea behind them, even in Czech, because the concept of biassed news, biassed analysis or an unbiased opinion was very new to many in Czech society in the early 1990s. Neither shall I forget that it provided a positive, multicultural environment and so I was keen to pursue an international career and I have had no problems adapting in any of the countries I have lived in so far.

Filip Kielar (IB 1999) University Lecturer

My name is Filip Kielar and I am a 1999 ECP graduate, currently working as a lecturer and researcher at Naresuan University in Thailand. Since getting my IB Diploma at the ECP, I have studied and worked in the Czech Republic, Netherlands, UK, Italy, USA, and Thailand. I am certain that studying at the ECP was instrumental in preparing me for this global lifestyle, both by providing me with invaluable language skills and also an open minded approach to the world. I especially appreciated the possibility of selecting subjects for IB according to my interests - Natural Sciences. In fact, it was through fulfilling one of the IB criteria, namely the Extended Essay, that I was propelled towards



my future career in Chemistry. The ECP and my Chemistry teacher at the time arranged for me to undertake research at the Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague, where I would later study. In addition, my interest in the sciences was further cemented when I was given the opportunity to represent the ECP at the London International Youth Science Forum in July 1998.

Jan Barta (IB 2004) Entrepreneur



I am currently an entrepreneur and investor mostly focused on the internet sector with projects such as ePojisteni.cz, the largest online car insurance comparison website in the Czech Republic, and various others such as Tarifomat.cz, SlevyDnes.cz, Favi.cz and JenPrace.cz. I graduated from the English College in Prague in 2004. The ECP was an absolutely fantastic experience and a jumping block for my future career. It helped me develop vital skills I prize very highly (even more than the academic experience), such as staying constantly curious, the ability to reason and solve problems, and being able to give something back.

Kateřina Kantová (IB 1999) Psychologist

My name is Kateřina Kantová, a former student at the ECP and today, a psychologist. Without doubt, I would repeat my ECP studies over again; the College was a very inspiring and open-minded environment, with a variety of perspectives and possibilities for study. I chose to be a psychologist because I loved my IB Psychology course and teacher at the ECP and today, I still have a passion for my job. As a psychologist, I love working with people, have written and published two books, have my own office, work also as a sports psychologist and hold various workshops. I have many English speaking clients and without an English education, I know I would not be able to fulfil the language needs required to carry out therapy in English, which has opened up many new possibilities for me.



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Jakub Renner (IB 2003) Conference Interpreter

The English College taught me to view the world from a broader perspective. Thanks to the English College, English became my second native language, which was instrumental for my subsequent university studies and my career. For over ten years, I've worked as a conference interpreter for the European Parliament.

Petr Fiman (IB 2004) Risk Manager

An ECP education was the most formative experience of my life. Over my six years at the school I met so many great people, became fluent in English and German and passed the IB with 44 points, unlocking access to the most prestigious universities in the world. To this day, some 18 years after having left the school, all of my closest friends are from the ECP circle. I started my professional career at Deutsche Bank in 2007, on a graduate



scheme in Credit Risk Management, later moving to Bank of America Merrill Lynch before returning to Prague to become Senior Risk Specialist with Ezpada s.r.o. I have two degrees from the London School of Economics, both with Distinction (one in Economics, one in Finance). Over the years, I have grown special ties to the ECP from the alumni angle too. I have served as a Director of the English College Foundation and joined the ECP Board of Governors in 2016. Wanting to 'give back' to the ECP has always been on my mind and I know there are many others among the ECP alumni who want to do the same or are already doing so.

Jan Brunner (IB 1999) Diplomat

Whenever I attend the annual English College Foundation Garden Party at the residence of the Czech Ambassador in London, I realise what the English College in Prague means to me. There is a special bond between the students of the ECP that can not be explained with words. Whenever I meet someone who has his or her own history with the English College,

there is immediately a mutual sympathy and understanding. I am not exaggerating when I say that the years at the ECP were the best of my life. I started my ECP journey as a shy student sitting at the back of the class and until returning to Prague, I served my country as the Deputy Ambassador of the Czech Republic in the United Kingdom. The English College in Prague gave me confidence in myself and taught me how to defend my arguments. I will always be grateful to the English College, not only for my professional success, but especially for the life-long friendships we made there.

Admissions Procedure for the Academic Year 2023/2024

Open Days: 23 November 2022, 12 January 2023 and 6 February 2023 starting at 1.00pm

Entrance Examinations:

1. Entrance Examinations to Y1 - 1st round		
1.1. CERMAT State Entrance Examinations	17 and 18 April 2023	
1.2. Internal Entrance Examinations	21 April 2023	
2. Entrance Examinations to Y1 - 2nd round	2 May 2023	
3. Entrance Examinations to Y2	19 April 2023	
4. Entrance Examinations to Y3	20 April 2023	
5. Academic Interviews to Y4 and Y5	at individually arranged times 13 - 29 March 2023	

Before being invited for the entrance exams, **all candidates** will attend an **introductory interview** with the Headmaster. The interview forms an integral part of the admissions process, it is **in English** and it takes about **30 minutes**. Exams will be set at the level appropriate for the year of entry. Samples of internal test papers as well as the exam requirements are available on the ECP website.

Candidates for Y1 coming from Czech schools (ZŠ) need to take a combination of **State Entrance Exams** in Czech and Maths provided by **CERMAT** and our internal exams in Czech, Maths, English and a diagnostic Non-Verbal Reasoning test. If your child is registered in a Czech school, you will also have to fill in an additional form - **the official application for CERMAT exams**. It will be provided by your current school and the submission deadline is **1 March 2023**.

Information for the official application for CERMAT exams:

KKOV: 79-43-K/61

Obor vzdělání: dvojjazyčné gymnázium

IZO: 108 001 369

identifikátor školy: 600 006 140

Candidates for Y1 coming from abroad and from international schools and **candidates for Y2 and Y3** need to sit written internal **entrance exams** in English, Mathematics and Czech language (those who speak Czech) and a diagnostic Non-Verbal Reasoning test. Usually, all written exams take place at the school on the date specified above. However, we can occasionally arrange remote internal entrance exams for candidates living and/or studying abroad.

Candidates for Y4 and Y5 do not sit written entrance exams but they are invited for an **academic interview** led by the Deputy Head and two or three other teachers. The academic interview will partly focus on some of the subject specialisms that the student wishes to study at IB level. If necessary for the decision making process, the candidate might be asked to do an additional written assignment in their chosen first language for the IB (an essay in English or in Czech).

Stanislava Jirešová Registrar admissions@englishcollege.cz

Admissions Criteria

- During the interview candidates need to show the Headmaster that they are
 proficient and fluent enough in English to be able to understand lessons taught
 in English. Additionally, the Headmaster is looking for candidates whose outlook
 is broadly aligned with the school's ethos. In practical terms, this means being
 both open and internationally minded, as well as being personally self-motivated
 and willing to engage with the school and the wider community.
- Reports from candidates' previous schools need to show that their academic achievement, behaviour and attendance are satisfactory or better.
- Candidates applying for Years 1-3 need to reach a sufficient standard of achievement in the entrance examination papers to satisfy the College's academic requirements.
- Candidates applying for Years 4-5 need to convince the panellists that their level of English, understanding and thinking is sufficient for entry and that the candidates will be able to pass the IB Diploma Programme.

Entry is possible at:

ECP Year	Equivalent of	Brief Description	Expected Intake for 2023*
Year 1	8th grade of Czech primary schools, Yr 8 UK	A full 6-year bilingual gymnázium programme, culminating with the final two studying for the IB and, if they so choose, the Czech Maturita.	42-44
Year 2	9th grade of Czech primary schools, Yr 9 UK	Students may choose to enter Year 2 for a variety of reasons (for example, if coming from abroad or re-applying if previously unsuccessful).	14-16
Year 3	1st year of Czech secondary schools, Yr 10 UK	Students will follow a two-year course, at the end of which they will sit a combination of internal and external examinations in a wide range of subjects. After this they enter the IB Diploma Programme for the last two years of their study.	10-14
Year 4	2nd year of Czech secondary schools, Yr 11 UK	Entry to Year 4 is relatively rare and is for students who would otherwise plan to join us in Year 5. Although they will arrive mid-way through a two-year programme, it will give them time to settle into the school (both academically and pastorally) before starting the challenging IB Diploma Programme.	Up to 5 or 6
Year 5	3rd year of Czech secondary schools, Yr 12 UK	The two-year IB Diploma Programme; a high level of academic English is required.	Up to 8

^{*}We aim to accept primarily students of Czech origin although around a quarter of our students are from international backgrounds.





Preparation for Entrance Exams:

Please note that the **preparation courses** that we provide are aimed at preparation for Y1 entry. All candidates for Y1, Y2 and Y3 can take our **aptitude test** that will be held at the school and they can choose one of the two offered dates. For further details and registration, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Jirešová.

English exam preparation course

Candidates from Czech schools who would like to sit the ECP entrance exams but are perhaps feeling unsure about whether their English is strong enough to pass are offered a preparation course that will run once a week from January until March. It is expected that students choosing ECP and this course will all have a firm foundation in English, but may have experienced different approaches to English language teaching. Our aim is to consolidate their knowledge, revise English grammatical structures, practise reading & writing skills and build speaking confidence to make sure they have the appropriate skill set and confidence to pass our English entrance exam.

Mathematics exam preparation session

The ECP entrance exams reflect the demands of the UK National Curriculum for Mathematics and its belief that Mathematics is a creative and highly interconnected discipline. The session is held on a Saturday in February and is designed to support candidates from Czech schools who have not experienced the English style of teaching Mathematics and may not be familiar with some of the mathematical language used. It is expected that students will have strong arithmetic skills and a firm foundation in English; the main objective is to give students some reassurance that their prior knowledge can be applied in a different context, rather than to specifically teach them any new mathematics. It should be noted that the entrance exams are in both English and Czech so as not to disadvantage students who do not yet know all of the relevant terminology.

Aptitude Test

To help you make your final decision, the College provides an aptitude test before the actual entrance examination. The test will be held on **23 January and 9 February 2023** from 9.00am and will consist of three short papers: English, Maths and Czech. This aptitude test is not an examination and is not obligatory, and no marks or grades will be published. It will, however, enable us to advise you on the suitability of your child for the College, in case you have any doubts about whether your child will succeed here. If you would like your child to sit the test, please let us know **by 19 January 2023** at the latest. After the test, you may contact the Registrar, Mrs Jirešová, who will be able to give you information and advice about the entrance examinations. The invitation to the entrance exams and further details will be sent out in advance to all the registered students.

Bursaries, Scholarships, Awards and Prizes at ECP

Aims

The English College in Prague has as one of its aims, "to attract and retain those students best suited to the education we offer through selection, as far as possible, by academic ability rather than ability to pay." The College achieves this through bursaries, scholarships and other awards. The College usually spends up to 7% of fee income on various forms of fee reduction. An additional 0.5% of total fee income for that year is available to the Headmaster to offer to applicants joining the school at other times of the year. An additional 1% of school fee income is temporarily being used to support a number of Ukrainian refugees in meeting their fee obligations.

The application deadline for 2023/24 is 31 March 2023.

Bursaries

There are two types of bursary: ordinary bursaries and temporary hardship bursaries.

Criteria for Ordinary Bursaries

These bursaries are offered at three levels - 10%, 30% or 50% - and are dependent on an assessment of family income as stated on the official application form, which must be submitted by a date published on the school's website each year.

A bursary is granted for one school year only and new applications must be submitted annually. These are evaluated based on the most recent attendance and effort grades (see section below - **Ongoing Eligibility**) and the latest family income statements.

Temporary Hardship Bursaries Criteria

If parents find themselves facing unanticipated economic difficulties during the course of the school year, they can apply to the Headmaster for temporary financial support in meeting the continuing costs of their child's education.



Scholarships

Criteria for Scholarships

Each scholarship is awarded on a slightly different basis, as described below. However, a prerequisite for all scholarships (except the Academic Scholarship) is a demonstrable financial need in addition to the specific criteria laid out below. The assessment of financial need is conducted through the submission of the same official application forms used for ordinary bursaries. Academic scholarships differ in that they are awarded independently of financial circumstances and therefore no financial details are required.

Individual Scholarships Programmes

There are seven scholarship programmes. Holders of all scholarships (except academic scholarships) need to fulfil certain community engagement obligations including the promotion of the scholarship programme and the annual fundraising concert for the Václav Havel Scholarship with the exception of the Barta Change Maker scholars who organise an annual conference centred around the idea of innovation.

- **Prince of Wales Scholarship** The Prince of Wales Scholarship is awarded to a student who would not normally consider applying for a place at an independent school because of lack of funds. The ideal candidate will be an ambitious and talented individual of Czech descent.
- Schwarzenberg Scholarship The Schwarzenberg Scholarship will enable a Czech student to attend the final four years at the English College in Prague. The scholarship is aimed at attracting a student who would not ordinarily be able to attend the College were the scholarship not available. Suitability will be judged on the likelihood of the student's life chances and comparative academic success being significantly improved.
- **English College Foundation Scholarship** The English College Foundation is the UK charity that established the English College in Prague in 1994. Today the Foundation supports the English College both by coordinating social events for alumni living in the UK and by fundraising for the school. The English College Foundation Scholarship is a financial award designed to support a student joining the ECP in Year 4 or Year 5 and wishing to study for the International Baccalaureate and the Czech Maturita, who would not have had the funds to join the school earlier. The value of the award will be a minimum of 20% of the annual English College fees, but may rise to 80% in exceptional cases.
- Jan Barta Scholarships These scholarships are for the student's entire time at the school and are funded up to 50% directly by the College and up to 50% by Mr Barta, who is an alumnus of the school. There are two strands to this scholarship programme: the Changing Lives and ChangeMaker scholarships. The Changing Lives scholarship programme is primarily aimed at students whose life choices or life chances are likely to be significantly changed by attending ECP. They are expected to actively support Diversity and Inclusion issues. The ChangeMaker Scholarship is aimed at those who are interested in innovation and the positive disruption of existing norms for the good of society and humanity.
- Václav Havel Scholarship A few months before his death in 2011, Václav Havel gave his blessing to the creation of the ECP Václav Havel Scholarship, a student-led initiative enabling a member of the Roma community to study at the ECP on a fully funded scholarship. The school endeavours to reach out as widely as possible into the community to attract suitable candidates. Such candidates need to pass through the normal entrance procedures, but obviously account will be taken of their specific circumstances when assessments are made about their suitability for ECP.

- Prague 9 Scholarships These scholarships are designed to help prospective students who are in state school education in Prague 9 to be able to study at ECP. The level of the award is up to 50%, which will reflect academic potential and will take into account financial circumstances. The scholarships are usually for a duration of two years although with sustained excellent academic performance, they will usually be continued for a further two years.
- Academic Scholarships These scholarships are currently offered to new students in the school. Generally, they are for one or two years and usually at a fee reduction of 25%.

Academic Scholarships, bursaries and sibling discounts may be combined, but only up to a maximum discount of 50%.

How to apply

Families can apply for a scholarship (except academic scholarships). The application process is generic in that you do not apply for a particular scholarship programme. The school will allocate available scholarships according to the circumstances and interests of the applicants.

- Download the request for reduced tuition fee form from the website and submit the completed form to our Registrar.
- Submit a motivational letter of approximately 800 words, written by your child in English, explaining why they would like to study at the English College in Prague. (Those with a particular interest in the ChangeMaker or Changing Lives programme should make reference to their interest in this programme and what personal ideas and opinions they have in these areas).
- Pass the school's entrance exams in English, Czech, Maths and non-verbal skills.
- If selected, attend a selection panel consisting of the Headmaster and three independent, external members during which the motivational letter will be discussed in detail.

The scholarship interviews will be held in the first half of May.



Other Prizes, Awards and Discounts

Founders' Academic Prizes

The Founders' Academic Prizes are awarded each year to the three highest-achieving students in each year group on the basis of their performance throughout the previous academic year.

Talent Awards

A small amount of money is available to students who show exceptional talent in a certain area. These are not scholarships, but students who receive these awards receive modest help to develop their talent with subsidised experiences or access to resources. The number of awards made each year varies, but there are usually three or four students in receipt of a Talent Award in the school at any one time. In return, students are required to contribute significantly to the cultural life of the College through school events, public occasions and by example. These awards are offered to existing students who show particular talent - there is no formal application process.

Sibling Discounts

Sibling discounts are automatic and consist of a 10% discount on the second and any subsequent siblings' school fees.

Ongoing Eligibility

All bursaries, scholarships, prizes, awards and sibling discounts at ECP are conditional on pupils achieving an attendance rate of 90% or above and ATL grades of A & B, unless exceptional circumstances apply. They are not dependent on ongoing academic performance, only attitude and attendance.



Finance and Fees

By paying a refundable deposit of 50,000 CZK for the school fees, parents accept the financial and contractual terms of the ECP and confirm that they accept the place offered for their child. The deposit for school fees must be paid according to the deadline in the contract. If the payment is not made, the place is no longer reserved for their child and will be offered to another applicant. If the student does not take up his or her place, after being accepted, the deposit paid will not be returned. This deposit for the school fees will be deducted from the final term's fees.

The parents further undertake to pay a refundable deposit for books of 15,000 CZK. This deposit for books will be refunded at the end of the child's study at the College on condition that all liabilities towards the College are settled including returning all books and other borrowed equipment and materials.

The school fees are governed by the contract signed between the College and the parents of a student.

The school fees are payable in Czech crowns (CZK).

All school fees are subject to an annual review and may be changed unilaterally by the College at its own discretion because of inflation or for other reasons.

If a student leaves the College early, i.e. before the end of Year 6, the parents must give written notice, one full term in advance, to the Headmaster or alternatively, they must pay one term's school fees in lieu of notice.

Parents may apply for a Social Bursary for the next academic year by 31 March of the current year. The form is available on the College's website.

School Fees in Year 2022/2023

	Per Term	Per Year
Years 1 - 2:	CZK 106,000	CZK 318,000
Years 3 - 4:	CZK 112,000	CZK 336,000
Years 5 - 6 IB & Maturita	CZK 120,000	CZK 360,000
Years 5 - 6 IB Only*	CZK 140,000	CZK 420,000

*The difference between the IB & Maturita and IB Only Programme is because of government subsidies.

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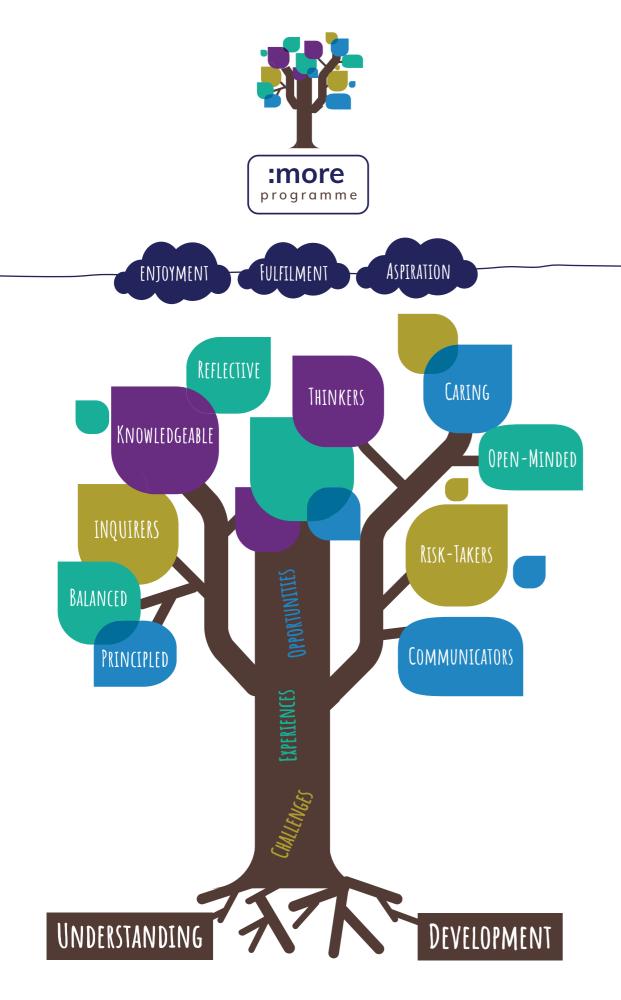
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