

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

## Press Release - 20 October 2020

### 23 Schools from Nepal awarded British Council's International School Award (ISA) under Connecting Classroom Project

British Council Nepal awarded International School Award to 23 schools in Nepal, at the virtual award ceremony held on 20 October 2020. The programme and award are endorsed by the **Center for Education and Human Resource Development (CEHRD)** and this is the 8th year that Nepali Schools are being awarded through this programme.

At the virtual ceremony held on 20 October, 23 schools from nine districts were awarded full award, who are now eligible to use the coveted International School Award kite mark along with their school logo on all the official materials for a period of three years. The trophy and certificates of merits will be sent to the schools.

163 schools from all over Nepal initially working on International School Award last year, but due to Covid-19 only 28 schools submitted their dossiers. The remaining schools aims to submit their portfolio of work next year for the full award.

*"The Connecting Classrooms project including the International School Award aligns well with the priorities of the School Sector Development Plan and the national educational priorities of the Government of Nepal. This programme helps to instil life-long learning and necessary skills required for the 21-st century skills which I echo is very crucial in the holistic development of the students".* As said by Dr. Girman Thapa, Deputy Director, CEHRD.

*"International School Award under the Connecting Classrooms programme is a global accreditation scheme recognising good practice in incorporating international dimension in schools. It is endorsed by the Centre for Human Resource and Education Department (CEHRD) since 2012. Since then, more than 542 schools across Nepal have already participated & 151 schools have been successfully accredited under ISA. We have connected Nepali schools to more than 119 schools from the UK till date for a reciprocal learning from each other".* As said by Shahida MacDougall, Country Director, British Council in Nepal.

### What is International School Award (ISA)?

ISA is a yearly award given to participating schools. The British Council offers the ISA as an accreditation framework for schools to record and evaluate their international work and embed it into the curriculum. ISA acts as a benchmark that ascertains schools as having an outstanding level of support for a) nurturing global citizenship in young people b) enriching teaching and learning

The ISA approach to school development is holistic and mirrors the curriculum-based project work approach to encourage the teachers to use with their students. It is a rigorous and evidence-based process. It encourages the leaders to foster team building, innovation, and project management. ISA is content free, and schools are encouraged to embed it within their own curriculum. ISA gives context to practice new skills in Information & Communications Technology (ICT) and pedagogy in a safe and structured manner. Participating in briefings and workshops, online community and the award ceremony brings together many schools across the country fostering a rich exchange of ideas and creating a vibrant community of education professionals.

## List of Full Award Accredited Schools

S.N.	Name of school	Address	Award status
1	Lotus Academy English Boarding School	Simara	Full Award
2	Glowing Kids Montessori Pre School	Bhaktapur	Full Award
3	Tarun Secondary School	Kathmandu	Full Award
4	Brihaspati Vidyasadan	Kathmandu	Full Award
5	Hathausha Little Star Boarding School	Kapilvastu	Full Award
6	Baylor International Academy	Kavre	Re-accreditation
7	Nicholson Secondary School	Bhaktapur	Full Award
8	Kids Planet Montessori and Child Care Center	Kathmandu	Full Award
9	Kathmandu Euro School	Kathmandu	Full Award
10	Arjun English Boarding High School	Gulmi	Full Award
11	Daffodil Boarding School	Kathmandu	Full Award
12	Gurukul Academy	Dhangadhi	Re-accreditation
13	Manakamana Ratna Ambika Secondary School	Sankhuwasabha	Full Award
14	John Dewey H. S. School	Kathmandu	Full Award
15	Regent Residential School	Lalitpur	Full Award
16	Holy Vision Higher Secondary School	Kathmandu	Full Award
17	Golden Peak High School	Kathmandu	Full Award
18	Ripumardini Sainik Secondary School	Kathmandu	Full Award
19	Wings Montessori School	Bhaktapur	Full Award
20	Kathmandu Pragya Kunja School	Kathmandu	Re-accreditation
21	Kanjirowa National Higher Secondary School	Kathmandu	Full Award
22	Ace School	Kathmandu	Reaccreditation
23	National Creative Co-educational School	Kathmandu	Full Award

## Special Category Award Winners are:

Special Category	Name of School	District
Best International Collaborative Project	Tarun Secondary School	Kathmandu
Best International Collaborative Project	Kids Planet Montessori and Child Care Center	Kathmandu
Most Innovative Project	Daffodil Boarding School	Kathmandu
Most Innovative Project	John Dewey H. S. School	Kathmandu
Best International Collaborative Project	Ripumardini Sainik Secondary School	Kathmandu
Best 20% Local Curriculum Project	Kanjirowa National Higher Secondary School	Kathmandu

## Note to Editors

### About the British Council

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### About Connecting Classroom Project

Connecting Classrooms, a project implemented by British Council and co-funded by Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, is designed to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and values to live and work in a globalised economy, and make a positive contribution locally and globally. The programme, running from 2018-2021, will build the capacity of 45,000 teachers and 12,000 school leaders worldwide to support them to integrate a range of core skills into the curriculum.

Connecting Classrooms aims to improve teaching in both the UK and Nepal in the following key areas:

- Professional development for teachers and school leaders
- Sustainable partnerships between schools in the UK and Nepal
- Professional dialogue opportunities for policy makers
- Awards to schools which are successful in equipping young people with the knowledge and skills to live and work in a globalised economy;
- Online access to high quality resources to support teachers in delivering improved learning outcomes for young people.

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