

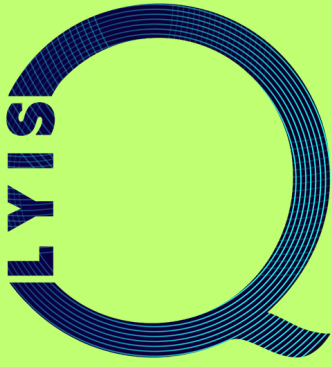
LEADING YOUR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
QUALIFICATION (LYIS-Q)

# LEAD GROW DARE.



School leadership

done differently



## WELCOME TO THE LYIS-Q

The LYIS-Q is specifically designed to meet the real challenges and demands of Headship in the international world. Over my many years of Leadership internationally, I have seen Heads and Principals struggle with the unique challenges international education and its leadership poses - even amongst those who come to the international sector with significant and successful Headship experience. This rigorous, accredited qualification not only prepares those who are new or aspiring Heads, but also orients and supports those who understand the pressures and demands of Headship. It supports those currently in the position or those who are pursuing international Headship, with all the attendant expectations and demands - known and unknown - that the international world brings.

Our qualification and its process challenge participants to assess their own thinking, their attitudes, their approach to creating other leaders and their fundamental professional purpose. This happens through extensive research, guided learning, challenge, safe support and confidential understanding of each participant's needs and experience. There is no one size that fits all - and certainly not in the international sector. Having seen the clear and present need for this, year after year, LYIS identified this, creating something that is effective, real, responsive and of the highest calibre. We look forward to welcoming you.

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# AT A GLANCE

The LYIS-Q brings a fresh approach and much-needed change to the way we train (and support) international school leaders. Customised for international school leaders, by international school leaders, it is the qualification that uncovers the realities of international school leadership, the skills you need to get the job done, and also, one that grows your network at the same time, to support you. With 12 months of delivery and 12 months of full *practical* implementation support, we put people at the heart of the LYIS-Q. Join the course that redefines and redesigns international school leadership.



## A Mission-Driven Organisation

At LYIS, our entire mission is 'To level up international school leadership'. We believe that the future of school leadership is in your hands, not ours. We are committed to supporting more women, more leaders of colour, and all other historically underrepresented groups in realising their own ambitions to lead an international school.

## Underpinned by evidence

Our LYIS Leadership Framework has been designed to fit international schools and their leadership.

The Framework itself is continuously reviewed, reflected upon and improved so that it has the maximum impact on your school and its staff and students.

Our Framework is made up of nine impacts that principals can have. It is underpinned by our three core values:

- Ethical Leadership
- Opportunity
- Sustainability



“BUILT AROUND THE LYIS LEADER PROFILE.”

# THE BENEFITS...



## For participants

- A truly 'international' qualification.
- Develop your practice - where it truly matters.
- Underpinned by the LYIS Leadership Framework and Leader Profile.
- Your own personal, fully qualified coach.
- Unlock 2 years of LYIS Membership benefits.

## For your teams

- A principal who really listens and makes more informed decisions.
- Evidence-informed leadership that actually changes outcomes.
- A purposeful pathway to collective growth within your school.

## For your board

- Authentic decision-making they can trust and get behind.
- School improvement is driven through reciprocal accountability.
- Governance that is informed, aligned and sustainability-focused.
- Leadership that builds the school's reputation and legacy.

## For your students

- Lead a culture of vigilance that prioritises safeguarding above everything else.
- Teaching that challenges, inspires and genuinely prepares them for a strong future.
- A leader who sees every child as an individual, who looks beyond the data.
- A school culture where every student feels they belong and knows they matter.

## For your network

- Be part of a strong global community redefining what schools and their leadership can be.
- Shared practice across borders, contexts and cultures.
- A network where diverse voices shape the conversation.

## For your future

- A qualification that you can draw upon, wherever you lead.
- Become an LYIS Facilitator and reinforce your learning by supporting others' growth.
- An investment in yourself and your school community.
- Secure your next leadership role with confidence.



**Dr Melissa Burnell**  
Assistant Principal  
Beijing



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HAVE EVER RECEIVED!  
I MEAN THAT! WELL  
DONE. SERIOUSLY.



# The LYIS-Q Difference

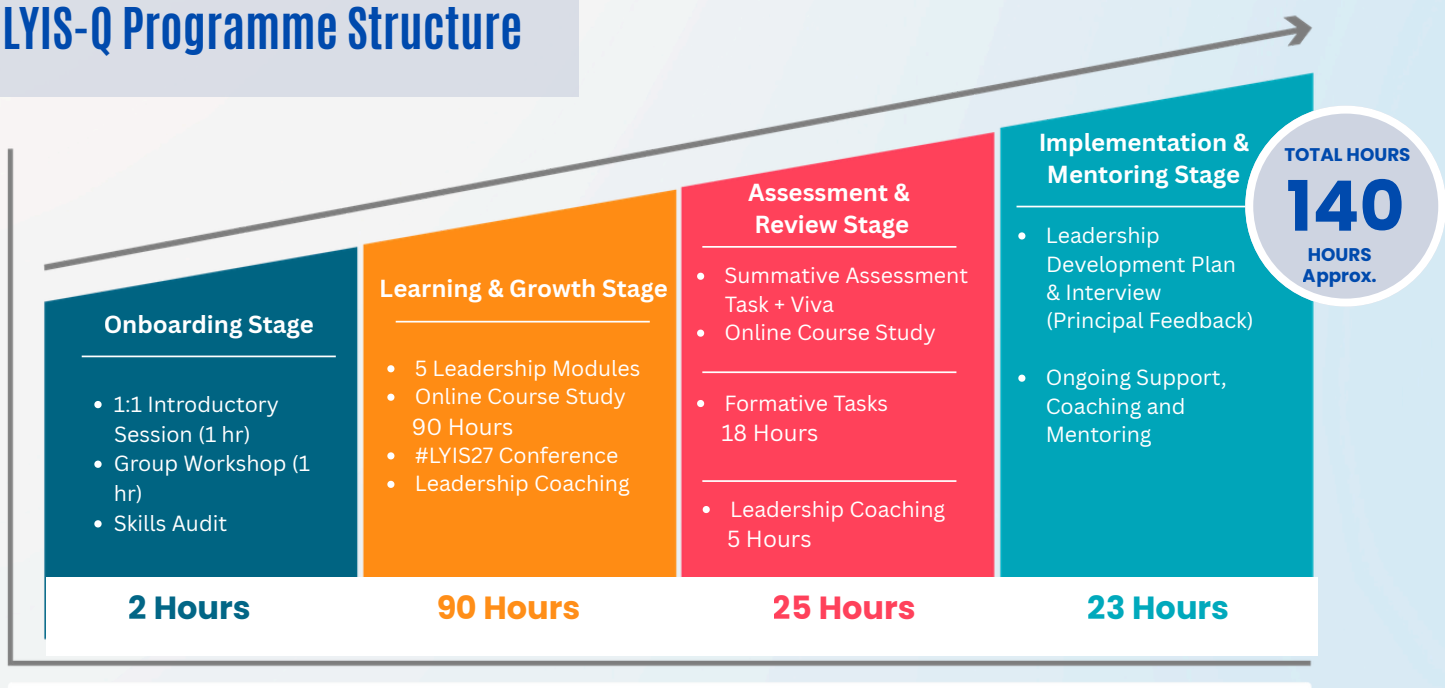


The LYIS-Q is a globally recognised, evidence-based qualification designed specifically for school leaders who are working towards stepping into, or growing within the role of international school leader. Our fully flexible part-time learning is built to fit around the realities of school life, blending live online sessions, self-paced study, expert webinars and personalised coaching into a programme that works for you.

With LYIS, the impact goes way beyond the individual. When you grow as a leader, your school notices, and so do your students.

We are incredibly proud to support international school leaders across the globe on their leadership journey as they set high expectations for all and lead with values. With our remote online delivery option, world-class professional learning is never out of reach, no matter what part of the world you are based.

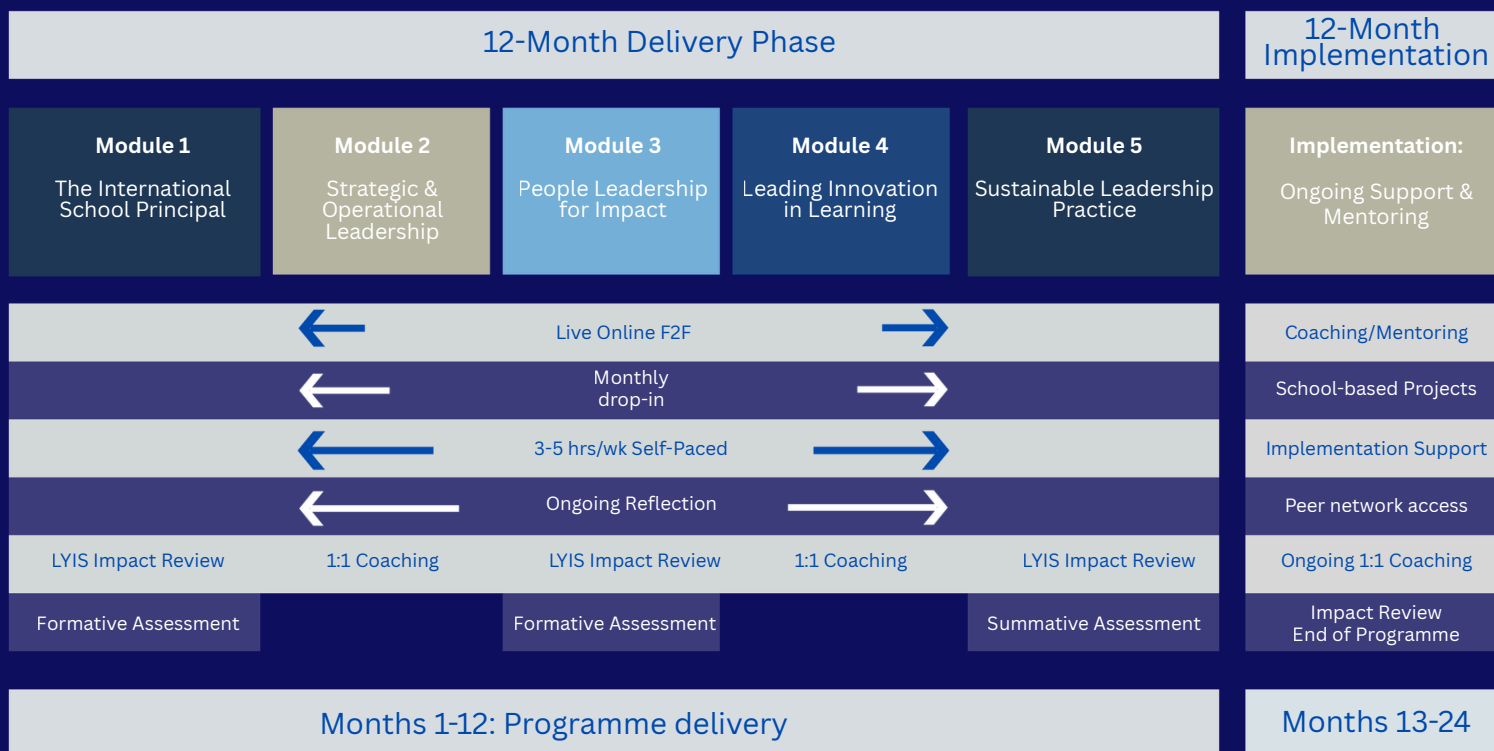
## LYIS-Q Programme Structure



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Serge Gavenko  
Zhuhai  
LYIS-Q Participant



## When can I start?

The LYIS-Q offers flexible multi-entry access across all five modules. With start dates in September, November, January, April and June, the qualification is designed to fit around the demands of your busy educational schedule.

## Do I need a school sponsor?

Yes. A professional who knows you, your work, your impact and who knows your leadership character well enough to back you without hesitation.

## How can this be implemented in my school?

Because of the bespoke nature of the qualification, it can be aligned with your school's improvement plan, coaching framework, and leadership pathways, ensuring that participants apply their learning directly to real school strategic and operational priorities that can positively affect the learning outcomes of your students.

## To Pass the LYIS-Q You'll Need to...

- Show proof of your background check
- Be an active member of the cohort / Attend 75% of the sessions
- Demonstrate awareness of and competence in real international school leadership contexts
- Analyse your school's strategic plan and design your own.
- Take part in coaching and impact assessments
- Complete and submit your course reflection booklet
- Complete and submit your LYIS-Q Impact Audit & Final Assessment

## Can I talk with someone on the course?

Yes! You can speak directly with a current participant to gain an authentic insight into the course, its learning, design and outcomes. We actively encourage you to ask meaningful questions about their experiences. You might explore what has most challenged their leadership thinking, how they are applying the LYIS Leadership Framework in their school or what shifts they have noticed in their decision-making and how the course has developed their leadership practice.



# One of the most important leadership decisions you will ever make

## Ready to begin your international school leadership journey?

The LYIS-Q is for Middle Leaders, Deputy Heads, Vice Principals, Assistant Superintendents, Senior Leaders and Divisional Principals with (whole) school leadership on the horizon. Typically, around two to three years from headship, giving you a full two-year programme to prepare with purpose.

## Contact us

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