

A SPEECH FROM THE FORM SIX GRADUATES OF BARBRO JOHANSSON MODEL GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL MARKING THE 13TH FORM SIX GRADUATION CEREMONY; SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2019, LUGURUNI ESTATE, KWEMBE WARD, UBUNGO DISTRICT, DAR ES SALAAM

Hon. Guest of Honour, Regional Administrative Secretary of the Coastal Region (Pwani) Mrs. Theresia Mmbando. Hon. Founding Chairperson, Joha Trust, Prof. Anna Tibaijuka (MP), Founding members of JOHA TRUST, Hon. Representative of Ubungo District Education Officer, Madam Annete Nara, Hon. Dweza Kolimba, Councillor Kwembe, Local Government officers from Kwembe, School Board Members, PTA Chairperson Dr. John Kyaruzi and Committee members, Headmistress Barbro Johansson Model Girls' Secondary School, Madam Halima Kamote and the whole Barbro School community, Heads and students of invited Schools, Parents, ladies and gentlemen, protocol observed.

With grateful hearts and radiant warm smiles, we take this opportunity in showing our gratitude to all of you for taking your time and spending with us this memorable day. Thank you.

As an institution, Barbro Johansson has been proudly celebrating various graduation ceremonies and truly this ceremony will leave a mark in Barbro's history as one of the most exclusive and remarkable events of the year. This is the day to be written in our secret diaries and memoirs.

The obvious development of Barbro Johansson cannot be taken for granted and be cast a blind eye upon, as over the years, the school has through all the ups and downs managed to make the living conditions of the students as those of left behind at homes. The school administration has renovated the classroom blocks as of January together with the dormitories up to date. This school, as an example, has endeavored to conserve the environment by planting trees all around campus and maintain high cleanliness standards. Also, the school administration has ensured that the students are up to date with the current issues that take place outside our little world through the computer laboratory as well as the television system. Without forgetting, the improved scientific laboratories to inculcate the theory with practice as taught in class. With these, we the graduates of today have accessed all our requirements with which we have academically succeeded.

Failure has never been an option for our class, 146 different characters but all very smart. Our form five mock results were amazing as we all managed to pass but our form six mock results were outstanding. In both examinations as a class we topped the charts in History subject as number one within the region. Thanks to the hard efforts of our teachers, we had access to daily tests at the beginning of form 6 which enabled us to practice

frequent revision and have more confidence in our studies. Our gratitude also goes towards the administration for having us involved in a number of interschool examinations. We promise to give even better results in our national examinations and keep the school's flag raised high.

Moving on to the Barbro Johansson-Sweden exchange program, the school in cooperation with Joha Trust Sweden have been able to send few students each year based on discipline and academic performance to different schools in Sweden including Victor Rydenberg, Haga and Procivitas Gymnasium. Three students from this very class all doing arts subjects, were among the 10 students who went to Sweden last year from 30th November to 11th December at the Procivitas Gymnasium in Helsingborg, and during their stay they were able to exchange different ideas on culture and education. Therefore honestly we thank the donors of this school, Joha Trust Sweden for their kind supporting aids and opening doors for us in education. May God bless them always.

Barbro girls engage themselves in community service through the UN club, Fema club and the Roots and Shoots which ensures environmental care respectively. Apart from that, through the debate club and support from the administration, students have been able to participate in debates within and outside the school with international students at Zanzibar where

Barbro School emerged the winner in public speaking and debate. As already mentioned by our Headmistress, just last week on 22 March 2019, Barbro School emerged the 1st winner in French Karaoke competition that was organized by French Embassy at Alliance Francaise, Dar es Salaam. On the other hand, students have developed their artistic talents through the Barbro Arts Club under the willing supervision of the school's Art Master, aiming at bringing about designers, experts in fine art and creative writers who participate in different essay competitions such as SADC and the WYEC (World Youth Essay Competition). Barbro Johansson has been imparting values and model concepts to the students through guidance and counseling while avoiding corporal punishment.

Despite the development and achievements that the school has had in the past few years, the school still faces some challenges including; shortage of power that does not only face Barbro as an institution but Tanzania as a nation at large. We therefore urge the parents and all supporters of Barbro School to either opt for biogas or solar as an alternative source of power. Also the school is blessed with two provisional libraries for the O-level and A-level students. However, the rooms are not spacious enough to accommodate many students at once. The same problem of less space is faced for the provisional computer laboratories. We are grateful to our

parents for their donations and contributions towards construction of a modern Libraries and Multimedia building that will have spacious library, computer lab, a multimedia room etc; we plead them to keep contributing in order to make Barbro a better place. Water shortage from DAWASA is also a frequent problem that the school is facing, despite the water reservoirs that the school has. We hope that the new DAWASA water project for Kwembe and Njeteni will soon materialize for the benefit of the School and community around.

As we turn the pages to a new chapter in our lives, we will always hold the experiences and memories we have closely to our hearts. Thank you Barbro for opening the doors, we will always remember you everywhere we go. Our heartfelt thanks must go towards our parents, invited guests, teaching and non-teaching staff for watching us turn into fine women as of today. May the Almighty God bless us all abundantly.

Thank you very much,

Asante Sana,

Merci Beaucoup,

Tack sa mycket.