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Subject: Award of CIS International Re-Accreditation

Dear Graham,

On behalf of the Council of International Schools, the CIS School Support & Evaluation Services and its advisors have now completed their consideration of the February 2018 Team Evaluation Report on your school. I am pleased to inform you that the report has been accepted, along with the recommendations it contains. This means that New Cairo British International School (NCBIS) has been re-accredited. Warmest congratulations to you, your staff, and the entire school community on this achievement.

In reaching their decision, CIS took into account the Evaluation Team's commendations which were based on evidence of effective alignment with the standards for CIS International Accreditation. In granting the award of accreditation, CIS felt that the commendations – or strengths of the school – far outweighed any areas in which the school was deficient. The picture has emerged of a school that has faced considerable challenges but which has been proactive in providing the most positive and progressive environment possible for its students and staff. NCBIS's candid self-study acknowledges the regional difficulties faced and the substantive efforts made to stabilise the school while still continuing to develop the school further through the comprehensive review of guiding statements, the proactive approach to global citizenship and intercultural learning and the rigorous efforts to ensure child protection standards are as high as they can be.

Of particular note is the school's review and adoption of its guiding statements, the school's commitment to the development of intercultural learning within and across the broader school community, the efforts to make learning authentic, challenging and personalised for each student, the embracing of the ideals for a positive, supportive, and caring learning community, the development of student voice, and for engaging actively within the school's cultural context to develop an effective child protection strategy.

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

Although the Evaluation Team clearly viewed the school very positively, it also made some recommendations. The Evaluation Team recommended these areas being in particular need of development: recruitment and retention policy and procedure, developing a contextually appropriate definition of high quality learning, establishing a time-scale for the review of the school's guiding statements (Domain A); community information regarding strategic planning and decision-making, board policy manual review (Domain B); the development of a whole-school assessment policy, flexibility of teaching objectives to enable students to co-construct learning activities (Domain D).

The complete list appears in the Evaluation Team Report. These challenges should be addressed by the school community in the intervening years and will and progress will be reviewed in the next Preparatory Evaluation report which will be held the second half of 2021.

You may now publish the fact that the NCBIS has been re-accredited by the Council of International Schools. 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 re-accreditation, a plaque and certificate will be awarded to the school. Staff from the Accreditation Office will contact you on this matter.

The next stage of the accreditation cycle for the school will be the submission of the Annual Accreditation Report due on the 1st of April 2019. This will be an update on three important aspects, Governance, Leadership and any Substantive Changes. Guidance on the Annual Report can be found on the CIS Portal.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact George Hobson, the CIS School Support & Evaluation Officer responsible for your school (georgehobson@cois.org), or me (raydavis@cois.org), if there is any point that is unclear or on which you need further advice.

Once again Graham, congratulations to everyone at the school on achieving CIS re-accredited status.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ray Davis'.

Ray Davis
Director of School Support & Evaluation
Council of International Schools (CIS)

c.c. George Hobson, CIS School Support & Evaluation Officer
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Please note: You should have access to the Visiting Team Report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact our Accreditation Staff at accreditation@cois.org.