

Dear students, parents, governors and friends of the  
Benghazi European School,

It is with a quite profound sadness that I am not there with  
you for Graduation Day, and to celebrate the school's  
twentieth anniversary, a day to mark its rich and  
successful history.

I have spent, so far, two years in Benghazi and I regard  
them as the most rewarding of my teaching career. It has  
been impossible for me not to like each and every student  
for their honest commitment to their friends, the school  
and their own learning. They have all been a genuine joy  
to teach.

I have also been blessed to meet such wonderful, friendly  
and welcoming parents, who during our conversations,  
showed such understanding and a total commitment to the  
learning of our students. It has also been a pleasure and  
my good fortune, to work along side colleagues and  
governors that demonstrate daily a truly student centred  
approach to teaching, and a real dedication to the success  
of the school and its students.

The Benghazi European School is a wonderful place to  
teach, and a caring and nurturing place for students to  
learn. It has been a privilege for me to be a part of this  
community, to live and work in Benghazi, a place I now  
regard as home.

Thank you all,

Mr Martin Kirby