

Press release

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD SUCCESS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL FROM GUILDFORD, SURREY

19th September 2009 Kings College for the Arts and Technology in Guildford was awarded the prestigious International School Award in recognition of bringing the wider world into the schoolroom.

On the **16th October** Mr Charlton represented Kings College at a high-profile ceremony in London which recognised schools' outstanding work in this area, and the successful winners were presented with their Awards by broadcaster and journalist George Alagiah.

On being notified that Kings College had received the award, Nick Charlton, Principal Tutor and International Coordinator said; "This award is a testament to the staff and students at Kings who are proud of who we are and of the global home we share with our local and national community plus our ever expanding international network. It is excellent that we have been recognised for our passion for exploring our planet, making new friends and learning with them in order to enrich *all* our lives".

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the DCSF International School Award seeks to celebrate, develop, recognise and accredit outstanding practice in the international dimensions of teaching and learning. 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.

2009 has seen 700 schools accredited in the 75th anniversary year of the British Council. This is a record number of recipients and includes a wide range of schools from a variety of different backgrounds from across the UK.

The Award is now made available worldwide in countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Cyprus and Pakistan. Around 2000 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 the following:

- 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
- Provides ideas for developing collaborative curriculum-based international work with partner schools

John Rolfe, Manager, DCSF International School Award at the British Council said 'Many congratulations and many thanks on your well-deserved success in being accredited with the Award. The rich range of work you are doing in the school and across your larger community to support and encourage global citizens with a greater understanding of the world around them is truly fantastic. The international dimensions of teaching and learning have been at the heart of the work of the British Council for 75 years and to receive the Award in its 10th anniversary year is a special cause for celebration'

The British Council

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The DCSF International School Award was started in 1999 to recognise the schools leading the way in installing a global dimension into the learning experience of all children and young people. It is funded by the DCSF and managed by the British Council. The scheme is highlighted in the DCSF international strategy as 'a major prize for excellence in this field' and is open to all schools in the UK.

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