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### **British School of Washington Junior Accepted to St. John's College**

Washington, DC – February 1, 2005 - Alex Lorman, a high school junior at the British School of Washington, has been accepted to St. John's College in Annapolis, MD. By skipping his senior year, Alex will begin university life a year early. St. John's College is a liberal arts college known for its distinctive "great books" curriculum, based on the reading, study, and discussion of the most important books of the Western tradition. There are no majors and no departments; all students follow the same programme.

"This is an outstanding achievement for him and a milestone in BSW history," said Graham Gamble, Deputy Headmaster of the school. The British School will graduate its first senior class this spring sending all five high school seniors off to university in the fall, but Alex has the honour of being the first British School pupil accepted to University. "We all offer Alex our most enthusiastic congratulations," Gamble added.

Alex's mother Ann Elkington, whose younger daughter is also a British School pupil, is obviously pleased with Alex's success and offered her gratitude to the British School, saying that "their commitment to students and the opportunities provided" along with Alex's drive made this possible. She sees the British School's curriculum and the high expectations from its "wonderful teachers" as a natural segue way to a college like St. John's. Although sad to see him leave home a year early, she says "he's ready."

Gareth Hall, Alex's mentor and the Design Technology teacher, expresses the feelings of all the teachers at the school, saying he is "extremely proud of Alex's achievement." For his part, Alex is looking forward to finishing the academic year at the British School and anxiously awaiting being welcomed as a freshman at St. John's in just 7 short months.

Alex was one of only 26 founding pupils who started at the British School of Washington in 1998 when this small group of young pupils joined an enthusiastic staff of four British-trained primary school teachers and a Headmistress. The British School has since expanded to 300 pupils on two sites on 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Northwest Washington, DC where they offer British-style education to pupils from ages three to eighteen, including a rigorous high school programme consisting of British GCSE Examinations and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

The British Schools of America were founded in 1998, when the first school opened in Washington D.C. The British Schools of Boston and Houston both opened in September 2000, the British School of Chicago opened in September 2001 and the British American School of Charlotte, the fifth school, opened in September 2004. It is anticipated during the next few years that the total number of British Schools of America will grow to 20, all located in major cities across the USA. Pupils at the British Schools of America follow the National Curriculum of England through GCSEs and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Teachers at the schools are recruited directly from the UK and are trained in the delivery of the National Curriculum and the IB.



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