



## Teesside High School

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### News Release

*Title: School makes it 'three in a row' for international awards*

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Teesside High School (THS) has been awarded the prestigious International School Award for the second year in a row, in recognition of bringing the wider world into the schoolroom.

This is on top of the school receiving the National Times Education Award in 2007 for its international work in the category 'Education for All' (making it 'three-in-a-row' for this type of award.)

Representatives from the school attended a high-profile ceremony in London last week (16 October) to be presented with the International School Award by broadcaster and journalist George Alagiah.

Headmaster Thomas Packer said: "To receive this award for the second year in a row was an outstanding achievement. I thank all of the staff and pupils who have put a lot of hard work into making sure our school certainly does embrace different cultures and ways of life.

"We have seen a vast range of activities which the children have thrown themselves into with great enthusiasm, so I hope that more awards will follow!"

Just some of the school's activities to achieve the award included:

- Holding an 'International Week' with seven projects delivered to, and supported by, teachers, pupils and parents
- Developing links with a school in Croatia, to work jointly on a project looking at Roald Dahl and children's favourite books and producing an Cookbook with children's favourite recipes.
- Supporting the 'Send My Friend to School' campaign, which aims to make sure that every child can go to school, no matter where they live in the world. THS Teacher Carol Lara visited the Gambia and met Lamin and Tida who needed financial help to go to school. The pupils at THS will now take responsibility to provide an education for these children until they leave school as well as develop a friendship with them.
- Fairtrade and 'Our Food Our World' activities, bringing food from around the world to life in the classroom, encouraging the children to appreciate how food is grown and the importance of sustaining our food, not wasting it. Children were encouraged to grow their own food as well as try different foods.



Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the DCSF International School Award seeks to celebrate, develop, recognise and accredit outstanding practice in the international dimensions of teaching and learning. 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.

2009 has seen 711 schools accredited in the 75th anniversary year of the British Council. This is a record number of recipients and includes a wide range of schools from a variety of different backgrounds from across the UK.

The ISA encourages and supports schools to develop the following:

- An international ethos embedded throughout the school
- A majority of pupils within the school impacted by and involved in international work
- Collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools
- Curriculum-based work across a range of subjects
- Year round international activity
- Involvement of the wider community

Provides ideas for developing collaborative curriculum-based international work with partner schools

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## Notes to Editor

### Teesside High School

- Teesside High School in Eaglescliffe is an Independent school from Nursery to Sixth Form, for boys and girls
- The school's unique adoption of the Diamond Education Model, combined with small class sizes and individual care, ensures consistently high academic results.
- More information about the school can be found at [www.teessidehigh.co.uk](http://www.teessidehigh.co.uk)

### The British Council

- Celebrating 75 years in 2009, the British Council is the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations.
- Works in over 100 countries worldwide to build engagement and trust for the UK through the exchange of knowledge and ideas between people.
- Works in the arts, education, English, science, sport and governance and last year we engaged face to face with 13.2 million people and reached 221 million.
- Non-political organisation which operates at arm's length from government.
- Total turnover in 2008/9 was £645 million, of which our grant-in-aid from the British government was £209 million.
- For more information, please visit: [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

**The DCSF International School Award** was started in 1999 to recognise the schools leading the way in installing a global dimension into the learning experience of all children and young people. It is funded by the DCSF and managed by the British Council. The scheme is highlighted in the DCSF international strategy as 'a major prize for excellence in this field' and is open to all schools in the UK.