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Welcome back all participants of the Oxford Quality programme 2012-2013. The programme continues to grow each year and is becoming an important part of each student's curriculum. It aims to improve the quality of English language education in Russia and, even more important, the quality of its students. We consider cultured and well rounded pupils to be of the utmost importance in our increasingly global world, which is why we believe in a progressive education.

Students must prepare in a wide range of subjects in order for Russia to continue to prosper in the world. One of those subjects is without a doubt the English language; it is spoken all over the world and opens doors to an international career. The Oxford Quality programme helps students gain confidence and practical application of the English language.

This year is special in many ways. The Queen celebrated her Diamond Jubilee, and in October, I will be opening an exhibition in the Kremlin called "The Golden Age of the English Court of the 16th and 17th Centuries." All exhibits are from England, many from Her Majesty's personal collection. It runs from 24 Oct 2012 to January 2013.

Coincidentally, RELOD is organizing the "Oxford Quality" programme competition "Unity and Diversity" in cooperation with Kremlin museums.

I wish the Oxford Quality programme every success in the year ahead. May each student exceed his individual potential and blossom under the guidance of the programme.