

Mrs Jocelyn Campbel
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BHS Speech

To be invited here today as chairperson of the Quaker Committee in Britain which is involved in our work in the Middle East is a great pleasure and honour.

To find BHS not only surviving the terrible years of conflict, but poised to expand and develop, into a school which will serve the youth of Lebanon - once more bringing together students from all backgrounds - the rich and the poor , the clever and not so clever, those of all religious backgrounds- gives us in the Society of Friends (or Quakers, as we are also called) great satisfaction and encouragement . The Quaker founders of this school, and those who worked here for over a hundred years, believed in the ideals of peace among people of all races, religions and backgrounds .

The Cultural Society, composed as it is of Old Scholars who value their own education here, we are confident, can sustain the ideals of the past. These are qualities which make BHS Old Scholars feel that their education was special and different from others.

You have many well wishers in England who pray that BHS will continue to thrive and expand into a School where its students leave, at their graduation with the traditional motto "I SERVE" deep in their hearts and their attitudes towards their Country and fellow Lebanese and to all the peoples of the World.

I wish this year's graduates a wonderful and peaceful future.