



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

Press release

British Council International School Award success for St Edward's Church of England Academy

St Edward's Church of England Academy in Leek 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 and work in today's world.

On hearing the news that St Edward's Church of England Academy had received the award, Mr T Hutchinson said: "We are delighted to have retained this award that we have held for a number of years. Working internationally to foster social justice and international awareness is something that we at the Academy see as very important. We are very excited about the links we have established with schools in Kenya."

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 celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2019, 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

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.

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities, working with over 100 countries in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society. Last year the British Council reached over 65 million people directly and 731 million people overall including online, broadcasts and publications. The British Council makes a positive contribution to the countries they work with – changing lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust. Founded in 1934 the British Council is a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body. They receive 15 per cent core funding grant from the UK government.

For more information, please visit: www.britishcouncil.org, <http://twitter.com/britishcouncil> and <http://blog.britishcouncil.org/>. For more information about the International School Award, please contact: schools@britishcouncil.org.