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**Global School Alliance:
Celebrating five years of
connecting and collaborating
globally**





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Welcome to the Global School Alliance 5th Birthday Celebration Event!

Dear GSA colleague and valued friend,

On behalf of us all at the Global School Alliance I would like to extend warm greetings to the Global City of Liverpool and the historic Athenaeum. Our sincere thanks for all your inspirational support for, and creative commitment to, the inclusive and impactful global dimensions of teaching and learning; it's wonderful to have you be an important part of the celebration today.

We are proud of our wide and diverse global community of educators all sharing a keen passion for bringing the world into their classrooms and we would be delighted to support and advise on your own exciting global journey at globalschoolalliance.com.

Our free platform (platform.globalschoolalliance.com/join) is the place for sharing best practice globally and being part of an inspirational global community of educators and collaborating on global projects. You can also celebrate greater cultural awareness through our diverse network of schools and educators, access creative global resources and gain valuable insights and develop wider perspectives through exchanges with overseas colleagues.

We would also be delighted to recognise, encourage and celebrate your global work with our Global School Awards (globalschoolalliance.com/global-school-awards) and I would be delighted to have a call with you about these (meetings-eu1.hubspot.com/john-rolfe).

We have a fantastic afternoon and evening lined up for you today where we will celebrate the key power, wide value and impactful benefits of global collaboration, network with colleagues over an informal drinks reception and our celebratory 5th birthday dinner from 1800 hrs.

Your £35 Amazon voucher to support your work will be emailed across to you from next week so please make sure you've registered with a correct email address!

Let's stay in touch (john@globalschoolalliance.com); please let us know how we can support you further or is there anything you require further information about? All comments gratefully received! Please also share your thoughts today at @GSchoolAlliance and use the hashtag #GSA5thBirthday.

Global Educators are the most important people in the world and we are proud and delighted to work with you and to learn from you. Have a great event and many thanks again for joining us!

John Rolfe MBE

Community and Partnerships Manager, Global School Alliance



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Message from Thomas Camilleri, Founder & CEO, Global School Alliance

Many thanks for all your greatly appreciated time and commitment today! It's fantastic to have you join us as we celebrate the 5th birthday of the Global School Alliance.

As Founder and CEO, I am incredibly proud of the inspirational work we see every day in all our classrooms to develop and celebrate the key power of global communication and collaboration.

I have a huge commitment to sharing global connections; for that special magic that happens when amazing educators come together to create new ways of teaching, sharing and learning. I was privileged to be one of the very first students in the UK to study Mandarin which gave me access to life-changing opportunities to study and live across China which sparked a passion for global education which has never dimmed.

It's now my privilege to lead an organisation committed to bringing students and educators together; to share my passion for the power of face-to-face engagement and authentic global teaching and learning. These have been five years of challenge but also five years of enormous impact in the ways we communicate globally.

My team and I look forward to working with you and your schools and let's stay in touch! Have a great day in the great global outward-facing city of Liverpool and thank you for your support.

Thomas Camilleri

Founder & CEO, Global School Alliance

Tag us on socials!

We're so pleased you were able to join us today and would be delighted if you could tag us and use the hashtag **#GSA5thBirthday** to share your reflections from today's event.

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Event Programme

- 13:00 Registration and refreshments - Newsroom
- 13:15 Move to the Library
- 13:30 **Welcome**
John Rolfe MBE, Community & Partnerships Manager, Global School Alliance
- 13:33 **Welcome from Liverpool schools**
Gwladys Street Community Primary & Nursery School, Monksdown Primary School, Everton Free School
- 13:43 **Video message**
Baroness Janet Royall, Principal of Somerville College, Oxford
- 13:45 **Building a school rooted in international values**
Ben Barker, Principal, King's Leadership Academy Wavertree
- 13:55 **The inclusive power of global partnerships**
Susan Hannam, Headteacher, Lichfield Cathedral School
- 14:00 **An innovative partnership between the UK and Japan**
Laurissa Field, International Coordinator, Holme Grange School
Tsuda Gakuen School, Japan
- 14:10 **Silver Global School Award Presentations**
- 14:15 **Video message**
Tatiana Popa, Deputy Academic Director & Head of Global Education, Heritage International School, Moldova
Sabina, Global School Alliance Student Council President & Student at Heritage International School, Moldova
- 14:20 **What is the missing SDG?**
Jack Davies, Senior Programme Manager, The World's Largest Lesson
Pupils from the Global School Alliance Primary Student Council, Monksdown Primary School

- 14:40 **Jane Halsall, School Improvement Officer MFL, Liverpool School Improvement**
- 14:45 **Why we do what we do – a local primary school in Wirral**
Lynne Mearns, Head of International & MFL, Bidston Avenue Primary School
- 14:55 **Gold Global School Award Presentations**
- 15:00 **Reflections from Gold Award Recipients**
Jeremy Barnes, Headteacher, All Saints Catholic Primary School
Julie Sutcliffe, National Lead Practitioner for MFL, Ormiston Academies Trust
- 5 MINUTE BREAK**
- 15:15 **Thomas Camilleri, Founder & CEO, Global School Alliance**
- 15:40 **F1 in Schools – Global STEM Skills in Action**
Andrew Denford, Founder & Chairman, F1 in Schools
Oscar Denford, Business Development Manager, F1 in Schools
- 15:50 **Inspirational global impact of connecting and collaborating**
Janice Morran, EAL Teacher, Bellahouston Academy
Kevin McCabe, Chair of Trustees, Hillstone Primary School
- 16:00 **Reflections from an international principal**
Rob Ford, CEO & Director, Heritage International School Moldova
- 16:15 **Networking - Newsroom**
- 18:00 **Reception Dinner (pre-booked tickets required) – Dining Room**
- 19:30 **Drinks & Refreshments – Newsroom**

5 Case Studies to Celebrate 5 Years



Lisa Stevens, International Coordinator, Whitehouse Common Primary School

Our school strapline is “Out of little acorns mighty oaks grow”, and we see our international work as part of that journey.

It began in 2007 with an eTwinning project with Spain and has continued with myriad eTwinning projects including teddy bear exchanges, environment issues and projects that used languages and also Makaton. We’ve enjoyed a Comenius Regio project with Barcelona, establishing strong links that led to multiple visits for job shadowing and staff upskilling as well as projects with Els Pins, and also Connecting Classrooms projects with India and Tlaxcala in Mexico. Most recently we’ve enjoyed an Erasmus+ project linking us with a school in Deutsch Landsberg (Austria), Cartagena (Spain), Istanbul (Turkiye) and Elefsina (Greece) that spanned COVID times, never stopping in spite of the pandemic. And of course, via the GSA we’ve been part of multinational projects like Make a Better World, and our Language and Global Ambassadors are proud members of the GSA Primary Pupil Council.

All these projects have had an enormous impact on our school and international collaboration is a key part of our ethos. Learners have a greater understanding of themselves but also an interest in and acceptance of others, and recognise that our differences are for celebrating, making us all special and our world richer.

Last year we had a visit from OFSTED, the school inspectorate in England, and were over the moon that the final (very short!) report included these lines:

“Pupils learn about different cultures and traditions through links with schools in other countries... Pupils understand that everyone is different. They talk about there being ‘No outsiders in our school.’ ” In those two lines is encapsulated so much of our passion for international links and global collaboration – that we might see diversity and difference as a strength, something to celebrate and cherish and that we might learn from one another to make our world a peaceful safe and happy place. And these are key messages that we want our acorns to have as they grow into saplings and then develop into strong mighty oaks, with those firm roots.

You can find our more from our International Coordinator Lisa Stevens <https://www.globalschoolalliance.com/education/the-importance-of-international-links-whitehouse-common-primary-school/> and also here from our Headteacher,

Fiona Milward <https://www.globalschoolalliance.com/education/global-teaching-and-learning-a-view-from-a-silver-level-global-school-award-school/>.



Justine Clover, Headteacher at Stockton Wood Primary School

Stockton Wood Primary are excited to be working with the Global Alliance and are keen to further develop our inclusive practice as a globally aware school. We know that we will benefit greatly from forging links with other schools around the world, to ensure that we can develop our pupils' global perspective. We believe that it is crucial that our children have a greater understanding of the wider world and our partnership with Global School Alliance will allow for this to happen.



CUNDALL MANOR SCHOOL

Suzi Bewell, Head of Languages, Cundall Manor School

Cundall Manor staff and students were delighted to work with 3 groups of GSA Chinese Immersion Programme students and their leader back in January 2024.

They enjoyed a jam-packed week / fortnight full of new experiences and all involved had a wonderful time.

Some of their highlights included: immersive English lessons, boarding in our boarding house, baking scones, joining in with PE lessons, making papier maché rabbit heads in art, conducting science experiments, trips to bowling, trampolining and the theatre and generally enjoying Cundall Manor school life!

Our staff and pupils gave the Chinese pupils a wonderful welcome, and we all thoroughly enjoyed finding out about Chinese language and culture. The Chinese students, in turn, took away some incredible memories of their time with us in school and made friends for life.

Many of these pupils will do full boarding in the UK when they are older, so this has been a taste for them of what to expect.

We look forward to hosting further GSA groups in the future and would recommend immersion programmes to all schools!



**Trudi Purnell, Head of Humanities and Global Learning Coordinator,
Rushcliffe Spencer Academy**

Rushcliffe Spencer Academy are committed to embedding global understanding as a significant part of our school ethos- 'We care for our world' is one of our core values- and so are delighted to have been a part of the Global Schools Alliance since its inception. It has helped us to build a strong partnership with our sister school in Ningbo, China and support our exchange programme with them; as well as extend our links with schools and students from around the world as part of the Secondary Student Global Council to further enrich our student experience and world view. Through other partnerships and project with schools in the Philippines and Tunisia we used the sustainable development goals to share ideas on health and well-being as well as being able to compare our school systems and cultural norms. Our partnership with the Netherlands has seen students from across Europe build stories together to enhance literacy as well as creativity. Our students have genuinely been enthralled by every opportunity they have been given within the Global Schools Alliance over the past few years, which we can see as beneficial in the global marketplace as well as in their role as developing active global citizens. Equipped with a broader view than would otherwise have been accredited to them, these are young people who will undoubtedly go into the wider world and make a positive impact.



**Colette Cotton, International Coordinator, St Mary's C Of E Primary
Academy and Nursery**

One of the key aims at St Mary's CEP Academy in Folkestone is to ensure that pupils develop into globally aware young people.

Over the last 25 years pupils have been working with schools on every continent, bar Antarctica. This has been achieved through: letters, emails, video-conferences and face-to face visits, enriching the curriculum and enabling pupils to gain a better understanding of the world around them. Working with so many diverse countries

has developed pupils' communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity skills and motivated them to do work of the highest quality.

The Sustainable Development Goals have recently been embedded across the curriculum, ensuring that every class throughout the year links these to work about Ourselves, Our Community and Our World.

Many of the collaborative projects with partner schools are linked to the SDG's. Our annual work on World Weather Watch, SDG 13, helps pupils understand that 'Climate Change' is a real problem in many of these countries, not just something that the news reports on. When they hear about extreme forest fires in Tunisia, flooding in India, extreme heat in Taiwan and then the cold in Finland, from partner schools, they are glad they live in the UK.

Our Year 2 classes are taught traditional Punjabi dances through Zoom meetings with our Indian school, an amazing and exciting experience for all, SDG3 & SDG 4.

The benefits for pupils and teachers whose schools to develop an ethos of embedding global communication and collaboration across the curriculum are immeasurable.

How to get involved

We would be delighted to support your exciting whole school global journey!

Join for free at: globalschoolalliance.com/join

Get recognition with our Global School Awards:

<https://www.globalschoolalliance.com/global-school-awards/>

Leadership Delegations – apply today! Our forthcoming Leadership Delegations offer an inspirational opportunity to learn first-hand knowledge and gain skills with face-to-face engagement in 8 countries. Register at

www.globalschoolalliance.com/leadership-delegations/ and join our information webinars on 21 May at 4pm / 22 May at 8am www.globalschoolalliance.com/events/

Find a partner school and access world class training and support:

www.globalschoolalliance.com/find-a-partner-school/

Speak to a member of the team!

The Global School Alliance would be proud to work with your school to embed impactful global education. Please contact us at any time with any questions, concerns or insights.

Send enquires to:

 contact@globalschoolalliance.com

 www.globalschoolalliance.com/get-in-touch/



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What's the missing Global Goal?

7 years ago, world leaders from 193 countries did something amazing... They agreed on something!

The leaders of the UK, China, Nigeria, USA, India, Russia – and many, many more – all made a historic agreement: The Global Goals for Sustainable Development, or SDGs. 17 goals to make the world more fair, more peaceful, and more green. The world's To-Do list.

How old were you when the Goals were agreed? A lot has changed since then. The 17 Goals are still our To-Do list to bring about a better world. But do you think there's anything missing?

Introducing a new challenge!

We're very excited to be working with the World's Largest Lesson to launch a new challenge: Design a new Global Goal and share it with us

- What is the title of your Goal? Name it
- What is the logo? Draw or design it!
- Why is your goal needed? Share some data!
- What are the targets to achieve your Goal? Describe it!

We're gathering ideas from students around the world to take to New York City for the 2024 United Nations General Assembly!

You can use this video and these display materials to help you introduce the Goals to your students:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBxN9E5f7pc&t=2s>

<https://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/resource/the-global-goals/>

How to enter

Upload entries to the group space on the Global School Alliance platform:

<https://platform.globalschoolalliance.com/groups/whats-the-missing-global-goal/>

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