



# BHS

*Inspiring Excellence and Leadership*



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**Round Square** is a global network of 170 innovative schools, in 50 countries and on six continents, that share a passion for experiential learning and character education.

Based around the six IDEALS of Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service, membership in the Round Square network offers schools a framework for excellence and continuous improvement, collaborative opportunities and shared experiences with like-minded peers from around the world.

BHS became a Global member of the Round Square organisation in 2005, following an extensive external assessment, and is the only school in Bermuda to offer its students and faculty access to this internationally acclaimed programme.

### **Round Square Founder**

Kurt Hahn was a German educator and a pioneer in the field of experiential learning who believed that young people could only truly understand life by experiencing it hands-on in many different ways. By facing challenges, students develop curiosity, courage, generosity, imagination, principles and ultimately the skills needed to become the leaders of the future. Hahn's philosophies have had a far reaching influence, inspiring Outward Bound, the United World Colleges, and The Duke of Edinburgh Award.

## **IDEALS**

Internationalism  
Democracy  
Environmentalism  
Adventure  
Leadership  
Service



*There is more to us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less.*

– Kurt Hahn, Founder of Round Square







## The Benefits of Round Square

As a Round Square member school, the benefits for students are enormous as they have the opportunities to participate in exchanges, conferences, and service projects abroad. Additionally, the tenets of the six IDEALS root their education in an international context, shaping them into global citizens, well before they leave Bermuda to further their education.

Over the past 12 years, students have travelled to Thailand, India, Cambodia, South Africa, Kenya, Australia, Peru, Costa Rica, Guatemala, USA, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, England, Scotland, Jordan and South America on conferences, student exchanges, and service projects.

## Over 250 students have benefitted from a Round Square trip or exchange since 2005.

**56** Students have attended International Conferences

**32** on Regional Conferences

**30** on Young Round Square Conferences

**151** on Service Projects

**24** have participated in school exchanges

Being a Round Square Global Member School has opened up the world to our students.



VANCOUVER  
QUEBEC  
SCOTLAND  
UNITED KINGDOM  
SPAIN  
TORONTO  
CONNECTICUT  
NEW YORK  
BERMUDA  
FLORIDA  
PUERTO RICO  
GUATEMALA  
COSTA RICA  
COLOMBIA  
ECUADOR  
PERU  
ARGENTINA  
LOS ANGELES  
SAN FRANCISCO



DENMARK  
GERMANY  
SWITZERLAND



JORDAN

THAILAND

INDIA

VIETNAM  
CAMBODIA

KENYA



SOUTH AFRICA

AUSTRALIA









## Round Square at BHS

Even before students have the opportunity to travel and take part in international collaborative opportunities, they are living the Round Square IDEALS daily. An inquiry-based approach to learning is adopted throughout the School. By actively investigating the six IDEALS, students acquire vital skills for their future through practical and experiential learning. Diversity is celebrated at BHS; students learn about many different cultural celebrations in Primary, and teachers actively seek to integrate a multi-cultural perspective into the classroom in all years.

Each year, the Student Leadership Team organises "Round Square Day" which is a whole-school event focused on introducing topical global issues and service to all age-levels. This is an opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and for the older and younger students to interact and foster a sense of school community.

Our affiliation with Round Square gives our students a myriad of opportunities for growth and self-discovery which strengthens their leadership and communication skills, and ultimately broadens their view of the world.

◀ *clockwise*: Year 3 students present a cheque to Marianne Furbert from Feed My Lambs to help support children in Haiti

Kristy Sanchez '22, with her congratulatory plaque from the Ecuadorian Red Cross for her fundraising efforts for the Ecuador earthquake relief fund

Year 5 students with the toys they donated to Toys for Tots

Students at the Botanical Gardens during the 2016 Round Square Day parish clean-up

## Examples of Round Square at BHS

- World's Fair
- Autism Playgroup
- Y6 study on Migration
- Y3 EcoBear project
- Various student fundraisers for those affected by natural disasters
- Sustainable vegetable garden
- Round Square Day
- Eco Club

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**Being a Round Square member school means that, as a school community, BHS promotes experiential learning opportunities, encourages international collaboration and celebrates diversity.**





## Student Testimonials



It was a very moving experience for us to know that we were working to help change someone else's life. It is one thing to raise money and send it away, but to actually work on the ground and see the progress we were making was truly a memorable opportunity.

**Emma O'Donnell '17, Vietnam Service Project, 2016**



This was an amazing and fulfilling experience that allowed me to give back to a local community. I assisted the villagers with building a well to provide them with water during the hot months. As a team leader, I was able to enhance my leadership skills and also learn about construction. Working closely with the villagers and learning about their culture gave me a new outlook on life, and the friendships that were formed will be with me forever.

◀ **Milun Dunlop '18, plasters a wall during the building of a water tank in Thailand**







## Student Testimonials



The discussions in the Barazza groups taught me to be accepting and open-minded of other people's opinions and to be confident and have my own voice heard.

**Maya Luthi '23, Round Square of the America's Conference, New York, 2017**



I met so many different, incredible people with new and innovative views, that the new friends and new information changed me. I think I've become a more open and talkative person because of this. I also have a more optimistic view on the world and how we can change it for the better, knowing that all of our ideas are important and our voices will be listened to.

**Elena Menendez-Sanchez '21, Regional Round Square Conference in Argentina**

◀ Sabree Botelho '21, Maya Luthi '23, and Skye Oliveira '21, Round Square of the America's Conference, New York, 2017

# Parent Testimonials



BHS is extremely fortunate to be affiliated with Round Square as it gives students the opportunity to learn from and experience dynamic educational programmes around the world. The experience my daughter Leila had was enriching, exciting and insightful. She made wonderful friendships with other students from various participating countries. I would absolutely recommend that every parent encourage their daughter to look into Round Square possibilities. It will open their eyes, expand their heart and enrich their world.

**Nancy Prado, mother of Leila Prado, former student**



Sabree talked about the experience for weeks and was very excited to have had the opportunity to attend the conference in New York. On this trip, she really came out of her shell and met lots of new people that she is still in contact with today. This was her first time away from home, and I can see how much she has matured socially and mentally. I have definitely seen her grow, and am very thankful that she had the opportunity to attend the Round Square trip, which was the first experience that allowed her to take risks, by facing her fears.

**Tammy Lynn Botelho, mother of Sabree Botelho '21**

**Participation in overseas Round Square opportunities does come with a cost, and for those students who meet the criteria, bursaries are available.**





▲ Students worked as part of team to construct a house for a local family in Colombia, 2015



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