1. **What is FOBISIA?**

FOBISIA is a registered society in Singapore with its HQ located in Thailand. It is a not-for-profit Federation of British international schools in Asia. FOBISIA is the premier Federation in Asia supporting and promoting high-quality British-style international education.

2. **How is FOBISIA governed?**

FOBISIA’s governance is defined by its constitution and by-laws. FOBISIA has an elected Board that oversee the Federation’s Governance; FOBISIA has its HQ in Bangkok, Thailand.

3. **What is FOBISIA’s Mission?**

It is FOBISIA’s Mission to deliver value for our members by ensuring high quality British-style international education through shared professional development, student enrichment and mutual support between Member Schools in the region.

With more than 30 years of shared history, the FOBISIA family is a diverse and inclusive community of global citizens. As a growing Federation, FOBISIA prides itself on the provision of quality British-style international education while maintaining the highest standards of professional conduct. All Member Schools are either accredited or working towards accreditation with leading institutions. FOBISIA is more than a group of schools; it is about what members can bring to the Federation and the way they work together that makes it unique. FOBISIA Member Schools are all committed to bringing value, maintaining standards and living the ethos of the Federation for the benefit of all.

4. **What is the ‘Friends of FOBISIA’ network?**

FOBISIA is strengthening its connections with independent and other schools in the UK, as well as British international schools beyond Asia, through a Friends of FOBISIA network, so that such schools can also enjoy some of the benefits of being part of the Federation's growing family of members. The relationships forged through the Friends of FOBISIA will assist to equip teachers and students (and their families) looking to move into Asia with the knowledge and support they need to flourish. Similarly, it will provide meaningful connections for FOBISIA’s Member School community seeking to move out of the region, especially for those returning to the UK.

By its very nature, the British international education space is characterised by a degree of transience. Its teaching and student communities tend to move around within Asia (often between Member Schools), and beyond, especially back to the UK. Similarly, there is a steady supply of new and established teachers seeking to experience working in British international schools overseas, including in Asia and elsewhere.
The Friends of FOBISIA network creates a broader platform to promote the work the Federation does to support its Member Schools in Asia, and to enrich the British education experience and learning outcomes elsewhere; ultimately in the spirit of developing connected communities of global citizens.

5. What are the benefits of becoming a ‘Friend of FOBISIA’?

Becoming a Friend of FOBISIA provides the following opportunities for schools:

• Opportunities to attend the Annual FOBISIA Leadership Conference, space permitting.

• A listing on the FOBISIA website; in FOBISIA's termly newsletter for Member Schools, THE FOBISIAN; and in FOBISIA’s Membership Handbook & Directory.

• Use of the FOBISIA “Friends of FOBISIA” badge for marketing purposes consistent with guidelines; and

• Opportunities to participate in networking, professional development, and student enrichment events, space permitting and on a case by case basis.

6. Who can become a ‘Friend of FOBISIA’ and how do they go about it?

There is not a long list of criteria that qualify a school to become a Friend of FOBISIA, however the school must be either a UK school (Independent or state) or a British school overseas (beyond Asia). The school must meet the same expectations as full FOBISIA Member Schools with respect to standards and as such will need to have been fully accredited by a FOBISIA-approved inspectorate. The Head or Principal is the official representative of the school (and the primary contact).

In order to become a Friend of FOBISIA, a school must firstly meet the above criteria and secondly send a Letter of Introduction to FOBISIA. The Letter of Introduction should:

• Be on official school letterhead.
• Demonstrate the relationship between the school and British education in the UK and how it aligns with FOBISIA’s values.
• Outline the reasons for wanting to become a Friend of FOBISIA, and how it will enrich the school community as well as the FOBISIA; and
• A commitment to FOBISIA’s Code of Professional Conduct.

Upon receiving the Letter of Introduction, FOBISIA HQ will liaise with FOBISIA's Membership Committee and upon their agreement, arrange a virtual meeting with the Head of School and an identified representative of FOBISIA. As Friends of FOBISIA are officially recognised as members of the Federation, they are required to sign FOBISIA’s Professional Code of Conduct. Once the FOBISIA Membership Committee is confident that the school
aligns with FOBISIA's values and is willing and able to meet FOBISIA's Code of Conduct, their status as a Friend of FOBISIA is confirmed and they are issued with their Friends of FOBISIA certificate and badge.

7. Is there a limit on how many schools can be a 'Friends of FOBISIA' member?

will ultimately cap the number of schools that can join the Friends of FOBISIA network at not more than 20% of its school membership.

8. Is there a membership fee and how long is a membership term?

A Friend of FOBISIA school is offered a three-year membership. This is renewable upon review of the membership towards the end of the third year. The fee to become a Friend of FOBISIA is 500 GBP (950 SGD) per year, charged at the start of each year.