

British Council International School Award success for Springwood High School

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Springwood High School in King's Lynn has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. 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 to live and work as global citizens.

Springwood High School's international themes include working with its partner school in Ghana, running exchange programmes with Germany, France and Australia, and residential visits for the whole of Year 7 to the Battle Fields in Ypres.

On hearing the news that Springwood High School had received the Award, Karen Williams, International Co-ordinator, said "This is excellent news for the school, and is recognition of all the hard work that we have undertaken in the past few years to achieve this award".

John Rolfe, from the British Council, said: 'The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Adding an international dimension to children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful future careers in an increasingly global economy.'

2013/14 saw more than 500 schools receive International School Award accreditation. This includes a wide range of schools from a variety of different backgrounds and areas across the UK. The British Council hopes to build on this success throughout 2014

The Award is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Cyprus, Pakistan and Nigeria as part of the British Council's Connecting Classrooms programme. Around 5000 International School Awards have been presented to successful schools in the UK since the scheme began in 1999.

The ISA encourages and supports schools to develop:

- An international ethos embedded throughout the school
- A majority of pupils within the school impacted by and involved in international work
- Collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools
- Curriculum-based work across a range of subjects
- Year-round international activity
- Involvement of the wider community

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To interview the school or for images, please contact Karen Williams 01553 773393 ext 137.

For more information about the International School Award, please contact Rowan Kennedy in the British Council office on rowan.kennedy@britishcouncil.org or 0207 389 4994.

Notes to Editors:

The **British Council** is the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. We create international opportunities for the people of the UK and other countries and build trust between them worldwide.

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For more information, please visit: www.britishcouncil.org. You can also keep in touch with the British Council through <http://twitter.com/britishcouncil> and <http://blog.britishcouncil.org>. The British Council's website for schools – **British Council Schools Online** – is a supportive 'one stop shop' to help schools find international opportunities and teaching resources, including details about the International School Award. Any school can find out how to apply by visiting <http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org>.

The **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.