

**Press release *(Date)***

British Council International School Award success for

[*Insert name*]School

**[Name of school] in *[Location]* has been awarded Intermediate level of the British Council’s prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.**

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council’s work with schools so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today’s world.

***[Name of school]*’s** international work includes **[*Insert brief examples of projects, events, activity]*]**

On hearing the news that **[N*ame of school*]** had achieved Intermediate level of the award, **[*insert teacher/headteacher*]** said: **[*Add 50-60 word quote*]**

Shannon West, Head of UK Schools for the British Council, said: ‘*[Insert name of school]*’s international work has earned the school well-deserved recognition with the British Council International School Award - Intermediate Certificate.

We are proud and delighted to work with this great school. Many thanks to everyone for all their commitment to developing international work and sharing excellent classroom practice and resources. This is enriching education for its pupils, and their excellent collaborative projects with partner schools overseas are bringing the world into their classrooms. International work is key support for developing skills young people need to be globally aware citizens of the future.

Embedding an international ethos across a school can lead to International School Award Accreditation, the highest award level. Schools looking to join this supportive and engaging global network should contact us at the British Council”.

The Award is now available worldwide in countries such as Greece, India, and Nigeria. Over 6000 International School Awards have been presented to successful schools in the UK since the scheme began in 1999.

The International School Award encourages and supports schools to develop:

* An international ethos embedded throughout the school
* A whole school approach to international work
* Collaborative curriculum-based work with international partner schools
* Year-round international activity
* Involvement of the wider community

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**To interview the school or for images, please contact [*Insert school contact details*]**

**For more information about the International School Award, please get in touch with our team at** [**isa@britishcouncil.org**](mailto:schools@britishcouncil.org)

**Notes to Editors:**

The **British Council** **International School Award** started in 1999 to recognise the schools leading the way in instilling and developing a global dimension into the learning experience of all children and young people. It is managed by the British Council.

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