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Press release

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British Council International School Award success for Putteridge High School

Putteridge High School has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award for working 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 and work.

Putteridge High School's international work has included an International Fair at Putteridge Primary School, where a number of our students shared their home language and culture. There have also been a series of activities for a multinational group of students in music, art, outdoor challenges, teamwork and cooking.

Our school took part in an Erasmus+ Twinning project (the Comenius Programme), partnering with schools in Germany: Theisstalschule in Niedernhausen, near Frankfurt am Main.

The lasting effects from this project are friendships formed with German teenagers, face to face communication and a greater understanding of culture, significant historical events and acceptance of how other people live. The school has a firmer relationship with our German partner school with 'real' connections between students.

On hearing the news that Putteridge High School had received the award, Hazel Line, Head of Languages said: As a school, we are very proud of the internationalism amongst our students. We take every opportunity to bring the global world in to Putteridge High School, expanding students' horizons, developing a tolerance of others and learning how to be global citizens.

Sir Ciarán Devane, Chief Executive of the British Council, said: Putteridge High School has brought the world into its classrooms, earning them the British Council International School Award. Their pupils' education is enriched with international activities that help children develop the skills they need to thrive in a globalised world."

The award is sought after worldwide by schools from countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Pakistan. Around 5,500 International School Awards have been presented to successful schools in the UK since the British Council 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



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