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Day School Member Information

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Welcome

The Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) exists to 'champion boarding excellence and provide worldwide boarding support'.

Founded in 1966, the BSA is the world's largest provider of boarding support services. We represent more than 640 independent and state schools in the UK and globally in 40 other countries.

Our services include training pastoral, academic, marketing & admissions and management staff through webinars, one day seminars and the BSA Academy professional development pathway, as well as through bespoke programmes both online and in person. We also offer advice, consultancy, newsletters, updates, government lobbying, legal services, online forums, publications, jobs advertising, conferences and events. We look forward to you joining us soon.

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Why become a BSA day school member?

This membership category is for day schools who have international pupils in their schools, whether living with parents or in host families, with guardians or in foster care. Day schools have the same issues as boarding schools in terms of regulatory compliance, pastoral care of both international and local pupils, teaching strategies to ensure academic success for second language learners and integration of a diverse range of pupils into classes, houses and school life generally. Our events and information on safeguarding apply equally to international and local pupils, as does our wide range of online training on pastoral and healthcare issues.
As a BSA member school, all your staff have discounted or free access to online events tailored to their specific role, delivered through our group of organisations.

We also offer guidance and training on international marketing and admissions. Our agent and guardian certification schemes provide unrivalled assurance to BSA schools that they are dealing with educational guardians and agents who have the highest standards in recruitment, safeguarding, pastoral care and student placement.

Our legal department offers UK immigration law advice for schools recruiting international students, with up to date guidance available on our website members' area and weekly updates via newsletter. We also offer full CAS sponsor licence support and a due diligence service on sources of fee revenue to mitigate the risks of exploitation and modern slavery.

BSA membership will also give you access to up to date guidance as well as lobbying power, through our links to government departments, which enables us to shape policy both nationally and internationally.

Types of day school membership

The Boarding Schools' Association offers membership to day schools as well as boarding schools, both in the UK and globally.

Becoming a BSA day school member

All applicants must complete the application form and return to the BSA at bsa@boarding.org.uk. All applications for membership are validated by the Head of Membership and then recommended to the BSA Executive Board for approval.

Day school membership application

Applicants will be required to sign an agreement to uphold the BSA Commitment to Care Charter and must submit their latest inspection documents from ISI, Ofsted, a BSA-approved association or the local equivalent. They must also send documentation relating to the nature and ethos of their school for consideration. This information must include details of how the school safeguards and promotes the welfare of their pupils.

Benefits of BSA Membership

- **Free use of the BSA logo** an internationally-recognised mark of quality**,** according to membership status
- **Free BSA membership certificate** according to membership status
- **Free advice and guidance by phone or email** on guidelines, teaching strategies, UKVI sponsor licence and visa issues, medical issues, marketing & admissions, staffing. Telephone +44 (0)207 798 1580 or email bsa@boarding.org.uk and one of our experts will help
- **Free media relations** with international placement of school stories. Crisis media advice available on request
- **Free online BSA forums** where you can discuss issues with BSA experts and colleagues
- **Regular email newsletters**
- **Free termly Boarding School magazine**
- **Free safeguarding newsletters** from our sister organisation Sacpa
- **Free job board listing on BSA website**
- **Free website listing**
- **Annual awards' ceremony**
- **Free listing in the BSA Guide to Boarding**
- **Online and residential training** one- and two-day conferences, training days, seminars and webinars. All offered at discounted rates to members
- **Consultancy services** on a wide range of topics, both online and in person, including best practice, policy reviews, site security and developing international marketing and recruitment. All offered at discounted rates to members
- **Discounted legal services** for schools requiring UK immigration law support via our SRA-regulated law firm, BSA Group Legal Services Ltd
- **Bespoke staff training** on a wide range of topics, both online and in person, including safeguarding, pastoral care, UKVI compliance, training for international officers, pastoral staff, teaching staff, administrators and managers
- **Centre for Boarding Education Research (CEBER)** brings together the best research into many different aspects of boarding and market surveys throughout the world
- **Publications** including textbooks, guidance documents and market research
- **BSA Academy** professional development qualifications provide a clear pathway to ensure the highest standards in the sector. Academy training may be accessed online or in person, at a day seminar, conference or accredited training course, from entry level up to Master's degree level.

For more information on BSA membership, please look at our website boarding.org.uk or email bsa@boarding.org.uk.

Membership subscription rates 2026/27 (prices shown in GBP)

Day school member
£500 annually

International members are responsible for any bank fees associated with international payments.



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