

8. LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

HMC schools have a long history of working in partnership with local and inner-city schools.

This work has expanded significantly over the past 20 years to embrace a very wide range of educational and community activities, both in the UK and overseas.

Local partnerships

- Since the nineteenth century HMC schools have been involved in **sustained partnership** work with **local and inner-city schools** and social enterprises.
- This work has increased and expanded significantly over recent decades. In 2013:
 - **97%** of HMC schools were involved in **partnerships with state schools** or the wider community
 - **150** HMC schools provided **open access** to pupils from state schools to attend lessons or events
 - **76** HMC schools helped prepare A level pupils at state schools for **entry to higher education**
 - **39** HMC schools **seconded teaching staff** to state schools

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Local partnerships

- In 2013 (*continued*):
 - **29** HMC schools are **part of federations** that also involve state-maintained academies and free schools
 - **21** schools are **joint sponsors** or **education partners** of state-maintained academies and free schools
 - **Four** HMC schools are **lead sponsors** of state-maintained academies

International partnerships

- Most HMC schools have **well-established links with overseas schools** or undertake regular fundraising campaigns for educational or social enterprises, often in developing countries.
- HMC schools in the UK also have numerous links with schools in **international membership** of the Association.
- Since 1995 over **1,100 students** and **300 teachers** from **central and eastern Europe** have spent a year abroad in a UK HMC school.
- Over the past 15 years HMC schools in England have opened **21 overseas campuses** which, between them, educate more than **15,000 pupils**.