

Speech by Alanna McConnell, Head Girl

Good morning to all,

As Mr. Rosevear has previously told us, we are all gathered here to celebrate the school's 110th birthday. I have attended the School for 14 years now and it is the second time I have seen the whole school gathered together for this celebration. I think this shows us the importance of it and what it means to us, School members. Although we are all different and many of us do not know each other, we all have something in common, something that brings us together: the School.

A lot of the time we do not appreciate what our School has to offer or has offered us in the past years, but now, those of us who are reaching the end of our days here, with only one more week to go, we realize everything the School has done for us and all the great experiences we had here. We do not want to leave this unnoticed and are sharing it with all of you so that you remember to enjoy and fully appreciate your time here, which shall be over faster than you now imagine.

Speech by Juan María Heslop, Head Boy

When we think about what the British Schools is, we tend to think of it being a physical place. The School is the buildings where our lessons take place, the fields, the pavilion, the playground... in general, we tend to think of it as the place that resides between Máximo Tajés, Havre, Beranger and José Arias, a location. This seems like a reasonable perspective, for this place has hosted the British Schools for the greater part of its history, and it's one of the only aspects of the School that has not changed ever since it was founded. Its old walls have seen many teachers come and go, its corridors have been walked on by countless students, and its fields have been stepped on by hundreds of rugby, football and hockey players. It is as if this structure is the only steady thing that remains in a School where people and faces are constantly changing.

However, The British Schools cannot simply be a mere physical place, for I am completely sure that even if this building ceased to exist, The British Schools will continue its existence unaffectedly. This is because, although teachers come and go and although countless students will join and then leave the school, there is one thing that will forever remain, and this is the legacy that the School leaves in each and every one of the individuals that form a part of it.

The word Legacy means something which is a part of your history, something which endures from an earlier time. And the School is slowly leaving a legacy in all of us, one that we will carry from now on. This one can be seen in the friendships we make that will last a lifetime, in the love that we may have for sports, in the passion for a subject. The legacy appears in the values and the skills that were taught to us, and most importantly, in the School Spirit. It is these things that the School leaves us with what ultimately make up what the British Schools is.

So, happy birthday The British Schools. Congratulations on leaving such a significant legacy in the tens of thousands of individuals that have come across your way in the last 110 years. I hope that you continue to leave your legacy in as many students have the fortune of being part of the big family that you have created.

