

bsa | BOARDING SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION

International Membership

2026 – 2027

FOR BOTH BOARDING & DAY SCHOOLS



BENEFITS

Membership of the world's most prestigious and largest membership association for boarding schools (founded in 1965)

A global network of boarding practitioners & experts with whom to share best practice

Discounted rate for bespoke consultancy (e.g. accreditation, strategy, training, benchmarking)

Access to the work of the BSA's Centre for Boarding Education Research

Annual conferences for senior leaders in Asia and Europe

Advertise roles on the 'jobs vacant' board on the BSA website

Your school included on BSA website and in the BSA's guides for parents

50% discount on all BSA's professional development courses - the most extensive programme of boarding CPD in the world (see details of CPD Pass below)

Discounted membership of the BSA's sister associations: BAISIS, HIEDA, IELA & SACPA (see details of BSA Gold membership below)

The opportunity to enter the BSA Annual Awards competition (one of which is 'International School of the Year')

BSA crest to use on your website and in your marketing.

TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

1.

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership is available to schools outside the UK which have passed the BSA International Accreditation Scheme or are members of one of the BSA approved associations (HMC, IAPS, COBIS, CIS, BSO etc).

2.

AFFILIATE

Affiliate membership is available to schools outside the UK which are not in membership of one of our approved associations but wish to move to full BSA membership status.

Affiliate membership is also available to schools which are planning to start or restart boarding.

Affiliate members must start the BSA International Accreditation scheme within two years of joining the BSA, which leads to full international membership.

3.

DAY

Membership is available to day schools. Day schools have many of the same issues as boarding schools in terms of compliance, safeguarding, pastoral care of pupils and integration of pupils into classes, houses and school life generally.

Many of the BSA's events and much of its information and research apply equally to day pupils, as does the wide range of online training for staff in day schools.



ACCREDITATION

The BSA **International Accreditation scheme** is designed for boarding schools outside the UK seeking an internationally recognised mark of boarding quality assurance. The scheme, based on the English National Minimum Standards for boarding schools, is responsive to local needs and customs.

For those schools which have affiliate membership, accreditation automatically qualifies them to be full international members of BSA. All affiliate members are expected to begin the process within two years of joining. However, some full members also choose to have their boarding provision benchmarked against the BSA accreditation standards.

The standards have eight sections, each with five sub-sections:

1. Relationships within the boarding environment ensure boarders are well looked after
2. Health and welfare provision contributes to boarders' well-being
3. Domestic arrangements meet the boarders' essential needs
4. Boarders have an appropriate range of free time and other activities
5. Boarding accommodation is fit for purpose
6. All appropriate safety provisions are in place
7. Boarding is well led and managed
8. Staffing and supervision arrangements ensure the boarders are kept safe

Schools complete a self-evaluation and, when ready, apply for the formal process to take place, which generally lasts for two full days, depending on the scale of the boarding provision.

This includes scrutiny of policies, procedures and paperwork, and meetings with relevant staff and with pupil groups. The process is designed to take place face-to-face and will include a tour of facilities.

Schools are provided with a full written evaluation and, should there be any shortfalls, work with their assessor to ensure the relevant standards are met.

The scheme booklet contains all the details, including the full list of the standards.

The cost for accreditation varies and will be agreed at the time of enquiry.



MEMBERSHIP FEES
2026 2027
(all fees are annual)

1. **Full** International Membership of the BSA:

   GBP 1200

2. **Affiliate** International Membership of the BSA:

   GBP 600

3. **Day** School Membership of the BSA:

   GBP 500

ADD-ONS

1. **BSA Gold Membership**

   In addition to BSA membership, gold members are also enrolled in our sister organisations:

   - **SACPA**
     (Safeguarding and Child Protection Association)
   - **BAISIS**
     (British Association of Independent Schools with International Students)
   - **HIEDA**
     (Health in Education Association)
   - **IELA**
     (Inclusion & Equity Leadership Association)

   GBP 600

2. **CPD Pass**

   The CPD Pass gives unlimited access to **all** staff to BSA online professional development. Excludes accredited training programme.

   GBP 800
   or
   GBP 1,000 (for Affiliate members)

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

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