



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

British Council International School Award success for Feversham Academy

Feversham Academy 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.

At Feversham a number of international learning activities run through the curriculum including work around national heritage, anthems and dress, traditional food, and festivals and celebrations around the world. The students are also exposed to global issues such as sustainable development and the combatting of the reckless dumping of waste across the world. Students also have the opportunity to work with our partner schools in Morocco, Tunisia, India and Pakistan and this has a very positive impact on the school community. Our international work is represented by displays, activities and quizzes that encourage the involvement of all students.

All these activities give opportunities to the whole of the school community to widen their experiences. It gives staff and students the opportunity to get to know students from different parts of the world, and offers a different perspective for adults and students alike. It also promotes the knowledge and respect for other countries and cultures alongside the awareness of global issues and how to support other communities around the world.

On hearing the news that Feversham Academy had received the award, Sajida Muneer, Principal said: "***We are absolutely delighted that the hard work of staff and students has been accredited and recognized by the organization. The work we do promotes an understanding of a variety of cultures, languages, and traditions and in doing so we aim to enrich the lives of both our students and those who we work with. Our aim is to***

further strengthen the bonds between Feversham and the schools we are currently working with for the benefit of all the students involved, and play a meaningful role in helping the students of today become true global citizens”.

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