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Dear Chris,

CIS Response to the 5 Year Report and Visit – Bonn International School

The latest report on your school following the recent Five Year Visit conducted on behalf of CIS by Peter Gittins and behalf of NEASC by Steven MacDougall has been considered by the CIS Accreditation Service and it is my pleasure to send you this summary:

Name of School:	Bonn International School
Type of Report:	5 Year Visit Report
Date of Report:	26, 27 and 28 March 2014
Outcome:	Continuance within the accreditation cycle

This summary reflects the progress Bonn International School has made since the November 2007 Accreditation Visit. The school has addressed important topics found in need of attention and the responses to the recommendations made, along with the resulting changes and developments, provide evidence that the school has reacted to the report positively in the spirit of continuous improvement.

It is hoped that this report, the outcome of a 'Five Year Review', will help the school continue to continue to move forward as it prepares for the next stage in the accreditation cycle.

The Visitors noted the following strengths, and progress made, including:

- the exceptionally positive relationships that exist between the Board and Director and the Director and school leadership team;
- the excellent work that has been undertaken to improve and enhance the PYP, MYP and Diploma Programme in line with recommendations arising from the Team Visit;
- the significant emphasis that is placed on professional development both in terms of financial support and associated process and procedures;

- the overall commitment to school improvement and to actively embracing the recommendations that formed part of the Visiting Team Report;
- the improvements to the overall facility including, but not limited to the recent construction of the Agora; and
- the strong and demonstrated commitment to the provision of high quality student support services.

As the school moves towards the Preparatory Visit, the Visitors highlighted the following key issues that will need to be prioritised and addressed over the next few years:

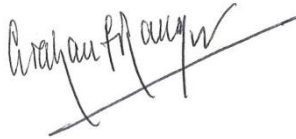
- continuing the ongoing work in the area of curriculum articulation in general and strengthening the bridges between and across programmes in particular;
- developing and implementing a strategic / school development plan that prioritises and costs initiatives over the course of the short, medium and long term;
- continuing to develop a whole school focus including implementing a whole school curriculum review cycle, developing whole school policies and determining the need for a whole school curriculum leadership position;
- finalising a decision in relation to the further development of the BIS campus; and
- effectively implementing the new faculty appraisal tool and ensuring that appraisal is taking place across the whole school.

Please note that the full text of the report should be used as the basis for planning, and not this summary letter alone. The school should now proceed by addressing the Visitors' recommendations.

The next stage of the accreditation process will be the Preparatory Visit but the actual date for the visit will need to be negotiated with the IB as our records indicate that it should take place in the first part of 2018. In any case the Team Visit will be a joint CIS / IBO / NEASC and further practical help can be found in booklets which will be sent to you from the CIS Accreditation Office (accreditation@cois.org).

May I wish you, and the entire school community, Chris, every success as you continue working on the issues identified in the Five Year Report and prepare for the Preparatory Visit? Please do not hesitate to contact Peter Gittins, the CIS Regional Accreditation Officer responsible for your school (petergittins@cois.org) or me (grahamranger@cois.org) if we may be of further help.

With my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Ranger', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Please note: You should have received the Five Year Visit Report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact accreditation@cois.org.