



PRESENTATION OF TRAVEL AWARDS 2017

It was a pleasure and a privilege for me to be at Gybon once again on May 25 for the presentation of the Travel Awards 2017. As always I was made to feel very welcome by Jan Šterba, his staff and students.

The presence of Michael Žantovsky, a distinguished adviser to Václav Havel and subsequently Czech Ambassador in Israel, USA and Great Britain, made it a very special occasion for everyone present.

He was interested, warm and friendly throughout and presented Certificates of Achievements to all the competitors, as well as the first prize (12,000 Kč) to Adam Petr and the second prizes (6,000 Kč each) to Vit Škoda and Andrea Větríková.





Everyone was delighted to see two of the previous travel award winners Johana Macková (2011) and Klara Novotná (2014). Both are now university students in Scotland and they were very happy to present the Scottish national flag to Mr. Šterba.

Superb music from Jaromír Schejbal and the school choir began and ended a memorable ceremony which was followed by a talk by Michael Žantovsky to Civics students, with questions and answers.

At very pleasant lunch at Hotel U Královny Elišky I was very pleased to make a special presentation of an engraved glass pyramid to Jan Šterba to mark his support for 23 years of partnership between Gybon and the Lytham Schools. It is a matter of pride to me – especially at this time of Brexit - that so many staff and students have gained so much from our partnership.



My thanks are due to everyone for their hard work in organising this travel competition at Gybon, especially Pavel Adamek and his fellow teachers of English. It has been a very worthwhile project and I am already looking forward to the next competition in 2020.

Julian Wilde

