Colleagues,

Whether pressing blue or red on the reverse cycle unit as we head to the solstice, the breezy IBSC welcome to this edition of the Compass comes tempered for maximum regional comfort and propelled with sincere gratitude for your continuing support.

Around the IBSC world, excitement grows for what promises to be a memorable 2024 IBSC Annual Conference. While all at Harrow School (United Kingdom) work to ensure the fortune of the house stands to bring spice to the occasion, London blossoms in readiness. Please join us in the Old Dart.

These past weeks, I have been privileged to be out and about across regions, listening, learning, and engaging with school communities. After a community event at Crescent School (Canada), I journeyed to South Africa to interact with staff and boys at St. Alban’s College, Pretoria Boys’ High, St. Stithian’s College, Jeppe High, and Maritzburg College en route to an inspiring regional conference at Hilton College.

At Hale School (Australia) I had the privilege to join another community panel and engage with staff and local heads, before heading to Boston for Cum Laude celebrations and a gathering of heads at Roxbury Latin School (United States) and checking out planning for the 2025 IBSC Annual Conference at Belmont Hill School (United States). Returning to the UK provided opportunity to join board discussions at St. Paul’s School (United Kingdom). At all stops I felt inspired by the purpose and originality of boys, staff, and school leaders and in awe of the rich diversity and shared common cause of IBSC schools. I found growing genuine interest in the development of boys and the part played by boys’ schools.

Feeding the fire, 730 members from 15 countries have participated in 30+ IBSC events in 2023-24. Our latest global research project is up and running and we launched a new IBSC Special Interest Group on Research in Boys’ Schools coordinated by Peter Coutis of Hale School (Australia).

I hope you find inspiration, affirmation, and direction in the resources below and the pull of the tide draws you to London for four special July days on the Hill at Harrow.

Tom Batty
IBSC Executive Director
Welcome to Our New Members!

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With Gratitude

As of July 1, the [IBSC Board of Trustees](https://www.ibsc.org/board-of-trustees) undergoes a change in leadership. All of us wish to thank The Boys’ Latin School of Maryland (United States) Headmaster Chris Post, our outgoing IBSC board chair. Under his faithful stewardship, our IBSC community weathered the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, posted a new executive director at the helm, and landed in a better place than when he started this journey. Thankfully, he has agreed to stay on the board for an additional year as past chair—we feel fortunate to continue our close working relationship.

Please join us in thanking Chris for his exceptional leadership and dedicated service to our global community.

Dive into IBSC Action Research in London

Hear the 2023-24 IBSC action researchers share their cutting-edge research on Balanced Boys: Promoting Healthy Masculinity Beyond the Classroom during the 2024 IBSC Annual Conference in London. Explore best practices in educating boys with this brand new data from a two-year in-depth study—conducted *by* boys’ educators *for* boys’ educators. Watch their research videos now and read the full reports on the website in September, available exclusively to IBSC members.

[Learn more.](https://www.ibsc.org)
New IBSC Special Interest Group on Research in Boys' Schools

Join the new special interest group (SIG) hosted by IBSC to encourage participation in research activity at boys' schools worldwide. The group is open to all IBSC schools interested in developing their research capacity, including those with established research centers or embryonic research programs—and those without an existing research program. There is no cost to participate.

Get more details.

2024 IBSC Annual Conference

Join more than 600 boys' educators, colleagues, and friends July 1-4, for the 2024 IBSC Annual Conference in London. Harrow School hosts us to explore the theme Tradition, Leadership, Innovation. Throughout the conference stop by to see our exhibitors, learn something new, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

Register before the deadline: June 19.

Thank You to Our Sponsors of the 2024 IBSC Annual Conference
Making Headlines

How boys are falling behind in elementary school
Becky Worley
Good Morning America

“Evidence points to declines that start early in education for boys.” This TV segment suggests ways to support boys.

6 Ways Educators Can Bolster Boys’ Social Skills
Phyllis L. Fagell
KQED Mind/Shift

“...So many boys describe feelings of loneliness, of having friends but longing for someone they can confide in about hard feelings,” said Adam Diaz, a school counselor and my colleague at Landon School, an independent boys school in Bethesda, Maryland... At Sterling Hall, a boys school in Toronto, Ontario...[a]ll students start the day with a 30-minute period designated for social-emotional learning, such as an assembly, health class or community circles.”

From doomscrolling to sex: being a boy in 2024
Catherine Carr
The Guardian

“I travelled the UK interviewing teenage boys. I found openness, honesty and vulnerability on topics from sex to pornography, eating and depression.”

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Upcoming Events
Online Classes

Join colleagues from around the globe in one of these online classes designed specifically for boys’ educators at all career stages. Engage on your own, flexible timetable. You can choose when you complete the four hours of weekly coursework to fit best in your schedule.

July 15 – August 9, 2024

- **Mastering Middle Leadership in Boys’ Schools**
- **Single-Gender Education: A Course for Teachers New to Boys’ Schools**

**IBSC Member Story:** Cultivating Well-Being at Sterling Hall School

The [Sterling Hall School](#) (Canada) holds a broad perspective on health and well-being through its unique SHARKS model (Sleep/rest/recharge, Healthy eating, Active body, Relationships [supportive], Knowledge/experiences, and Service/citizenship). In October 2023, SHS celebrated World Mental Health Day by organizing workshops and activities focusing on these pillars. From mindfulness exercises to volunteer work, students engaged in diverse experiences promoting mental, emotional, and physical health. This comprehensive approach aligns with the school’s commitment to fostering well-rounded, confident, and healthy individuals, nurturing their minds, bodies, and spirits within a supportive community.

[Learn more.](#)
Glimpse the many wonderful ways IBSC schools champion boys' education around the globe at our Member School Stories web page. We'd like to highlight your school, too. Please send a link to janicki@theibsc.org showcasing an innovative idea, program, or event that makes your school special. Links to videos, web pages, presentations, or other media welcome. Thank you.
Member Engagement
July 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024

34 programs

11 Ideas Labs
2 Regional Events
12 Online Classes
9 Virtual Events

651 unique participants from 181 member schools engaged in IBSC programs

15 countries represented