Colleagues,

From a damp but ever-lightening UK, I send warm IBSC welcome while preparing to embark for events in Canada, South Africa, and Western Australia. IBSC’s great strength exists in sharing ideas and practice across regions, cultures, and school systems for common cause.

Such rich diversity brings insight and vitality to our programs. Since July, more than 600 members across 10 countries have accessed IBSC programs and 71 individual members have contributed to the development of IBSC programming. Listenership increased 60% for the IBSC Exploring Boys’ Education podcast, attracting 27,000 unique downloads!

Ours is a relational craft. As it is with classes in our schools, our coalition is at its best when we are together in person. The 2024 IBSC Annual Conference promises to be a special gathering up on the Hill at Harrow School (United Kingdom) amidst the English sunshine. In addition to the excited exchange of the conference, there will be ready access to the theatres, museums, and concerts of London life, not to mention cricket at Lord’s, tennis at Wimbledon, racing at Ascot, the passion of Euro 2024, and the excitement of a tour of the Gtech Community Stadium. If not yet registered, I encourage you join with those set to learn and share stories in North West London.

Pressing need to further the humane development of those in our care has focused thoughts for the upcoming IBSC global research project, Building Agency Among Teachers and Co-Curricular Leaders to Support Boys’ Growth, led by Andrew Martin at the University of New South Wales. Watch for news of the project launch.

Thank you for your continued engagement with IBSC. Every time you join a class, listen to a podcast, propose a workshop, dial in with your action research cohort, visit a member school, share or use a new idea, or meet a new colleague, you are enriching the coalition and advancing the cause of boys’ education and boys’ schools around the globe.

Tom

IBSC Executive Director
Welcome to Our New Members!

Dartford Grammar School
Kent, England, United Kingdom
www.dartfordgrammarschool.org.uk

Edmund Rice Education Australia
Victorian Schools
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
www.erea.edu.au

Ipswich Grammar School
Woodend, Queensland, Australia
www.ipswichgrammar.com

Living Potential International Limited
London, England
https://livingpotentialinternational.com

St. Gregory's College
Gregory Hills, New South Wales, Australia
www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au

Saint Thomas Academy
Mendota Heights, Minnesota, United States
www.cadets.com

St. Thomas of Canterbury College
Christchurch, New Zealand
www.stc.school.nz

Trinity Arch Preparatory School for Boys
Phoenix, Arizona, United States
www.trinityarchprep.com

Louise Cosgrove
The University of Queensland
Carina, Queensland, Australia

Michael Kehler
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

IBSC Virtual Visit to Your School with Tom Batty

Invite IBSC Executive Director Tom Batty to speak via Zoom with your faculty and staff, board members, and/or parents to explore boys’ education in a global context. Tom will tailor this online conversation to the needs of your community as he connects current best practices in boys’ schools to your school. Engage in a question and answer session following the customized keynote.

Get more details.

Participate in a Pioneering Research Project

Take part in the latest IBSC global research project, Building Agency Among Classroom and Co-Curricular Teachers to Support Boys’ Well-Being, led by Professor Andrew Martin at the University of New South Wales. The project aims to identify strategies for professional practice and produce resources to support teachers, co-curricular leaders, and schools to enhance and sustain boys’ academic and social-emotional well-being. This includes a focus on enhancing boys’ motivation, engagement, resilience, self-esteem, and interpersonal relationships.

Get more details.

Add Staff to Your School Profile in the IBSC Member Center
Make sure everyone on your team can register for IBSC events, listen to the latest podcast, and take advantage of all exclusive member benefits like IBSC Action Research, member webinars, and global research initiatives. Each faculty and staff member should create their own password for their username, which is their school email. Add their contact details to your school profile in the IBSC Member Center to keep your entire school connected with IBSC.

Learn more.

**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.

Read about the motivational speakers and remember to make your hotel reservation before rooms sell out.

Get more details.

**Workshops at the IBSC Annual Conference**

Get new ideas and motivation to positively impact boys' education and develop connectedness and leadership in each student. Gain expert advice from leading boys' educators as we explore, debate, research, and innovate the best ways to prepare boys for the future. Browse 127 workshops during six time blocks, including a block dedicated to IBSC Action Research presentations.

Get more details.

**Making Headlines**

**Inside the Schools Where Boys Can Be Boys**
Julie Jargon
*The Wall Street Journal*

“A number of all-boys middle schools—public, charter and private—have begun opening in recent years to meet boys' needs. Inside the walls of these schools, boys get lots of hands-on learning, frequent breaks and plenty of movement.”

**With more single-sex schools going co-ed, what is the evidence for gender-segregated education?**
Claudia Long and Emily Laurence
*ABC News*

“Mr Batty said relying solely on data to make a decision was overlooking the more important aspect of choosing a good school... 'Boys are hugely relational and they learn their teachers before they learn a subject. I would contend that for many boys, they would be better suited at a good boys' school than a good co-ed school.”

**5 ways to shore up boys' social skills**
Phyllis L. Fagell
*CNN*

“At Sterling Hall School in Toronto, teachers facilitate community circles to teach boys how to repair friendships and show empathy, said principal Rick Parsons. ‘Whether they talk about a terrible injustice on Foursquare or the unfairness in how players were selected for the soccer team, inevitably another boy will share, ‘This is what happened to me.’ ”

Read more stories impacting boys' education on our Education Headlines page.
Upcoming Events

IBSC Southern Africa Conference
Hilton College
Hilton, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
March 7 - 9, 2024
Get more details.

Boys and Belonging: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Positive Masculinity
Online Class
April 8 - May 3, 2024
Get more details.

Boys, Emerging Technologies, and Learning Relationships
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Responsible Sexual Citizenship in Today's World: The Challenges Facing Boys
Online Class
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IBSC Ideas Lab About Boys and Sports for Boys' Schools in South Africa, Australasia, and the United Kingdom
Online Program
Starting May 1, 2024
Get more details.

2024 IBSC Annual Conference
Harrow School
Harrow on the Hill, London, United Kingdom
July 1 - 4, 2024
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2025 IBSC Annual Conference
Belmont Hill School
Belmont, Massachusetts, United States
June 22 - 25, 2025
Get more details.

IBSC Virtual Visit to Your School
Online Program
Mutually agreed-upon date and time
Get more details.

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.

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Boys and Belonging: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Positive Masculinity

Boys, Emerging Technologies, and Learning Relationships

Responsible Sexual Citizenship in Today's World: The Challenges Facing Boys

IBSC Member Story: Christ's College Football Development Tour to the United States & Canada

Christ's College (New Zealand) teacher Matt Cortesi led 28 football-playing students on a tour of the United States and Canada in 2023. Largely made up of boys from the 1stXI and development teams, the group played games against local school teams, participated in exchange activities, and toured New York, Washington, Richmond, Baltimore, Boston, Niagara Falls, and Toronto. The boys focused on professionalism, good attitudes toward
team work and training, and a desire to improve their skills. This means having pride, respect, independence, and growing into a well-rounded player. [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](mailto: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.
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