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Ms. Mona El-Helbawi
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Subject: Award of CIS International Re-Accreditation

Dear Mona,

On behalf of the Council of International Schools, the CIS School Support and Evaluation Services and its advisors have now completed their consideration of the February 2019 Team Evaluation Report on your school. I am pleased to inform you that the report has been accepted, along with the recommendations it contains. This means that Gulf English School has been re-accredited. Warmest congratulations to you, your staff, and the entire school community on this achievement.

In reaching their decision, CIS took into account the Evaluation Team's commendations which were based on evidence of effective alignment with the standards for CIS International Accreditation as well as evidence of the efforts you and your team have undertaken to address issues identified in the Preparatory Evaluation Report. In granting the award of accreditation, CIS feels that the commendations - or strengths of the school - far outweigh any areas in which the school was deficient. These strengths should be celebrated by the school community. The complete list appears in the Evaluation Team Report.

Although the Evaluation Team clearly viewed the school very positively, it also made further recommendations. The complete list appears in the Evaluation Team Report. These challenges should be addressed by the school community in the intervening years and progress will be reviewed in the next Preparatory Evaluation report which will take place in the second half of 2022.


The next stage of the accreditation cycle for the school will be the submission of the Annual Accreditation Report due 01 April 2020. Guidance on the Annual Report can be found on the CIS Portal.

You may now publish the fact that the Gulf English School has been re-accredited by the Council of International Schools. To celebrate the granting of re-accreditation, a plaque and certificate will be awarded to the school. Staff from the Accreditation Office will contact you on this matter.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Monica Greeley, the CIS School Support & Evaluation Officer responsible for your school (monicagreeley@cois.org), or me (stuartmclay@cois.org), if there is any point that is unclear or on which you need further advice.

Once again Mona, congratulations to everyone at the school on achieving CIS re-accredited status.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart McLay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

Stuart McLay
Director of International Accreditation Services
Council of International Schools (CIS)

Cc: Sheikha Maha Al Faihani, Chair of the School Board
Chris Durbin, Associate Director, CIS School Support & Evaluation
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Please note: You should have access to the Visiting Team Report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact our Accreditation Staff at accreditation@cois.org.