

British Boarding Schools' Network (BBSN)

Aim and Purpose Statement Overview

The British Boarding Schools' Network (BBSN) is a professional membership organisation that supports UK boarding schools through collaboration, information sharing, training, and sector-specific guidance. It brings together professionals working in admissions, international pupil recruitment, visa compliance, guardianship, pastoral care, and boarding management to promote best practice across the boarding sector.

Aim

The aim of the BBSN is to support boarding schools in delivering high standards of practice for both UK and international pupils by providing a forum for professional development, networking, and the exchange of sector knowledge.

Purpose

The key purposes of the BBSN are to:

1.Promote Best Practice

- Share guidance and examples of good practice relating to boarding provision, international student recruitment, safeguarding, and compliance.
- Assist schools in maintaining high standards and meeting regulatory requirements.

2.Provide Professional Development

- Deliver webinars, conferences, workshops, and training opportunities for boarding and admissions professionals.
- Keep members informed of developments affecting boarding schools and international education.

3.Support Compliance and Regulatory Awareness

- Provide updates on UK immigration and student visa requirements.
- Facilitate access to expert briefings on UKVI sponsorship duties and international student compliance.

- Help schools remain informed of changes in legislation and government guidance.

4.Encourage Sector Collaboration

- Enable networking between member schools and sector specialists.
- Foster the sharing of knowledge, experience, and solutions to common challenges.

5.Enhance the International Student Experience

- Support schools in providing safe, effective, and well-managed boarding environments.
- Promote practices that contribute to the welfare, safeguarding, and successful integration of international pupils.

Relevance to Cheltenham College

Cheltenham College participates in BBSN events and training opportunities to maintain awareness of current developments affecting boarding schools and international students. Information gained through BBSN briefings and webinars supports the College's commitment to:

- Compliance with UKVI sponsor duties.
- Effective management of international pupil admissions.
- Safeguarding and welfare of boarders.
- Continuous improvement of boarding and admissions practices.

UKVI Inspection Record

Cheltenham College retains evidence of participation in relevant BBSN training and briefing events as part of its ongoing professional development and compliance monitoring activities. Engagement with BBSN supports the College's commitment to maintaining appropriate knowledge of regulatory requirements and sector best practice.

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