Join a global community

Are you interested in becoming a British Council Partner School?

If your school would like to deliver UK international school qualifications through the British Council, you can apply to become a British Council Partner School.

You can find more details and contact us at:

www.britishcouncil.org/exam/partnerschools

Are you already a British Council Partner School?

Talk to us about how you can access our full range of support and services to make sure you are getting the most out of the Partner Schools Offer. Contact your local British Council Schools Exams representative to find out more.

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The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities.







An education partner you can trust, supporting a global community of schools



The British Council

We support peace and prosperity by building connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and countries worldwide.

We uniquely combine the UK's deep expertise in arts and culture, education and the English language, our global presence and relationships in over 100 countries, our unparalleled access to young people and influencers and our creative sparkle.

We work directly with individuals to help them gain the skills, confidence and connections to transform their lives and shape a better world in partnership with the UK. We support them to build networks and explore creative ideas, to learn English, to get a high-quality education and to gain internationally recognised qualifications.

We were founded in 1934, making us the oldest cultural relations organisation in the world.

At the British Council, we work to enhance the reputation of the UK as a provider of high-quality educational solutions and services, and to generate value for the UK education sector.

Last year we reached over 75 million people directly and 758 million people overall including online broadcasts and publications.



We are an Education Partner you can Trust

We help young people to gain the skills, confidence and connections to realise their potential and to participate in strong and inclusive communities. We support them to learn English, to get a high-quality education and gain internationally recognised qualifications. We are recognised as a global leader in exams delivery.

UK international school qualifications are valued and taken by an ever-increasing number of learners to advance their education and career. They offer the ideal balance, by encouraging teachers to bring local culture and traditions into the classroom, as well as the development of critical thinking, a skill valued by the best universities in the world.

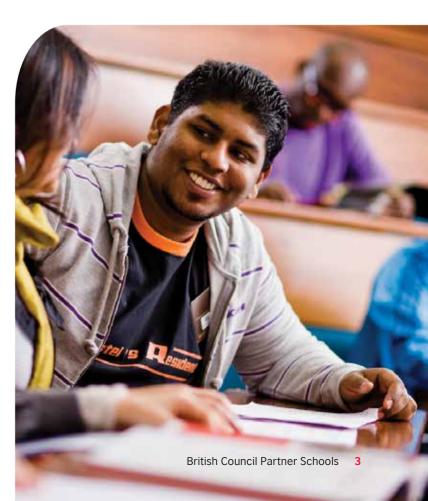
Our work with ministries of education, teachers and school leaders are now stronger than ever to further develop international connections with UK education systems.

The British Council helps millions of people take globally trusted, life-changing UK international school qualifications and provides expert support to partner schools around the world. Our mark of quality is trusted by ministries of education, awarding bodies, schools, leaders, teachers, students and parents right across the world.



As a trusted brand respected by parents across the world, a school's partnership with the British Council reassures them they've made the right choice.

This is why our Partner Schools across the globe value our association to present their school as internationally focused, student-centred and forward-thinking. They trust us to deliver the highest standard of support to help them deliver UK international school qualifications. Being a Partner School gives schools the opportunity to raise educational standards, and thereby raise the profile of the school across global, regional and country level.



Experts in exams delivery

Every year, over four million people take international exams with our help. Students and professionals gain qualifications that open doors at leading academic institutions and improve their employment prospects around the world.

For many years we have been the preferred partner of choice for UK's leading awarding bodies to deliver academic and professional examinations internationally.

- Global Exams Services for schools.
- Global Exams Services for professional bodies and universities.
- IELTS which is the world's most popular **English language test for higher education** and global migration.
- Aptis developed by British Council experts in language testing, underpinned by the latest research in assessment.

Scale and global network

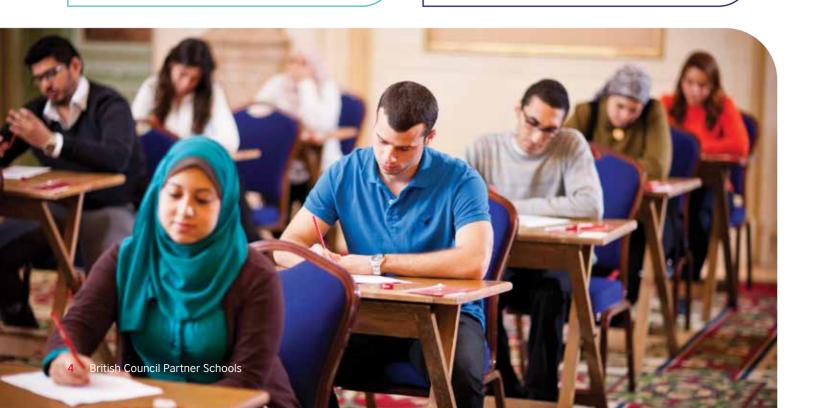
With a presence in over 100 countries, schools benefit from our extensive network and experience in exam delivery and administration. On-the-ground support and in-country expertise is delivered by over 1,000 dedicated exam staff and 25,000+ venue staff, including invigilators and supervisors through 125+ exam centres in over 700 towns and cities.

Your trusted, specialist partner for high-stakes exam services since 1934.

We enable opportunity and transform lives through assessment. That is why over 130 of the leading awarding bodies trust us to deliver nearly 4.5 million professional, university, English language and school examinations each year.

Integrity and security

We ensure high-quality and secure exam delivery and administration even in the most challenging of locations and conditions in compliance with strict awarding body regulations. Our activities are continuously audited via rigorous Quality and Compliance Assessment (QCA) processes.



Our worldwide network

British Council Partner Schools is a community of over 2,100 schools delivering UK international school qualifications. It is a network of educators across the world, including leaders of forward-thinking schools with an international outlook, and teachers committed to a modern. student-centred approach to teaching, helping schools understand the benefits of UK international school qualifications.

The British Council is a trusted education provider and is committed to supporting Partner Schools to improve the educational outcomes of learners by allowing them to focus on teaching to provide the best learning experience for their students whilst we take care of the rest.

Ours is a community that extends beyond the classroom and is truly global. Our aim is to provide expert operational and educational support for our Partner Schools at every opportunity and at every level - making a difference to young lives in local communities, across the world.



Our community

- · Schools that teach UK international school qualifications.
- · Forward-thinking school leaders and teachers.
- · Internationally minded parents, carers, and students.
- Awarding bodies, universities and ministries of education.



British Council Partner Schools Offer

Exam delivery, including full administrative and operational support

We work directly with UK awarding bodies to provide exam delivery services and active operational and problem-solving support. Every year, we deliver over 800,000 school exams to more than a quarter of a million students. This operational support allows schools to focus on what matters most - teaching and learning – while our teams on the ground take on the administrative burden of exams delivery.

The British Council:

- Minimises risk for schools by directly managing confidential materials.
- Manages complex exams administration related work.
- Guarantees exam supervisors and invigilators are directly employed, trained and monitored.
- Provides schools with dedicated British Council teams who are fully trained with an understanding and knowledge of QCA and awarding body requirements.
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- Guides schools and work through together on all the mandatory administrative processes and requirements.
- Manages the end-to-end exams delivery process from registration and payments to post exams services such as dispatching of statement of results and certificates to schools.
- Selects highly secured venues for examinations that meet strict awarding body requirements.
- Ensures a smooth candidate journey for all students at exams venues.

Awarding bodies value the support, expertise and quality assurance of the exam delivery and administration services we provide for Partner Schools. They value our on-the-ground presence that provides schools and teachers with dedicated and personalised support.

Personalised account management support

Our Account Managers are responsible for managing the partnership between the British Council and Partner Schools and ensure delivery on expectations and resolve any issues.

'We could not have navigated these difficult times without the invaluable support provided by the British Council. They have shown courtesy and patience whilst dealing with the constantly changing scenarios and presenting solutions overnight'

LACAS School Network, Pakistan





3 Professional development and networking for teachers and school leaders

We support teachers and leaders with continuing professional development and networking opportunities. We believe that teachers and leaders bring about real and lasting change across schools and build quality pathways that enable students to reach their potential not just in the classroom but in the wider world too.

Partner Schools receive access to exclusive networking opportunities such as Partner Schools Leaders' forums and our annual Schools Now! Conference. Additionally, we support Partner Schools with access to subject-specific training provided by awarding bodies.

Our highly popular Online Support for Schools (OSS) platform has been tailored to meet the needs of our Partner School leaders and teachers. The OSS is a free, flexible and easy to use online professional development hub.

- All training modules provide self-access and utilise audio, video content, discussion forums and downloadable resources.
- Allows personalised learning to study at one's own pace.
- Includes flexibility to schedule professional development at a time and place that is convenient.
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- Features more than 140 teacher training modules covering areas such as classroom management, assessment for learning, safeguarding and English teaching. Contains modules on leadership training and core skills.
- Partner Schools Connect, on-line discussion forums and webinars, which bring together teachers and students from across our global community to collaborate on joint classroom-based projects and to exchange ideas and best practice.
- My Portfolio tool enables leaders and teachers to easily monitor and track learning progress.
- Features digital badges and certificates to recognise achievements and share on social media.

We have a global community of more than 70,000 teachers and leaders who value the professional development they receive through this comprehensive learning and networking hub.

Supporting young lives around the world

Parents choose international qualifications to increase their children's opportunities. They view UK international school qualifications as the key to opening up university and job choices that might otherwise be out of reach.

We support parents to improve their children's lives, as well as assist internationally minded students keen to connect with other young people around the world, with free resources and extra-curricular activities.



Classroom tools

Our classroom tools are designed to inspire young minds. Partner Schools Connect gives students the chance to collaborate on classroom projects with their peers in other countries, and experience new cultures.

Real world tools

We enrich children's learning with extra-curricular activities such as Code Club and our annual global video competition - Your World. Students develop critical thinking as well as creative skills and expand their horizons by competing at country, regional and worldwide level.

Advocacy tools

We work closely with universities around the world so that young people are better informed about their choices for higher education study. We also work across our communities to advocate and promote good practice around child protection.



Our flagship programmes

Schools Now! Conference

The British Council's Schools Now! is a global conference that fosters new thinking and innovative practice in key areas of international education to help schools prepare students for the wider world. It is a networking opportunity where school leaders from around the globe can exchange experiences and knowledge.

"I had the honour to participate in the Schools Now! 2022 conference organized by the British Council. **Educators from all over the world** gathered in this annual exchange event in the international education community to discuss the recovery of school education in the post-epidemic era and share their respective efforts and experiences. The conference reflects the concept of a global education community. What I gain in this forum is not only knowledge and methods, but also exchanges with friends in the global education community and the friendship will increase confidence of educators."

Zhengtang Qian, Director of International Department, Ningbo Lihuili Middle School, China



Schools Now! 2022

2,500+ delegates from 40 countries

800+ livestream participants

8,000+ messages exchanged through conference app

90+ online meet-ups organised

400+ discussion forums created

Your World competition

Your World is a video competition for students to showcase their talents and compete with their peers from all over the world.

It's a fantastic opportunity for students to use their creativity and connect with each other while providing a window into their unique lives, experiences, and their local communities.

All participating students receive a certificate, and the winning video at country level goes to the regional finals to decide the global winner.

'I encourage other Partner Schools to participate in the competition. This is because the rationale behind the competition is not just to win awards but to challenge creative abilities of students to showcase their talents and compete with their peers from around the world to find solutions...'

Mrs. Sarah Freda Adei, Coordinator, Your World Competition, Akosombo International School, Ghana, Global winner of Your World 21-22 'Working on this video taught us 21st century skills of collaboration, problem-solving, creativity and digital literacy. In addition, we learned hard work and above all, perseverance, and resilience.'

Students from Akosombo International School, Ghana, Global winner of Your World 21-22





Our Commitment

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The British Council is committed to providing equal opportunities to everyone, regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, religion and belief, and sexual identity. We support communities, including our Partner Schools, by providing equality, diversity and inclusion awareness sessions.

Safeguarding

The British Council works with our partners to develop a common understanding and an agreed response to safeguarding issues, and promoting good practice, to keep children and adults safe in line with our global safeguarding strategy and policy. We support Partner Schools in achieving this by providing access to our e-learning on child protection, safeguarding and online safety awareness training.

Quality and Compliance Assurance Framework (QCA)

The British Council's QCA framework monitors and audits compliance with over 100 standards across all areas of exam delivery, to ensure the highest standards of operational delivery and exams security and integrity across the globe.

Anti-fraud, Bribery and Corruption

The British Council has a zero-tolerance policy towards fraud, bribery and corruption. We will always investigate and seek to take disciplinary and/or legal action against those who commit. attempt to commit. or assist anyone committing fraud or any other improper activities in our operations.

Health and Safety

We acknowledge our duty of care to ensure a safe place to work and visit for our staff, customers and visitors. We will, where reasonably practicable, follow relevant UK laws and standards, as well as ensuring local legal compliance. We aim to ensure that all staff and those who work with the British Council foster an attitude of good practice and co-operation to achieve high standards of health and safety.

Data Protection

The British Council applies the UK Data Protection Act 2018 as a global privacy standard together with local data protection law in the countries where it operates. In countries where the UK Data Protection Act 2018 conflicts with local law, local law that meets internationally accepted privacy principles will take precedence.



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