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The British School, Kathmandu has won the ‘British International School Initiative of the Year’ award at the prestigious 2016 TES Independent School Awards.

The school used long-standing relationships forged through a student-led development initiative to make a significant contribution in the aftermath of the April 2015 Nepal earthquake. It reopened after just two days, providing a safe haven for students. The school also offered its hall as a base for Médecins Sans Frontières, it took in children from other international schools, and its grounds were used as a campsite for those without homes. Teachers expanded their timetables to cover for absent colleagues and taught outside in temporary classrooms.

Public exams took place as normal. There was, however, a feeling that more could be done. Each of three primary schools with which the school partners had been severely damaged, one destroyed completely. The British School, Kathmandu raised £350,000 in a few months, and a year later all have been rebuilt. Despite serving the poorest communities, the partner schools have started their new academic year with some of the finest and safest facilities in the country.

Winners attended a black-tie event in at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, hosted by comedian Simon Evans, where over 300 attendees celebrated all that is outstanding in independent schools across the UK.

The awards have 14 categories, including British international school of the year, special needs initiative of the year and senior leadership team of the year.

Overall Independent School of the Year 2016 - New Hall School
Strategic Education Initiative of the Year - Colfe’s School
Marketing/Communications Campaign of the Year - St Lawrence College
Special Needs Initiative of the Year - Calder House School
Senior Leadership Team of the Year - Royal Grammar School, Newcastle
Community Initiative of the Year - Hill House School
Financial/Commercial Initiative of the Year - New Hall School
Governing Body of the Year - St Teresa’s Effingham
Boarding Initiative of the Year - Ashville College
British International School Initiative of the Year - The British School, Kathmandu
Best Independent-Maintained School Collaboration - Wellington College
Outstanding Post-16 Innovative Provision - Queen Anne’s School
Fundraising Initiative of the Year - Summer Fields Preparatory School
Lifetime Achievement - John Claughton

For more coverage of the awards, profiles of the winners and photos from the evening, please visit www.isawards.co.uk or pick up a copy of TES magazine, available in newsagents from 2 December.