

# Annual Prize Giving at BISR

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, the British International School staged its Annual Prize Giving, the first since the completion of its splendid new school hall facility. The School was delighted when the RGBB Chair Owain Raw-Rees accepted their invitation to be guest of honour and award the prizes.

Prizes are awarded to students in recognition of academic excellence and achievement in all subject areas. Prizes are also awarded to students who have made a particular contribution to the vibrancy of the school through such activities as sport, business endeavour and fundraising for charity. To this end a number of students received 'student citizenship awards'.

The occasion is also the last official event for Year 11 students who have just taken their IGCSE public examinations. Three students were invited to deliver

a 'parting shot'. Tamara Siyam Lewis, Rachel Keogh and Yazdan Chowdhury, delivered excellent speeches to the large assembly of teachers, parents and students in the hall, reflecting on their years at the school and expressing thanks for all that they had achieved and experienced during that time.

Another part of the proceedings was the reading, by Year 9 student Anna Kulach of some of her poems. Anna is a Polish teenager, who joined the school in 2004. Until then, she could hardly speak any English. Soon after her arrival in Saudi Arabia, she developed a passion for and showed a particular talent for writing poetry. She read, beautifully and emotionally from her first volume of published poems, 'Just A Person'.

The occasion concluded with a speech from Owain Raw-Rees. He congratulated the prize-winners and those who had spoken. He explained the role of the RGBB and spoke about some recent events and fundraising activities. He then spoke to the student body and delivered some appropriately uplifting and humorous 'pearls of wisdom'. Having been a great supporter of the school and in particular of the International Award for Young People, Mr Raw-Rees expressed his pleasure that the award scheme was thriving in the school. He took the opportunity to say bon voyage to a group of students who were, that very evening, flying to Cyprus to undertake their Silver Level expedition in The Troodos Mountains.

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- The school follows the National Curriculum for England & Wales offering (I)GCSE and A level.
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