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**Subject: To students of Bryansker Lyceum No 1, Bryansk, Russian Federation**

Dear students !

It is with greatest pleasure that I extend my warmest and most heartfelt congratulations on this special occasion – the Day of Lyceum. Bryansky Lyceum No 1 is one of the finest institutions of secondary education in this country. Being part of it, part of its august history is an immense honour; you must be very proud.

My own life story is closely linked to the history of my dearly beloved *alma mater* and deeply rooted in its values -- tenacity and resilience. The former helps us persist in pursuing our goals; the latter allows us to retain hope in the face of difficulty, and both are instrumental to honing skills that require time and effort.

Mastery of a second language is one of those skills. It does not happen over night and it most certainly takes a lot of work. Yet, the ability to speak another language is a valuable investment as it enriches your understanding of other cultures and subsequently, it enriches your understanding of the world. The gains in acquiring a second language are subtle; they are imperceptable for a long period of time. But in the long run, they help you evolve into a more informed and compassionate individual and live a really interesting life.

This is something to look forward to !

Sincere greetings from Austrian Vorarlberg !

Yours,

Julia Davydova