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AFTER APPETIZER

Dear classmates,
Dear parents,
Dear relatives,
Dear teachers,

Now that the first thirst has been quenched and the first course has been served, I would like to once again officially welcome you to our graduation ball.

As the name suggests, we are hosting this ball to celebrate with you the next big step towards adulthood – the completion of your high school diploma and, for the time being, your school career. At the same time, we are taking this opportunity to look back on the past years. Five or nine years together at school and boarding school have brought us closer together as a community and allowed us to experience many things.

Today, there are certainly many stories to tell.

And who better to kick things off than our homeroom teachers? They have guided us not only academically, but also personally. First, I would like to invite the homeroom teacher of Class A, [REDACTED], to join us.

Thank you very much indeed! And for Class B – [REDACTED].

With these kind words in mind, let's move on to the main course!

MAIN SPEECH

Part 1 by [REDACTED]

Part 2:

In addition to school and boarding school, craftsmanship is, of course, the third major pillar of the Werk-Schul-Heim [“Craft-School-Home”]. For some, this pillar was the main reason for choosing this type of training, while for others it sometimes felt more like a necessary accessory. But no matter how you look at it, I dare say that craftsmanship has shaped us more than we have shaped its materials. No matter what grade someone received for their journeyman's piece, I don't know anyone who doesn't feel proud when they look at it. Proud of this visible manifestation of our personal growth.

As Confucius once said, “The journey is the destination.”

With this in mind, don't compare your achievements with those of others, but with yourself a few years ago. Recognize how you have developed academically and personally—and don't forget that once you have your diploma in your hands.

We hope you enjoy the main course!

CLOSING OF DINNER

Dear guests,

We hope you have had a wonderful evening so far, with fine food and memorable conversations with your loved ones.

Accompanied by the music of our band, you now have time to chat until we continue the evening program at 9:30 p.m. with the opening dance.

OPENING DANCE

Dear classmates, dear family members, dear teachers, dear friends, dear acquaintances,

We are delighted that so many of you are here tonight!

We now come to one of the most important parts of our evening program—because what would a ball be without dancing? To inaugurate the dance floor in a fitting manner, the 13th grade couples will now dance in. We therefore ask you to keep the area in front of the stage clear.

As soon as the Viennese waltz begins, the opening dance will be officially over – and then you are all cordially invited to join the dancers!

MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE INTRODUCTION

Dear guests,

I see you've already had a fantastic evening, but we're only now approaching its climax – I'm talking, of course, about the traditional midnight interlude. I don't want to give too much away, so let yourself be surprised. Just a quick organizational note: we ask that you keep the outer aisles (left and right) clear and remove any objects so that the graduates can move around freely.

Thank you and enjoy!

BEST-OF VIDEO INTRODUCTION

Guests attending the dinner have already seen a slideshow featuring the funniest and most memorable moments of WSH students. However, we admit that the selection was extremely selective and that we may have left out some details of boarding school life. We would now like to make up for that.

TEACHER SKETCH

If you ask a Werkschulheim student what makes our school special, the most common answer is: the workshop. But for me, there is another feature that is just as distinctive: the close relationship between teachers and students.

When teachers are not only educators but also boarding school supervisors, when you do weekend activities with them and occasionally invite them for a dinner, you realize that teachers are just people like you and me.

The following sketch is therefore dedicated to our teachers. It is purely humorous fiction—anyone who sees parallels to reality has only themselves to blame!

HUDRI WUDRI + SCHUHPLATTLER

Anyone who has glanced at the ticket knows our motto: Ball Dente. However, anyone who has followed the evening closely will have noticed that we have completely missed the mark with this motto. With the next and final performance, we bid farewell to any reference to Ball Dente.

Let yourself be surprised—just one thing in advance: Our special thanks go to the Ebenau traditional costume group, who made this performance possible!

CLOSING SPEECH

Dear fellow partygoers,

We hope you had fun and that we were able to give you an unforgettable evening. This marks the end of our guided evening program—but by no means the end of the party!

Our band will be giving their all on this stage until the very end, and the DJ is already in full swing in the small conference room opposite.

With this in mind, continue to celebrate and ensure that this evening is unforgettable!