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Invigorate your **boarding experience** with BSA in 2025-26

Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) was founded in 1965 and is the leading provider of boarding, pastoral and safeguarding support to 600 schools in 40 countries. Our world leading programme of training and support for international members has never been more accessible. We are here to support with advice and guidance on all matters related to boarding via bsa@boarding.org.uk, but there's so much more to BSA membership.

If you can't find what you're looking for within the member services section below, we'll be happy to discuss a more bespoke package.

SHARE THE FUN OF BOARDING

Boarding is the gold star of education; it creates that sense of belonging that builds upon a school's ethos. Boarding schools are so much more than the curriculum and enhancing the pupil's intellect, life in a boarding school involves character building and the activities within boarding creates a bond that can be celebrated by all cultures. Boarding develops an individual for life.

We'll be recognising our **60th anniversary** with a series of exciting events and campaigns throughout the 2025-26 academic year and we'd love you to celebrate with us!

BSA Active celebrates all things boarding and aims to engage boarders in a series of fun activities and competitions. Take part in any one of our events, activities or competitions throughout the year or let us know how you celebrate the fun of boarding with the **#iloveboarding** hashtag across your social channels.



Help your boarders demonstrate their skill development with our Boarding Life Skills Award, or perhaps you'd like to participate in our On Board initiative in support of your local communities.

We celebrated 10 years of the BSA **Boarding Orchard** in September 2024. Hundreds of trees have been planted in boarding schools around the world. Why not join the scheme and plant a tree as your contribution to our global orchard?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCT 4, 2025 | [International Boarding Day](#)
Join us on the **first Saturday in October**. How will you celebrate with your boarders in 2025?

MAR 2026 | [TIOB World Boarding Staff Day](#)
Join the online campaign on **Monday March 2, 2026** to recognise the hard work and commitment of boarding staff communities in schools across the globe.

International Forums
BSA will be running free forums for schools in Asia, Europe, Ireland and Africa. Dates to be confirmed.

BSA INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Have your boarding provision accredited through the BSA International Accreditation process.

Affiliate member schools access full membership by completing their accreditation. Schools which are already full members gain the extra recognition of being a BSA Accredited school. Schools complete a self-evaluation and the assessment process then takes two full working days, either in person, online or a combination of both. Schools to have completed the process come from as far apart as Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, China, Malaysia and New Zealand.

For full details, please email
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CPD AND TRAINING WITH BSA GROUP

BSA showcases an extensive training and conference programme. International members are welcome at any of our events, but the opportunities listed within this booklet are particularly relevant to those of you outside the UK.

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

BSA supports member schools worldwide with specific consultancy support. From boarding, safeguarding and wellbeing audits, marketing advice and bespoke training packages to strategic support around the launch or expansion of boarding, our consultants can support members with specific needs. Scoping calls can be booked with us too. For full details, please email
[**bsa@boarding.org.uk**](mailto:bsa@boarding.org.uk).



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

BSA has expanded its in-person conference schedule. Save the dates now, and secure your place!

Irish Boarding Conference
Clongowes Wood College, Ireland
November 20, 2025

Annual Boarding Conference (UK)
January 27-28, 2026

European Boarding Conference
Switzerland
March 18, 2026

Annual Conference for Heads (UK)
May 5-6, 2026

ONLINE
PROGRAMME

Our online events range from 1-hour forums and webinars to day seminars and lengthier accredited courses. We make start times as accessible as we can to the widest possible range of members (who now span 19 time zones!)

We are always impressed by colleagues who stay up late or get up early to join us at our events!

Here are some events for Sep-Dec 2025 which are suitable for all audiences but our full events calendar and course timings are available to browse via www.boarding.org.uk/events/.

SEPT - OCT

Boarding essentials	Monday September 8
Radicalisation and early identification	Friday September 12
Making a success of dogs in boarding	Wednesday September 17
Leading a boarding team	Wednesday September 17
Safeguarding against sexual violence and harassment	Monday September 22
Contextual approaches to vaping behaviour	Tuesday September 30
Supporting pupils with anxiety	Thursday October 2
Leading a nursing team	Friday October 3
Supporting colleagues through menopause	Friday October 10
Fitness to board	Monday October 13
Supporting boarders with homesickness	Tuesday October 14
An introduction to Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT)	Wednesday October 15
Achieving effective pupil voice	Thursday October 16

NOV - DEC

Developing a culture of belonging	Monday November 3
Outduction - preparing students for life after school	Wednesday November 5
Creating a culture of wellbeing	Wednesday November 12
Creating great boarding spaces	Friday November 14
Understanding and supporting ADHD	Monday November 17
What do you meme? Understanding young people online	Tuesday November 18
Strategising for boarding success	Wednesday November 19
Understanding female adolescence	Tuesday December 2
Understanding Executive Functioning Skills	Thursday December 4
Understanding male adolescence	Monday December 8

BSA ACCREDITED COURSE PROGRAMME

BSA's accredited training programme has been running for over 25 years, with successful candidates now into their thousands from many different countries around the world. Courses for 2025-26 are as follows:

Advanced Certificate Pastoral Care - ASIA

This course is organised around a combination of intensive study days which contain a variety of teaching methods and opportunities to learn in different ways short lectures, presentations and discussions led by students, together with group problem solving exercises and case studies.

Study days for this module are:

October 21, December 8, March 6 and May 8

Each day will begin at 16:00 and finish at 21:00 CST.

[Click here to check local timings.](#)



Advanced Certificate Boarding Management - ASIA

This course is organised around a combination of intensive study days which contain a variety of teaching methods and opportunities to learn in different ways short lectures, presentations and discussions led by students, together with group problem solving exercises and case studies.

Study days for this module are:

October 23, December 4, March 13 and June 1

Each day will begin at 16:00 and finish at 21:00 CST.

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TASTER SESSIONS

Taster session

Pastoral Care: Developing a culture of wellbeing with Q&A

Friday September 19, 2025

Timings: 09:15 - 10:15 (UTC) or 16:15 - 17:15 (CST)

Taster session

Boarding Management: Risk assessment and managing crises with Q&A

Friday September 26, 2025

Timings: 09:15 - 10:15 (UTC) or 16:15 - 17:15 (CST)

Certificate in Professional Practice: Supporting International Boarders

This certified course is designed specifically for staff working with international students and will provide an opportunity for these staff to develop their knowledge and skills in relation to supporting this critical, and increasing, sector of the boarding school market.

Study days for this module include:
February 27, March 23 and May 7

Each day will begin at **10:00**
and finish at **15:30** UTC.
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Certificate in Professional Practice Mental Health & Wellbeing

This module is comprised of three tutor-led study days featuring guest speakers, interactive morning and afternoon sessions. Breakout groups allow for discussion and time with the course tutors.

Study days for this module include:
December 3, January 21 and March 2

Each day will begin at **10:00**
and finish at **15:30** UTC.
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Diploma in Boarding Practice – Leadership

The Diploma is designed as a strategic course for senior and experienced school staff looking to gain knowledge of key leadership and management skills required to lead the boarding in their school.

Study days for this module include:
November 17, March 9 and May 19

Each day will begin at **10:00**
and finish at **15:30** UTC.
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Certificate in Boarding Practice – Pastoral Care

This is a two year modular course aimed specifically at staff working in and around boarding. Over the last 20 years around 3,000 House Tutors, Matrons, Support Staff, School Nurses, Assistants, House Parents and HsMs have completed this award.

Study days for this module include:
October 15, November 28, February 3 and May 14

Each day will begin at **10:00** and
finish at **16:00** UTC. [Click here](#)
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Certificate in Boarding Practice Boarding Management

This course is taken by both graduate teaching and non-graduate house staff, including matrons, assistant house staff and house parents, with responsibility for the care and welfare of boarding pupils.

Study days for this module include:
October 7, November 11, February 5 and March 19

Each day will begin at **10:00** and
finish at **16:00** UTC. [Click here](#)
to check local timings.

Certificate in Professional Practice – Headship

The BSA Certificate in Boarding Headship is a new, BSA-accredited certificate course for School Heads new to boarding or who would like to extend their knowledge of the sector.

Study days for this module include:
April 27, May 12 and June 23

Each day will begin at **10:00** and
finish at **16:00** UTC. [Click here](#)
to check local timings.

Certificate in Professional Practice Inclusion Lead

This accredited course will bring together leaders from a wide range of backgrounds who will share knowledge and experiences to both support you with this important work and to challenge your thinking to enable professional growth.

Study days for this module are:
May 13, May 21 and June 8

Each day will begin at **10:00**
and finish at **16:00** UTC.
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Advanced Certificate in Child Safeguarding Practice: Option 2

This certificate programme is for safeguarding managers and leads, heads of safeguarding, safeguarding hub managers and co-ordinators. It has been developed to support safeguarding colleagues from a diversity of sectors to supplement and extend designated safeguarding lead training.

Study days for this module are:
February 10, March 18, May 12 and June 22

Each day will begin at **10:00**
and finish at **15:30** UTC.
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quote for some bespoke
training for your school.

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across our other associations, with details available via our
new online learning platform via

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