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Dear Chris,

***Award of CIS Accreditation
(British International School Riyadh; Main Campus only)***

The Council of International Schools' Accreditation Service and its Advisors have now completed their study of the report submitted by the November 2014 CIS Visiting Team and considered its recommendation with regard to your school's status within the accreditation process.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council of International Schools has decided to award accreditation to the British International School Riyadh (BISR) with immediate effect. Please note that the award of accreditation applies only to the BISR Main Campus, and that the Salwa Campus is not included within this award. Warmest congratulations to you, your staff, and the entire school community on this achievement.

In reaching their decision, CIS took into account the Visiting Team's commendations which were based on evidence of excellent and effective alignment with the standards for CIS accreditation. In granting the award of accreditation, CIS felt that the commendations – or strengths of the school – greatly outweighed any areas in which the school was deficient. Of particular note are the following:

- the embedding of the Mission Statement within the curriculum at all age levels;
- the outstanding whole-school climate that contributes strongly to a positive environment for learning;
- the students' creation of the REACH Motto, which has had a positive impact on many aspects of life at BISR;
- the promotion by staff and students of internationalism and global citizenship, including the displays of students' work that portray the local culture, internationalism and diversity;
- the extensive technological resources available to support students' learning;
- the implementation of systems that track students' academic performance as they progress through the school;
- the implementation of the Creative Curriculum in the Primary School that has laid the foundation for improved curriculum links between disciplines;
- the mutually supportive relationship between the Board of Governors and the Principal, and the inspirational leadership of the Principal and Senior Leadership Team;
- the outstanding leadership of the students in many aspects of school life;
- the training of staff members to support the needs of students learning English as an additional language; and
- the sound financial planning and the creation of a safe and secure campus.

These strengths should be celebrated by the school community. The complete list appears in the Visiting Team Report.

Although the Visiting Team clearly viewed the school very positively, it made many recommendations. The school will need to address these in the coming years. The Visiting Team particularly commented upon the following areas in need of improvement:

- the clarification and dissemination of the school's Vision Statement;
- the consistent school-wide application of varied teaching strategies, including differentiation, to engage and challenge all students in learning;
- the enhanced vertical and horizontal articulation of the curriculum at all age levels;
- the creation and implementation of a whole-school assessment policy; and
- the creation of a strategic plan for the short, medium and long terms to include financial implications and plans either to renovate the existing campus or to move the school to a new campus.

These challenges should be addressed by the school community. The complete list appears in the Visiting Team Report.

The next routine stage of the accreditation process for the school will be the submission of the First Report on Progress & Planning (FRPP) by 1st October 2016. Guidance on how to write the FRPP can be found in the FRPP Booklet which will be sent to you by the CIS Accreditation Office.

You may now publish the fact that the British International School Riyadh has been accredited by the Council of International Schools. Please specify that the award of accreditation applies to the BISR Main Campus only and that it does not include the Salwa Campus. An official CIS leaflet entitled 'Your Child is at an Accredited School' is available for distribution in your school community if you wish. Please contact our Accreditation staff at accreditation@cois.org if this is of interest to you.

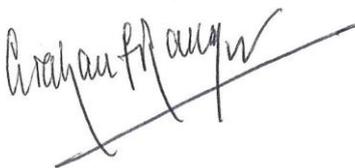
To celebrate the granting of accreditation, a plaque and certificate will be awarded to the school. Staff from the Accreditation Office will contact you on this matter.

I look forward to reading how the school has addressed all the Visiting Team's recommendations when the FRPP is submitted in October 2016. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Nicholas Bowley, the CIS Regional Accreditation Officer responsible for your school (nicholasbowley@cois.org), or me (grahamranger@cois.org), if there is any point that is unclear or on which you need further advice.

Once again Chris, congratulations to everyone at the school on achieving CIS accredited status.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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Please note: You should have received the Visiting Team Report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact our Accreditation Staff at accreditation@cois.org so that they may send you a copy.