



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

British Council India

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About the British Council International School Award

The British Council International School Award is a benchmarking scheme that accredits schools as having an outstanding level of support for:

1. Nurturing global citizenship in young people
2. Enriching teaching and learning

The British Council International School Award was introduced in India in the year 2003 and more than 1800 schools across the country have joined this exciting journey since then. The range of schools participating in the British Council International School Award varies from the well-resourced private schools to government schools from rural areas and schools for the less advantaged communities. The British Council International School Award now has a presence in close to 30 countries worldwide.

Working towards the International School Award will achieve the following outcomes:

Global citizenship

Teachers develop collaborative curriculum projects that help young people to engage positively with global issues.

Young people collaborate on global issues with international partners.

Teachers and school leaders are able to embed global citizenship issues into the curriculum.

Enriching teaching and learning

Working collaboratively, teachers from different countries adapt successful practices and implement them in their own educational contexts.

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Levels of the British Council International School Award

The British Council International School Award has three entry points:

1. Foundation Certificate
2. Intermediate Certificate
3. International School Award

1. Foundation Certificate

The foundation certificate is awarded to schools that are preparing to introduce internationalism in their school and establish international partnerships, forming the foundation for future international collaborative work.

Key activities:

Schools wishing to achieve the **Foundation Certificate** will have to complete the following activities.

1. Appoint an international coordinator.
2. Register on British Council online website (www.britishcouncil.org/schoolonline).
3. Do the groundwork and prepare their school to start a partnership with a school in another country.
4. Complete two curriculum activities with international dimension in six months.
5. Plan activities across the school so that at least 20% of all pupils will participate in at least one activity across the time period of the entire school academic calendar.

All independent privately managed and funded schools will have to pay a one-time registration fee of Rs 8,000 to be eligible to participate in the programme.

Once the school fulfils all requirements within the stipulated time period they will be awarded with the Certificates to School, Principal and Coordinator.

2. Intermediate Certificate

The Intermediate certificate is awarded to schools that have already started their international journey and have established relations with international partners. The schools are now gaining experience of working on collaborative projects and increasing the level of activity and impact in the school.

Key activities:

Schools wishing to achieve the **Intermediate Certificate** will have to complete the following activities.

1. Appoint an international co-coordinator(s)/ committee.
2. Write an International policy to ensure that it expresses the school's commitment for nurturing global citizenship and enriching education.
3. Establish partnership with a school in another country.
4. Complete four curriculum activities with international dimension and skills in one academic year, at least one of which in collaboration with a partner school in another country. The activities should demonstrate the expected outcomes of nurturing global citizenship and enriching education and involve at least 50% of the curriculum subjects in the school.
5. Plan international activities across the school so that approximately half of all pupils participate at some point during their time at the school.

All independent privately managed and funded schools will have to pay a one-time registration fee of Rs 19500 to be eligible to participate in the programme. If you come through a British Council School Ambassador recommendation, the registration fee is Rs 17500.

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Once the school fulfils all requirements within the stipulated time period they will be awarded with Certificates to School, Principal, and Coordinator. Also a plaque with the school name will be awarded to the school.

3. British Council International School Award

British Council International School Award accreditation is given to schools who are experienced in working with international partners on a range of projects, sustaining activity throughout the academic year, and embedding international learning across the whole school and curriculum.

Key activities:

Schools wishing to achieve the **British Council International School Award** will have to complete the following activities.

1. Appoint an international co-coordinator(s)/ committee.
2. Revise and develop the international policy to ensure that it expresses the school's commitment for nurturing global citizenship and enriching education.
3. Complete seven curriculum activities with international dimension and skills in one academic year, at least three of which must be undertaken in collaboration with partner school(s) in another country(s). The activities should demonstrate the expected outcomes of nurturing global citizenship and enriching education and involve at least 80% of the curriculum subjects in the school.
4. Plan international activities across the school so that 80% of all pupils participate at some point during their time at the school.

All independent privately managed and funded schools will have to pay a one-time registration fee of Rs 35000 to be eligible to participate in the programme. If you come through a British Council School Ambassador recommendation, the registration fee is Rs 30000.

Once the school fulfils all requirements within the stipulated time period they will be invited to the Awards Ceremony where they will receive the Trophy, the Plaque and certificates to School, Principal and International School Award Coordinator(s). The school will be awarded the usage of the International School Award Kite mark for 3 consecutive years.

Support from the British Council

British Council will arrange 2 one-day workshops - an Action Planning Workshop and a Mid-Year review Meeting (for Intermediate Certificate and British Council International School Award only). These are delivered by British Council staff and/or British Council School Ambassadors (highly skilled and specially selected school teachers and head teachers who have experience of working on the British Council International School Award or are a part of the British Council International School Award panel).

Additional information and support is provided to schools through the British Council Schools Online portal at www.schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org

Community and schools may seek help from registered British Council School Ambassadors for queries at any time through the process of working towards their British Council International School Award.

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Comparison between Foundation Certificate, Intermediate Certificate, and the British Council International School Award

	Foundation Certificate	Intermediate Certificate	British Council International School Award
Self-audit /assessment	required	required	required
Action Planning workshop (Face-to-Face)	required	required	required
Assessment of Action Plans	required	required	required
Re-assessment of Action Plans	No Re-assessment	One re-assessment	One re-assessment
International Coordinator / Team	Appointed	Appointed	Appointed
International Policy	Not required	Needs to be developed	Needs to be developed /revised
Partner finding	Not required	Required	Required
Student engagement (as % of total students)	20% students	50% students	80% students
Curriculum Activity with International Dimension	Two	Four	Seven
Collaborative activity	Not required	At least 1 of the 4 curriculum activities should be with an overseas school	At least 3 of the 7 curriculum activities should be with overseas school(s)
Mid-year review meeting (Face-to-Face)	Not required	required	required
Award	Certificates to School, Principal, International School Award Coordinator	Certificates to School, Principal, International School Award Coordinator and Plaque to the school	Certificates to School, Principal, International School Award Coordinator(s), Trophy, Plaque Invitation to the Awards Ceremony, Usage of International School Award Kite mark for 3 consecutive years
Continuing Professional Development courses to be completed from the Schools Online portal	Not essential but can try	At least 1 course to be completed	At least 2 courses to be completed