

## The Ode to Joy at the JFTC - Joint Force Training Centre

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More than one hundred pupils have just started the 2012/2013 School Year at the International School of Bydgoszcz. Many of them are children of NATO officers serving at the Joint Force Training Centre and other NATO entities in Bydgoszcz. That is why this time the School, in cooperation with the JFTC's authorities decided to officially open the new school year in the Centre's compound. On 3 September, the Ode to Joy, adapted for the ISoB's anthem, resounded at the Bydgoszcz NATO training centre.

Altogether 250 guests took part in the ceremony. The pupils accompanied by their parents,

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sometimes even grandparents, said good bye to holidays and welcomed the new school year. The day was especially important for those, who were going to sit at the ISoB's desks for the first time. Approximately thirty new young girls and boys took an oath and, in an admission ceremony, became students of the ISoB.



*“Work hard and take advantage of all opportunities the International School of Bydgoszcz opens in front of you ” – said Major General Macko, the JFTC Commander, and wished all the students a successful and fruitful school year.*

The inauguration of the School's new year created also a great opportunity to sum up its past work as well as to show appreciation to those who were tremendously supporting the International School of Bydgoszcz during recent years. Mrs. Imiśława Górka, the

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Headmistress, used this opportunity to express gratitude to Professor Józef Kubik, the former president of the Kazimierz Wielki University (UKW) who completed his term of office, for his exceptional contribution into the School's prosperity. Also the JFTC Commander, Major General Pavel Macko, thanked the stepping down UKW President for his extraordinary cooperation with the Joint Force Training Centre and the whole NATO family in Bydgoszcz.