



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD



Press release

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British Council International School Award success for
Tudor Grange Academy Worcester

Tudor Grange Academy in Worcester 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.

The Academy's international work includes hosting students from all over the world so that they can experience directly days in the life of an English school and working on the Rivers of the World project for the last twelve months in partnership with Langata School in Nairobi. Students have shared information about the pollution in their two local rivers and produced joint artwork around the theme, sparking comparative study and reflection. Some of the artwork was displayed at The Hive. The Head of Visual Arts, Claire Mills, visited the school in Kenya in May and the Academy is looking forward to hosting a return visit to TGAW this November.

On hearing the news that TGAW had received the award, Mr Butler, Principal, said: An international ethos is a core part of our identity. We are working together to develop the

international dimension of our school even further. Our students and staff enjoy and benefit enormously from engaging with students from different cultures. They are exposed to numerous different languages on a daily basis lending motivation, context and purpose to language acquisition. The Normandy D-Day Trip provided an opportunity to practise French language skills and experience French culture first-hand. Fund-raising projects such as “Toilet Twinning” have helped develop important citizenship skills. We undertake many different projects under one big umbrella and are proud to be part of this. We look forward to more international visits, a student exchange programme with Spain and enriching teaching and learning outcomes through our ambitious plans. We have appreciated support from The British Council in our work.

Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of 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. Embedding an international dimension in children’s education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful lives and careers in an increasingly global economy.’

The award, which celebrates its 20th Anniversary this year, is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Over 6000 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 a number of partner schools
- Year-round international activity
- Involvement of the wider community

To interview the school or for images, please contact vailes@worcs.tgacademy.org.uk

For more information about the International School Award, please contact our team at schools@britishcouncil.org

Notes to Editors:

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. It is managed by the British Council and celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2019.

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