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Mark Leppard MBE Chair

This is my first BSME newsletter as Chair and it is a very positive picture we can all look at and be proud of as we reflect upon the pleasing growth and transformation of the organisation. BSME enters another new and exciting phase of its development in the coming year and, as Chair, I want to emphasise that we are a members organisation for members. Your voice and input is absolutely crucial and necessary for our future success.

We have managed significant change over the last 4 years; we have grown professionally with changes of Chairs, building on very strong foundations and the appointment of a CEO and Business Manager has allowed us to focus upon our needs as members. This, in turn, has led to a consolidation of policies and systems, with a professional operations team executing BSME's strategic vision.

The BSME HQs move to Dubai is proof that we are never satisfied with the status quo; this is the dynamic nature of BSME, always improving and making changes to match all members' needs, regardless of things already being "in place." It is about continually improving.

We welcome a new Executive Committee to help us undertake the significant task of moving to Dubai with the guarantee of providing consistently high-quality services during this transition year. To this end, and as per the Constitution, the Exec has co-opted Andy Gibbs, Principal of Dubai English Speaking School and College, to support the organisation's successful move to Dubai. Andy's experience is essential to Olivia and the Team; as a not-for-profit, Andy has already identified key cost-cutting possibilities for us through registration with the Community Development Agency, thereby securing our not-for-profit status. Andy and Olivia will keep membership informed of progress.

Blogs, Podcasts and Articles

Do you have a blog, podcast or article you'd like to share with BSME schools? Let us know and we'll post it here:

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Blogs

Mike Lambert, Headmaster at Dubai College Kai Vacher, Principal at British School Muscat Michael Bloy, Secondary Head at Kings School Al Barsha

Podcasts

International Community School Jordan, #themonalisaeffect

Articles Simon Corns, Headmaster at Brighton College Abu Dhabi

Olivia and I have already had a positive meeting with KHDA who were extremely positive about our relocation to Dubai and we are looking at ways this relationship can be further strengthened to support our members. We also have a meeting scheduled with the UAE Ministry of Education and ADEK. I am sure these will be equally positive. We are currently supporting Kuwait schools with a MoE matter too.

We will also be appointing a neutral partner to undertake a members survey in Term 3 of the next academic year to inform the 2020-22 Business Plan. This will ensure that we meet the needs of members in the diverse contexts we find ourselves across the region. Please do look out for this and contribute. It is another opportunity for your voice to be heard.

I know you will enjoy reading the contents of this newsletter; it contains essential UK updates, an overview of the services provided this year and evidence of our success. An example close to my heart is the significant increase in participation in BSME Student events over the last 3 years (click on the Students tab for more information). This is really impressive and reflects BSME's mission: Strengthening Schools, Serving Students!

All that remains is for me to wish you a successful end of term; and a restful holiday, when it eventually arrives.

Regards

Mark

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CEO Report

This year has made me question the reality of time; either that or it is in fact true that as we age, our trajectory is significantly accelerated. Either way, this year has hurtled past, but, like Mark, the BSME Team is incredibly pleased with the successes we have logged. From our most successful Annual Conference to date, to a significant increase in school members and student participation, we are working hard to map out our next steps so that we continue to serve you well.

UK Updates

- 1. John Bocking has summarised all changes and developments in England for us to stay up to date. For a comprehensive overview, please click here.
- 2. The new Ofsted Framework, effective from September 2019, has now been published. Click here to see a summary of the key amendments.
- 3. I know that many of you will have been very pleased by the Russell Group's announcement that they will no longer list "facilitating subjects" for university entrance. It is reported that this focus is responsible for creative and technical subjects coming under threat and according to the Royal Shakespeare Company, "devalued". The Russell Group represents 24 UK universities, some of them the most elite in the world, including Cambridge and Oxford. According to a BBC survey in the UK, 9 out of 10 schools have cut or reduced time for creative subjects. This decision will support the much-lauded "breadth and depth of the curriculum" which we know serves students best!
- 4. The UK Government has for the first time invested public funds to study the benefits of mindfulness in the classroom. With 1 in 8 British students diagnosed with a mental health challenge, and only 1 in 5 getting support, this is an essential investment. Read more about it here.
- 5. It's also worth keeping an eye on the International Education Strategy: global potential, global growth. This is the DfE and DIT strategy which sets out the government's ambition to a) increase the value of education exports to £35 billion per year by 2030, and b) increase the total number of international students choosing to study in the UK higher education system each year to 600,000 by 2030.

Accreditation

To date, 90 schools have logged their accreditation intentions. Analysis of responses received indicated that 42% would pursue a BSO, 15% would pursue an Approved local framework + external validation accreditation whilst 7 % would pursue the Other approved membership organisation accreditation + external validation option.

If you have yet to log your intention, Lisa Kirkley will be in touch in the coming weeks. Members are reminded that all BSME schools should be accredited by June 2021 or within 2 years of becoming a member.

BSME also submitted a letter of support for BSO

to Lord Agnew a few weeks ago. We will follow this up in September to report to him how many BSME schools have, or intend to, use the BSO framework for accreditation. In the meantime, read an update from one of the first BSME schools to complete a BSO following the changes to the framework here.

Please be aware that despite SIS still appearing on the gov.uk website, they are no longer available for BSO inspections. We also continue to lobby for a faster turnaround in uploading of completed reports to this website.

Data for Leadership

GL Assessment has summarised the outcomes of their survey conducted earlier this year. This is a useful tool is benchmarking yourself against other BSME schools' position in terms of data-driven outcomes. Our thanks to GL Assessment for their support!

Putting Evidence to Work

We have all been there, done that: initiative overload. To help us out, Education Endowment Fund has published a guide to the implementation of any school improvement decision. It can be viewed here.

International School Awards 2020

Remember to submit your nominations by September 2019! More information can be found here.

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Husain Shafei Students Coordinator

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"On behalf of the membership, we'd like to thank all of our hosting schools. We truly appreciate the time and dedication in organising the events to provide our students with the platform to shine!" Term 2 has always been the peak of our BSME Student calendar, and this year was no exception: a total of 2654 students participated in our BSME Student events in term 2 alone!

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We began in Bahrain, where over 150 musicians competed for the high-profile **BSME Young Musicians of the Gulf** hosted by **St Christopher's School**. If one event in a week wasn't enough, **St Christopher's** hosted the ever-popular **BSME U11 Football Tournament,** where over 270 students participated!

We quickly moved over to the UAE where the third **BSME Golf Open**, hosted by **Dubai English Speaking College**, saw 39 students from 7 different schools put their skills to the test.

After the success of last years inaugural **BSME Dance Invitational**, **Cranleigh Abu Dhabi** welcomed 90 dancers from 6 schools to celebrate their love and passion for dance. This year's theme was 'Sands in Time' - click here to read more.

The largest Primary events, the **BSME U11 Large Games** (hosted by **British International School Abu Dhabi**) and the **BSME U11 Small Games** (hosted by **Victory Heights Primary School**) saw our largest participation levels yet. Thanks to the new Games model, 810 students from 30 different schools in 7 countries enjoyed their BSME Games experience.

During the **BSME Annual Conference** we announced the inaugural **BSME Annual Art and Photography Competition 2018-19** winners. A total of 122 artists from 7 schools participated in the competition, hosted by **The School of Research Science, Dubai.**

Finally, the **BSME Swimming Championships** (hosted by **AI Yasmina Academy**) received the highest number of entries this year; 507 swimmers from 23 schools. Congratulations to all schools on another successful meet!







For further information contact: students@bsme.org.uk

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BSME is incredibly proud of the growth in participation over the last three years!



Mentions and updates:

- A Special thank you to our BSME Partners, Pret-a-Portrait and Dryad General Trading LLC for donating prizes to the BSME-SRS Annual Art and Photography Competition 2018-19.
- Stay tuned for updates on the **BSME Writing Competition** hosted by **Modern English School**.
- Don't miss out! Register your school for next years BSME Student events!
 BSME Student Calendar 2019-20.
- We look forward to introducing the first **BSME Quran Competition** hosted by **Horizon English School**.

Results:

BSME YMoG

See the 2019 list of winners

BSME Golf Open

See the 2019 final standings

BSME-SRS Art and Photography Competition

BSME SRS Art and Photography 2018-19 winners list

BSME U13/U15/U19 Netball Tournament

Congratulations to the top three teams:

U13:

- 1. Brighton College Abu Dhabi
- 2. British School Muscat
- 3. British International School Abu Dhabi

U15:

- 1. New English School Kuwait
- 2. The British School Al Khubairat
- 3. Nord Anglia International School Dubai

U19:

- 1. Brighton College Abu Dhabi
- 2. New English School Kuwait
- 3. British School Muscat

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BSME U11 Football

Congratulations to the top three teams:

Girls:

- 1. St Christopher's Bahrain
- 2. British International School Jeddah
- 3. The British School Al Khubairat

Boys:

- 1. The British School Al Khubairat
- 2. Nord Anglia International School Dubai
- 3. British International School Jeddah

BSME U13 Games

Watch the highlights

Congratulations to the top three:

- 1. Brighton College Abu Dhabi
- 2. The British School Al Khubairat
- 3. St Christopher School Bahrain

BSME U11 Large Games

Watch the highlights

Congratulations to the top three:

- 1. St Christopher's School
- 2. Dubai English Speaking School
- 3. Kings' School Dubai

BSME U11 Small Games

Watch the highlights

Congratulations to the top three:

- 1. Horizon English School
- 2. Victory Heights Primary School
- 3. Safa Community School

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BSME Swimming Championship

- BSME 2019 Full Meet Results.pdf
- BSME 2019 Long Course Records.pdf
- · BSME 2019 Highpoint Award Individual Score.pdf

Image hyperlinks:

Young Musicians of the Gulf -

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Jplesaflz7rt3yQZz1o-rm33wEOIAs6F?hl=en

Golf

https://drive.google.com/drive/ folders/1TnVo9tyNQ2h610CxBYsDux7_SzUb5tJ5?hl=en

BSME Dance

Summary Video - https://vimeo.com/321029490

Full BSME Dance performances video - https://vimeo.com/ cranleighabudhabi/review/321453476/d05368560a

Photos - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-IrAuC9NCmjLczmOe6g7FznIHOx_ww4B?hl=en

U11 Large Games - https://www.gysphoto.com/p918358293

U11 Small Games - https://www.gysphoto.com/p706749233

BSME-SRS Art and Photography Competition -

Conference - https://drive.google.com/drive/ folders/1oxQw0bSoH9hf1KcCoQeBybHhXbshzmmS?hl=en

Exhibition -_http://srsdubai.ae/art-competition-2018-19/

Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whCcVTkYqzM

Student Events in Numbers:

Term 2 BSME Student numbers:

- 1. BSME U13/U15/U19 Netball Tournament, hosted by Brighton College Abu Dhabi
 - 9 schools, 20 teams, 157 Students
- BSME U13 Games, venue locations: Dubai Sports City, Dubai British School Jumeirah Park, Kings' School Al Barsha
 - 21 schools, 500 students*
- 3. BSME Young Musicians of the Gulf 2019, hosted by St Christopher's School
 - 9 schools, 152 students
- 4. BSME U11 Football Tournament, hosted by St Christopher's School
 - 10 schools participating, 278 students
- 5. BSME Golf Open, hosted by Dubai English Speaking College
 - 7 schools, 39 students
- BSME Dance Invitational, hosted by Cranleigh Abu Dhabi
 - · 6 schools, 90 students
- 7. BSME U11 Large Games, hosted by British International School Abu Dhabi
 - 16 schools, 420 students*
- 8. BSME U11 Small Games, hosted by Victory Heights Primary School
 - 14 schools, 392 students
- 9. BSME Swimming Championship, hosted by Al Yasmina Academy and 4th Lane Swimming Academy
 - · 23 schools, 504 students
- 10. BSME Art and Photography Competition, hosted by The School of Research Science, Dubai
 - 7 schools, 122 students

*Approximate numbers

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Cheryl Stewart Professional Learning Coordinator

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"I found the workshop very beneficial for my practise and I'm excited to take on board what I've learnt and to start to implement big and positive changes to my school. The keynote speakers had amazing subject knowledge and brought back my excitement and passion!"

Exciting new changes to BSME Professional Learning

As the end of term nears, we have reflected on this year's learning and look forward to the next. An important change which accurately reflects the content of the BSME offer, and to keep up with market trends, BSME will now refer to CPD as Professional Learning. I know you will agree that this reflects the nature of the teacher-as-professional more accurately. Cheryl can now be contacted at learning@bsme.org.uk.

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In the 2018-19 academic year, BSME successfully delivered 16 face to face courses and conferences, providing quality training to almost 700 delegates. This does not include the +75 school leaders completing their DfE-approved NPQs through ESP's exclusive 100% online offer, nor does it account for those schools who bought **discounted online learning** from our Professional Learning partners:



Highlights

BSME's inaugural EYFS Conference saw 130 delegates from 44 schools welcomed to our partner school, GEMS Founders School, Al Barsha. This conference was an overwhelming success with outstanding feedback; we are looking at bigger and better for the 2020 EYFS Conference. Our thanks to Matthew Burfield and his Team! The 2020 programme has an impressive list of keynote speakers including Alistair Bryce-Clegg, Elizabeth Jarman, and Pete Moorhouse, to mention but a few. Sessions will include even more good practice workshops shared by BSME member schools and partners.

Register early to take advantage of our Early Bird Rates.

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"A very thorough provoking and discussion-rich conference." On a smaller scale but equally impressive note, the 2019 PE Conference finished with rave reviews. BSME, working in collaboration with Independent Coach Education (ICE), delivered the most successful PE Conference to date. Eighty delegates from over 30 different schools attended workshops by subject experts including 3 ex-Olympians. Planning is underway for the 2020 PE Conference.

Inspection Accreditation courses run in partnership with Penta International continue to be popular professional learning opportunities. Almost 80 delegates completed Level 1 and or Level 2 Inspection Accreditation this year. Due to the popularity of these courses, we advise you to register early to secure your place.

"An opportunity to share good practice and seek advice from other professionals, a highly informative two days of excellent CPD."

"A fantastically detailed, varied and thorough course across the weekend offering a wide range of sessions catering for the needs of all. It is the 2nd time I have attended the event and cannot speak highly enough of the content and delivery we received."

The 2019-20 Professional Learning calendar will build on our strengths:



Click **here** to view our FREE **webinars.**



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"Excellent course on the importance of recognising all students' needs within physical education and sporting contexts."

If your school requires bespoke training by expert trainers please do not hesitate to contact learning@bsme.org.uk_

for a list of our brokering partners. We have compiled a list of professional trainers who are often UK accredited and available to come to the region throughout the school year. Wherever feasible, BSME will coordinate with other member schools potentially saving your school the full cost of transporting the trainers to the region.



Modern Foreign Languages Conference

09 - 10 OCTOBER 2019 The British School Al Khubairat, Abu Dhabi



The ever-popular Inspection Accreditation courses will continue, with 4 courses in two different countries in the region:







Register staff for this DfE accredited 100% Online Learning:



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- New for 2019 NPQEL for Executive Leaders of BSME Schools





Email Mark Bignell on bsme@espeducation.co.uk for more information or to register for 2019/2020

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"Mark Steed's keynote speech was spot on it gave me an opportunity to reflect on how I lead and how I approach 'crunch point' issues such as PPA and the work-life balance debate."

"Really enjoyed listening to all the external speakers from the UK and the UK updates."

"This was a great conference! Excellent organisation and speakers - so relevant to our school and the region. Thanks to all for the hard work that went into putting this conference together!"



Annual Conference 2019 | Rewind

We were welcomed back to Abu Dhabi in style by the Crowne Plaza Yas Marina and Yas Circuit Conference Centre in March for our most successful Headteachers Conference yet. 100% of delegates reported that they would recommend BSME and the Annual Conference to colleagues. Pascale and his team at the Crowne Plaza outdid themselves with attention to detail and professionalism.

Christine Counsell's UK updates session provided vital information to keep us relevant and in touch with developments in England. Mark Steed, Principal of JESS Dubai, helped us explore our theme, Transforming Learning in a Millennial World, with a focus on the important issues faced by school leaders in managing the younger generation. Emma and Charlotte Robertson from Digital Awareness UK inspired leaders in managing the needs of screenagers while Dame Alison Peacock shared the routes for membership with The Chartered College of Teaching. Curriculum expert, Chris Quigley, raised questions and stimulated lively discussions around the new curriculum requirements and implications for British international schools in the region.

Annual Conference 2020 | Fast Forward

BSME had looked into the possibility of holding the next Annual Conference in Oman to assist our colleagues who currently find travel to the UAE challenging. However, we encountered challenges with the potential venue, uncertainty regarding permissions from the Ministry of Education, as well as capacity issues in the BSME Team. On balance, the Executive Committee agreed that stability and quality of provision would be secured by returning to Abu Dhabi.

Watch this space for dates and updates!

If you have any further questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch by email at **business@bsme.org.uk**

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Lisa Kirkley BSME Membership Coordinator

Dear Partners

As we approach the end of the 2018/19 membership year I would like to remind you that membership renewal is upon us; please complete the membership intention form so that Amani can invoice you for next year. Don't forget membership automatically includes your space at the conference.

School member numbers increased to 137 this year supported by 108 Partners which helps strengthen our network and enhance our diversity.

Wishing you all a restful summer.

Best wishes,

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New School Members

GEMS Wellington Primary School

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Amity International School Abu Dhabi



Brighton College Dubai

BRIGHTON COLLEGE DUBAI

Gulf British Academy



South View School

Kent College

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Deniece Wheeler BSME Partner Executive Representative

Partner Executive Representative Updates

Dear Colleagues,

Ramadan Kareem! I hope everyone is having an enjoyable and productive Term 3.

I'm super excited to be appointed as BSME Partner Representative for 2019-2021. It is truly an honour to try to continue the excellent work of Mark Duncan, who is missed greatly by the regional education community. It was lovely to meet many of you in Abu Dhabi in March and on behalf of myself and Nemo, who couldn't be tracked down to write this, I'd like to thank you for your vote of confidence and I look forward to serving the partner members over the coming two years. My role for 2019-2021 is to support the conference and exhibition planning for the 2020 & 2021 annual conferences and provide input on how BSME can best serve the Partner members on the whole.

A little bit about my background for anyone that's curious... I have been in the UAE for 11 years, consulting with schools for teacher recruitment, teaching resources and teacher training at Hays Specialist Recruitment, Oxford University Press and now Tes Institute. I have managed a number of business projects and events and built a wide network of education contacts throughout the region. I hold a CIM Professional Diploma and have a keen eye for the importance of stakeholder communications and engagement. Along with you, I highly value the impact BSME makes in the regional education sector and I am happy to have the opportunity to be a voice for the Partner members to help improve your experience. In my spare time I sing in an all-female acapella choir called Dubai City Sound, love yoga and cycling and making the most of available cheap Fly Dubai flights to see as much of the region as I can...this last year I've explored Tbilisi, Zanzibar and Alexandria.

The feedback from the 2019 conference survey is in, a huge thank you to everyone who completed this. Feedback, on the whole was very positive and highlights the continued tremendous work the BSME team do to create a great conference experience for all.

The larger exhibition layout with extra coffee stations and meeting space was well received with most being happy with the location of their stand in the hall, the limit on number of delegates and banner size, as well as the conference location and facilities available. The social events continue to be enjoyable and mixed tables at the charity quiz this year were a winner!

The CPD sessions for Partner members, a new addition for this year's conference had mixed reviews. Take up in terms of attendance was low and those that attended found the sessions to be good or satisfactory. For those keen to attend CPD at the next conference there was a call for more sessions on regional industry insights and strategies for promoting to and networking with schools, as well opportunities for partner members to collaborate.

Some improvements can still be made on the time available to access decision makers and clearer signage to additional exhibition areas is needed. Having the opportunity to present and communicate in a concise time slot with Heads, perhaps through a business 'speed networking' type session as well as improved meeting booking through the App are popular suggestions.

I would love to hear from you with any thoughts, feedback and ideas you'd like to share, so please feel free to contact me at any stage: deniece.wheeler@ tesglobal.com

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Deniece Wheeler

International School Partnerships Manager - Tes Institute

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