



Specialist Schools
and Academies Trust
THE SCHOOLS NETWORK™

Develop an international school partnership with iNet

An international dimension helps to raise achievement and engage students in their learning. However, finding a partner school and developing a relationship can be challenging.

iNet can support your school in finding a partner school within our schools network and can provide information about establishing and sustaining your new partnership. To help you get started:

When developing a new relationship, the following points should be taken into consideration:

Starting your network: start small, think big

In deciding what to do in your initial project, the underpinning ethos must be 'start small, think big'. Whatever you do, it should:

- Be easy to organise
- Have an end point or evaluation criteria
- Relate to the individual contexts of both schools
- Relate to the curriculum areas of interested colleagues
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The 'think big' aspect comes later, when you see extensions to the initial work in the future.

Starting your network:

- Initial projects
- Initial projects should focus on sharing and 'partnership' in its truest sense:
- Simple data exchanges, such as the weather or students' height/weight/age
- Students can use 'live' data and put a face or picture to it. These exchanges also transfer across curriculum areas, allowing others to join in
- Literature is another successful area. Students could create a tourist guide about their home town and exchange it with a partner school
- Creative writing – perhaps the work could be split, with students from one school starting the writing, while the second class finishes it?
- A fundraising initiative, which could be combined with a non-uniform day

More information about developing and sustaining school partnership can be found on iNet's toolkit: Building your global network. Find out more at www.ssat-inet.net and click on resources.