

Review from submission for International Intermediate Award

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British Council shared feedback with you.

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Feedback (Shared with applicant)

Reviewer 1

This is an excellent application from Blacon High School and is easily approved. Your application shows clear commitment and motivation to develop an international and global dimension to your curriculum and whole-school ethos. It is clear that you are keen to use the International School Award to support your existing activities and see it as a framework to enrich and broaden the curriculum and awareness and understanding of other cultures and global issues. There are three well-presented activities, of which one is with the well-established partner school in Bulgaria. Although this activity is called Student Exchange, you have demonstrated very clearly the work around climate change and social justice that had previously taken place in lesson time. You have only marked this as only applicable for 16 pupils but having read through the application it is obvious that the core work was for a whole year group and only 16 pupils travelled. Please note all student numbers going forward. The language activity and hosting students from Spain and Italy show how the students quickly accept other cultures and the benefit of learning another language. Your GCSE uptake for this year has grown by 70%. This is a fabulous outcome. The evaluations are very informative and it's good to see both pupil and visitor feedback included. It is clear that you are ready to move forward to the next level of this Award scheme. For the full International School Award, you would have to present a minimum of 7 activities of which three are collaborative with your partner school. Finally, I would like to congratulate all staff on gaining this award and good luck with your future plans.