# 1. Why should our school join FOBISIA?

FOBISIA is the premier Federation of British international schools in Asia, and is a diverse and inclusive community offering peer-to-peer support and extensive networking and collaboration opportunities to our members. FOBISIA's core business is focused on continuing professional development, student enrichment, quality assurance, safeguarding, and representation among our counterparts and in the UK Government.

# 2. What are the benefits of becoming a FOBISIA Member School?

Each year, FOBISIA Member Schools work together to plan and host 35+ professional development events for staff (including conferences, webinars, workshops, and training, supported by an online Community Forum) and 50+ student events (including sports invitationals, festivals, conferences and academic competitions), with the Friendly Games hosted in a central hub.

FOBISIA's Annual Leadership Conference provides an exclusive opportunity for Heads and senior leaders within the Federation to come together with leading educational thinkers from the UK and elsewhere, share best practice, and interact with a range of educational suppliers and organisations from around the globe.

FOBISIA's Biennial Teaching Community Conference provides an exclusive opportunity for teachers and TAs within the Federation to come together with leading educational thinkers from the UK and elsewhere and share best practice.

## 3. What are the strengths of the Federation?

Although FOBISIA has grown and developed as a Federation over a 30-year period, it remains an inclusive and welcoming community that is much respected across Asia, and beyond. One of our strengths is our commitment to being a community that "Cares and Shares" where the access schools have to a vast network promotes collaboration and co-operation. FOBISIA delivers high-quality shared professional development and an extensive student enrichment programme to all its Member Schools throughout Asia, offering staff and students a unique opportunity to develop lasting friendships, and experience different cultures and learning environments around the region.

## 4. How many schools are members and where are they located?

FOBISIA's membership takes in 80+ Member Schools across 17 countries and regions within Asia, including Brunei Darussalam, China and it's territories - Hong Kong and Taiwan, Indonesia, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.



# **Member Schools**



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# MALAYSIA



# MONGOLIA

**MYANMAR** 

The British School Yangon (BISY)

The English School of Mongolia (ESM)



NFPAL The British School Kathmandu (TBS)



PHILIPPINES The British School Manila (BSM)

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# SINGAPORE

Dover Court International School Singapore (DCISS) Dulwich College (Singapore) (DCSG) Tanglin Trust School (TTS)



# SOUTH KOREA

Dulwich College Seoul (DCSL) North London Collegiate School Jeju (NLCS) Seoul Foreign School (SFBS)



**SRI LANKA** The British School in Colombo (BSC)



## VIETNAM

#### British International School Hanoi (BISHN) British International School Ho Chi Minh City (BISHM)

British Vietnamese International School Hanoi (BVISHN)

British Vietnamese International School Ho Chi Minh City (BVISHM)

Renaissance International School, Saigon (RIS) The ABC International School (ABCIS)



**THAILAND** Bangkok International Prepatory & Secondary School (BPREP) Bangkok Patana School (BPS) Brighton College International School Bangkok (BCBK) British International School, Phuket (BISP) Bromsgrove International School, Thailand (BIST) Charter International School (CHA) Garden International School Eastern Seaboard Ban Chang (GISR) Garden International School, Sathorn, Bangkok (GISBKK) Harrow International School Bangkok (HISB) Regents International School Pattaya (REGP) Shrewsbury International School Bangkok City Campus (SHC) Shrewsbury International School, Riverside Campus (SHR) St. Andrew's International School Sukhumvit 107 (StA107) St. Andrew's International School Bangkok (StAB) St. Andrew's International School, Green Valley (StAGV) St. Stephen's International School, Bangkok & Khao Yai Campuses (SIS) The Regent's International School Bangkok (REGB) Traill International School (TIS) Wellington College International School Bangkok (WCISB)



#### 5. Does FOBISIA have a connection with other organisations and the UK Government?

FOBISIA maintains strong collaborative relationships with its regional counterparts across the globe, including the Council of British International Schools (COBIS), Association of British Schools Overseas (AoBSO), British Schools in the Middle East (BSME), Latin American Heads Conference (LAHC), and the National Association of British Schools in Spain (NABSS), among others.

FOBISIA engages actively with the UK Government (such as DfE and DIT, and the Prime Minister's Trade Envoys in Asia) and related agencies (such as Embassies) on a range of matters relevant to British international education.

British education has a strong reputation outside of the UK, to which FOBISIA and British International Schools contribute significantly. Whether it be keeping our teaching staff up to date with recent trends and developments in the UK, or equipping students and staff to return to the UK education system and contribute to British society at large, FOBISIA proudly represents, promotes and supports the very best of British education overseas and we are very honoured to have a membership that reflects the UK's Education is Great campaign.

#### 6. What are the expectations on becoming a member?

Upon becoming a member of FOBISIA, Member Schools are expected to maintain their quality and code of conduct standards in order to continue to meet the Federation's strict membership criteria. FOBISIA supports its Member Schools so they can be the best they can be and closely monitors compliance to ensure that they are able to remain in the Federation and continue to play an active role in achieving its mission.

It is not only what FOBISIA can bring to its members, but it is also as much about what its members can bring to FOBISIA. The Federation promotes and encourages a culture of sharing. Member schools can select the activities that they may choose to either participate in, or even host which does provides members with the opportunity to showcase their schools.

#### 7. Does a school need to meet certain standards to become a member?

FOBISIA's By-Laws outline a range of criteria that must be met in order to be accepted as a member of FOBISIA. These include a number of general criteria relating to Britishness, governance, safeguarding and quality assurance.

#### 8. How can a school become a member?

Candidate schools are required to submit an application, which must demonstrate that they meet FOBISIA's membership criteria. If FOBISIA's Membership Committee deems an application as meeting the criteria, they will recommend a Pre-Membership Visit be arranged to validate the application. If the visit results in a recommendation from FOBISIA's visiting representatives that the school be admitted to the Federation, the matter is put to the membership for a vote. If the vote receives the support of a simple majority, the school is admitted to the Federation, effective immediately, and they are invited to attend the next Heads' Business Meeting.



#### 9. Do schools need to be accredited to become a member of FOBISIA?

FOBISIA has two categories of membership - Full and Associate Membership.

Schools are admitted to the Federation if they meet the membership criteria and are accredited by an agency approved by FOBISIA.

Schools that are not yet accredited but are committed to attaining accreditation with an approved agency, may be admitted to the Federation as Associate Members. They do, however, need to have commenced the accreditation cycle within three years of joining FOBISIA.

FOBISIA supports its Associate Member Schools to work towards accreditation by offering professional advice, leadership support and connections to approved accreditation agencies.

#### 10. Can a newly established school join FOBISIA?

There are no barriers to newly established schools seeking to join FOBISIA. Early admission of newly established schools is considered on a case by case basis, depending on the school's particular stage of development and circumstances. Generally, however, newly established schools are advised to delay their application a minimum of one term until they are in a position to ensure that they can fully participate as a member of the Federation.

#### 11. What does it cost to become a member of FOBISIA?

School Membership Fees is reviewed annually by the Federation. FOBISIA's Fee Schedule includes two components, an annual subscription fee and an enrolment fee. The enrolment fee is determined by the number of students enrolled in the school.

#### 12. Are there different types of FOBISIA membership?

There are four categories of FOBISIA Membership. As well as Full and Associate Membership, the Federation offers Individual Membership to former heads of Member Schools in order to retain the invaluable institutional knowledge that exists among our dynamic network of school leaders in and beyond the region. Affiliate Membership is also offered to education organisations of interest to Member Schools.

