

International School Gold Award

Upton-by-Chester High School 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 is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. 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.

Upton-by-Chester High School's international work includes a textiles project with the Yemen, global citizenship projects with Russia, Sweden & Poland, an urban art project with France, and a science project with Holland and Tata Steel, North Wales. John Rolfe from the British Council, said: "Many congratulations on your well-deserved success in being accredited with the British Council International School Award. The school's fantastic international work is not only

giving the young people a better understanding of the world around them, but it's really making a difference to their future prospects too. Employers are telling us that international skills are just as important as exam results - so everything the school is doing is vital preparation for life in a global society and work in a global economy. 2012 is a big year for the UK on the world's stage, and the school deserves a gold medal of its own for all its outstanding commitment to a range of fantastic international work"

On hearing the news that Upton-by-Chester High School had received the Award, Second Deputy Head Miss Beuzit said: "I am delighted our school has been re-accredited for a further 3 years with this prestigious award. We have developed meaningful partnerships with many schools around the world and this has had a huge impact across the school."

The assessors complimented the school on, "a well written bid showing a strong and imaginative commitment to developing the international dimension. Strong collaborative links have been established."

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The British Council International Award framework has opened up teaching and learning opportunities for students and staff and has enabled everyone at Upton to feel part of a global society.

We now plan to hold an environmental conference where students and staff from our partner schools will be invited. This will unite all our partners under one theme and be an opportunity for all involved to develop intercultural understanding through debates about the sustainability of the planet.

The conference is an opportunity to further the work and leadership skills of the Eco Schools Action team which has just gained the International Green Flag Award. Students will be involved through the planning stage and organisation of the event. The conference will have an impact on the whole school and wider community by enhancing and promoting global citizenship through student voice.



Congratulations on receiving this award and thanks to everyone for their support

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