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## Subject: Award of CIS International Accreditation

Dear Stuart,

On behalf of the Council of International Schools, the CIS School Support & Evaluation Services and its Advisors have now completed their consideration of the September-2017 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 Amman Baccalaureate School 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 noted the significant strengths of the school. Of particular note is the school's:

- Use of clear guiding statements rooted in Arab Cultural Heritage and global citizenship which provides an accessible framework for all stakeholders to deploy in learning, teaching and decision making at leadership and Board level (Domain A);
- unwavering commitment to good governance which now allows the Board of Trustees to redirect their strategic planning toward the Future Aspirations (Domain B)
- commitment to developing a variety of learning opportunities for students that reflect local and global citizenship in two languages (Domain D – Primary);
- commitment to the development of a wide range of languages and language development (Domain D – Middle);
- IB College for embracing the school's Guiding Statements to engage students in their learning to promote a connection to their heritage while developing them as global citizens (Domain D – High);
- positive and proactive community that is highly committed to the well-being of the students (Domain E);
- the value that is placed on professional growth of support staff (Domain F); and
- provision of excellent service opportunities for its students and communication with the community as whole including parents (Domain H).

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 that these areas are in need of development. These include:

- continuing to embed AL TARBIYEH in the curriculum, teaching and learning (Domain D;
- further implementing differentiated teaching methodologies more effectively across the school (Domain D – All); and
- considering the Future Aspirations questions for a significant number of Domains.

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 due in the first half of 2021.



You may now publish the fact that the Amman Baccalaureate School 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 <u>accreditation@cois.org</u> 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 November 2018 on three important aspects. Governance, Leadership and any Substantive Change. Guidance on the Annual Report be found on the CIS Portal.

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

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

With my best wishes,

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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 <u>accreditation@cois.org</u>.