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Oman school wins top award

The British School Muscat was named International School of the Year 2019 at a glittering awards ceremony in London last night.

The Oman school also scooped the Outstanding Strategic Leadership Initiative award and was a finalist in the Creativity in Leadership category at the 2019 International School Awards hosted by ISC Research and International School Leader Magazine.

The awards ceremony, which celebrated outstanding initiatives led by international schools around the world, attracted more than 230 nominations and was attended by over 200 senior leaders from international education.

Formerly called the British International School Awards, the criteria were broadened last year to include international schools of all types.

BSM won the strategic leadership award for its teacher training programme for Omani nationals, which provides professional development to UK standards for educators at the school and in the wider community. The programme has resulted in the employment of 11 new Omani nationals and eight new interns at the school.

Winners in other categories included:

- Dulwich College Seoul won the Outstanding Teaching Initiative award
- The International School Kuala Lumpur bagged the Outstanding Inclusion Initiative
- The British International School, Riyadh, won the Outstanding Community Initiative.
- The British School in Tokyo won the International Impact Award
- Anuradha Monga, head of Bangalore International School, netted the Individual Achievement Award for her work over many years spreading awareness of international education across India and abroad

There are now more than 10,000 international schools around the world serving more than five million children.

Pictured: BSM principal Kai Vacher is presented with the International School of the Year 2019 award by Sharon Hague, senior vice president of Pearson, the lead sponsor of the event.

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