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## BRITISH EDUCATION WITHIN QATAR IS RECOGNISED

Doha College is delighted to have been shortlisted in the British International School of the Year category of the 5th Independent School Awards 2014. This is a first for Doha College and a reflection on the quality of British education offered within Qatar.

These awards showcase and celebrate excellence within the Independent School sector and provide benchmarks for the educational sector as a whole. To be shortlisted, schools must be an inspirational and independent school based outside of the UK that espouses a British education and has made an outstanding strategic achievement.

Doha College competed against hundreds of schools across the world and has been selected as one of four shortlisted schools to compete within the awards which will be announced at the final on 13 November 2014.

Mark Leppard Principal explains, "Doha College is recognised as the leading international school in Qatar based on our academic results, these place us in the top 100 independent schools in the UK.

We have made some significant strategic changes in the last 12 months and we are delighted to be shortlisted for this prestigious award. The World Cup 2022 programme has increased the demand on educational places and Doha College was the only British school asked by the Supreme Education Council (SEC) to open an additional campus within West Bay, to increase school places.

Doha College has a 34 year history within Qatar and is recognised by the SEC for its strong tradition, academic excellence and outreach projects. Doha College regularly supports local schools and the wider Qatar community; projects include the Teach for Qatar initiative, Helping Hands a Nepalese orphanage volunteer programme and the successful Evolution Sports Academy.

Our vision 'to be recognised as one of the leading international schools in the world' is ongoing and being shortlisted for this award is one way to illustrate this."



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Doha College operates as a not-for-profit community school with a historically long and close relationship with the British Embassy. British Ambassador Nicholas Hopton said “I would like to congratulate Doha College on this achievement. The British Embassy is proud to support such academic excellence and we wish Doha College the best of luck for the award ceremony.”

Fawziya Al-Khater, Director of Education Institute from the SEC commented “We congratulate Doha College for being shortlisted for these awards, our aim is to ensure we offer all students within Qatar an excellent education. We have a long standing history and relationship with Doha College, the opening of the new West Bay campus has helped to ease the demand for primary places within the British curriculum”

The full shortlist for all 12 award categories is available on the awards website at [www.fisawards.co.uk](http://www.fisawards.co.uk). The winners will be announced on Thursday 13 November 2014.



### **Photo Caption**

Students and teachers from Doha College’s newly opened West Bay campus that provides early years and primary education within Qatar.



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### **Editor's Notes**

Doha College is one of the oldest British curriculum schools in Qatar providing a world class education for 1700 students, between the ages of 3 and 18, who represent over 58 nationalities.

Established in 1980, the college was proud to celebrate its pearl anniversary in 2010. Originally opened to meet the demand for a British-style education, the institution continues to operate under the sponsorship of the British Embassy on a not-for-profit basis.

The school's vision is to be one recognized as one of the leading international schools in the world.

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