

## Speech Proclamation 2020

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Dear all,

We'll be honest with you, while we were writing this speech, we had some difficulties, it wasn't an easy speech to write. These past years, whether be it 14 for some 2 for others or anywhere in between cannot be summarized in a speech of 2 minutes. I think we all know even if we were to write a book about it, it wouldn't be possible to capture all that we have seen, all that we have felt.

En effet, ces années à EEB1 ont été enrichissantes, pleines de souvenirs et de rencontres qu'il est très difficile de les retranscrire à l'écrit. Nous avons tous eu des expériences différentes, de par nos origines, notre culture, nos parcours de vie et scolaire, et bien encore. Mais au fond, nous avons tous pu bénéficier de ce cadre plus qu'exceptionnel qui nous a permis de devenir les jeunes adultes que nous sommes aujourd'hui, par l'éducation et la rencontre de personnes si différentes, amis comme professeurs.

Our school was truly united in diversity exemplifying the European ideal of living, learning and working together. This is indeed the motto that we have seen every day, continuously, on repeat on the big digital TV screens. But in the end, these were more than just words. We all had different interests, personalities, backgrounds, very different styles of lives, we all considered different things important and cared for different things. But the point is that despite our differences we always felt like we all belonged to one big family with tons of shared experiences such as realizing you forgot to study a full chapter for math's in the Van Houtte hall 15 minutes before 8:30 ( or for some, forgetting to study at all), running after Mrs. De Greef around school because she was in a meeting (PS: We still love you Ms. De Greef) running to the absences list at 9 o'clock and pushing the little ones who were, although small, taking a lot of space, seeing the cafeteria menu getting more expensive and disappointingly healthier, having 10 Francophone students that would only speak French to you in your L2 English class, being very awkward people from s1 to S5 but at least we did it together, experienced a lot together for the first time, waiting for ages at the Cité du Dragon behind the S3's who didn't have class in the afternoon (just kidding we were the same), the chaos in the cafeteria, going to Ruelle or, gathering in front of the Carrefour.

Cette fin d'année a été plus qu'exceptionnelle à cause du COVID-19. Nous n'avons pas pu célébrer comme la tradition le veut à EEB1, mais aujourd'hui nous sommes réunis pour célébrer un bac que nous n'avons même pas passer. Nous n'avons pas pu jeter toutes les choses qui nous passaient sous la main sur les plus jeunes et nos frères et sœurs, nous faire les plus beaux pour le cocktail et être une dernière fois tous ensemble mais on peut quand même être fier de ce que nous avons accomplis.

Special Thank You To Mr. Paulet, although you used to scare us to no end, at least until September 2019., you were a very nice Conseiller, always there to help us and support us and we wish you the very best for the years to come, having to deal with annoying teenagers. Also thank you to Mrs. De Greef for helping us become the young adults we are today. Thank you Mr. Goggins for your unconditional support in transforming and modernizing the school and enhancing the school's spirit.

Merci à Christine, la dame de la cafet qui par ses sourires et sa gentillesse nous remontais le moral le matin. Merci à toute l'équipe de la cantine, l'équipe de nettoyage (et ça ne devait pas être facile) et des bus pour votre aide au quotidien. Merci aux gardes de votre bienveillance et vos sourires et de nous avoir laissé rentrer et sortir même si on n'avait pas nos cartes (Ps : l'administration ne vous fâchez pas on forçait beaucoup trop). Petite note pour Mr. Louarn même s'il n'est plus là, pour son aide et sa bonté. Et enfin, Merci aux professeurs de votre accompagnement émotionnel et éducatif, même quand nous n'étions pas les meilleurs en comportement. Merci aussi à tous les élèves, nos amis et nos familles, de votre contribution à faire de ces années des années à marquer d'une pierre blanche.

This is what made our school special to us, to us it is like a big family, it was like having annoying little cousins you didn't talk to everyday but that still mattered to you. This is what made our school special, students, parents, teachers, advisors, our D-Director, our Director.., but let us not forget our librarians, secretaries, cleaning staff, infirmary staff, canteen staff and janitors. Everything that we did, we achieved it together. All of us together. Thanks to social media, we are going to be able to stay in contact and see each other as much as possible unlike our parents' generation. We will continue to achieve things all together and build the Europe of tomorrow. We kindle the flames of Europe for each and for all.

Nous vous souhaitons du fond du cœur tout le meilleur pour vos études et vos vies futures, qu'importe leurs directions et leurs formes car vous le mériter tous.

We will always look back at EEB1 with a warm heart and full of unforgettable memories.

We hope to see you all very soon and thank you for the amazing experience you gave us.

Thank you From the bottom of our hearts, (Juliette and Laszlo).