



# International School Award

## Press release

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### British Council International School Award success for Anglo European School

***Anglo European School in Ingatestone 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 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 work in today's world.

Jody Gee, Headteacher said: "We are proud to confirm that we have, once again, successfully achieved the highest level of the International Schools Award. We have held this award for more than 20 years which highlights our ongoing and deeply embedded international ethos. We are never complacent though and continue to broaden and enrich our international curriculum and international visits programme; adding, in recent years Iceland, Singapore and Japan to intensive international studies. Through these unique and distinctive experiences, students gain outstanding personal development, deepen their skills and knowledge and secure aspirational further study and employment opportunities."

Scott McDonald, Chief Executive of the British Council, said: 'The school has earned this prestigious award through its inspirational international work and links with schools abroad. The International School Award is a chance for schools to be recognised for their important work in bringing the world into their classrooms. This is especially commendable when schools have been deeply affected by the global pandemic. The desire to build on their

international work shines through and it is with utmost pride that we celebrate their achievements.

By embedding an international dimension in children's education, these schools are preparing their students for successful lives in the UK or further afield, empowering them to be global citizens, and are creating vital opportunities in an increasingly global economy.'

The Award is now available worldwide in countries such as Greece, India, and Nigeria. Over 6,000 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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For more information about the International School Award, please get in touch with our team at [schools@britishcouncil.org](mailto:schools@britishcouncil.org)

#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **Anglo European School**

Anglo European School is a distinctive, comprehensive 11-19 school and International Sixth Form set in the village of Ingatestone between Brentwood and Chelmsford and only 25 minutes from London.

The school aims to develop ambitious, resilient and principled young people through inter-cultural understanding and respect enriched by a strong international curriculum informed by the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate.

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. The British Council manages it.

##### **About the British Council**

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