

### Prep and Senior Schools



Brighton College: the UK's leading co-educational school



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our very special new Prep and Senior Schools.

By choosing to join us, you will become part of a growing family of schools that educates more than 4,000 pupils worldwide. Brighton College is now the top co-educational school in the UK, and our aim here in Bangkok is to establish ourselves as the leading British curriculum school in Asia.

So how has the Brighton College family of schools become so successful? There are a number of reasons. We have over 170 years of history, but we don't feel weighed down by this. We are ambitious, aspirational and modern, but are proud of our heritage. We don't look to create stereotypes, but get to know all pupils as individuals to ensure they maximise their talents, celebrating their successes on the way (and there will be plenty of those). We have the very highest academic standards, combining traditional academic rigour with innovative approaches to learning through a broad and balanced curriculum. We are tolerant, kind, and accepting of difference, with a firm but compassionate approach to pastoral care. Most importantly, the quality of Brighton College teachers ensures that excellence is the norm, not an aspiration. More than twenty percent of our team come directly from Brighton College, with over seventy-five percent having worked at leading independent schools in the UK. We constantly challenge and support these excellent teachers to provide your children with a truly world-class education.

Brighton College's academic results have made headlines across the world and has cemented its reputation as the top school, which admits both boys and girls, in the UK. This success has been replicated across the international schools and together we secure more entrants to Oxbridge than any other British family of schools. A Brighton College education is, however, about so much more than excellent examination results and university entrance. Whatever your son's or daughter's talents and passions might be, we will help them to achieve more than they ever thought possible.

I look forward to welcoming you and your son or daughter to the College in person.

#### **DAVID TONGUE, HEADMASTER**







### Welcome

The Prep and Senior School teams are thrilled to welcome you to Brighton College Bangkok, a place where children are excited about school, where they grow and develop as learners and leaders within our global community.

Our unique school will give every child a full and stimulating school experience. With outstanding teachers guiding them, the children will achieve beyond their expectations and will develop the intrinsic motivation needed to really 'reach for the stars'. Individual goals and high aspirations challenge every child, while our exceptional pastoral care ensures a personalised and supportive atmosphere weaves through all aspects of school life.

At Brighton College, our dedicated and dynamic staff will ensure that your child becomes the very best that they can be, whilst being happy, confident, well-motivated and enthusiastic about life and the world around them.

We encourage you to come and see our school for yourselves and look forward to meeting you and your children.

**VANESSA ROBITAILLE, HEAD OF PREP SCHOOL** 

## A Culture of Kindness

Kindness is at the heart of everything we do at Brighton College Bangkok.

Pupils are encouraged to be kind, honest, polite, determined and tolerant, creating a positive culture in which everyone feels valued and successful.

Our outstanding pastoral care creates an inclusive and respectful environment where pupils feel safe, motivated to learn and to extend their knowledge. Our pupils are able to question, to think critically and to be challenged by our highly experienced academic staff.

With an emphasis on effort, children learn that their attitude to life and learning is a vital prerequisite to their future success. This ensures that children excel, not just in the academic arena, but as thoughtful, empathetic global citizens who value themselves, others and the world around them.









## A Love of Learning

Our primary aim is to ignite a passion for learning and to ensure that it burns for a lifetime. We want our pupils to be fascinated by the world they will inherit; we want them to question why things are the way they are, and finally we want to instill a sense of creativity and innovation – a drive to make things better.

To help deliver these lofty goals, we take enormous pride in the recruitment and retention of the very best staff.

First and foremost, as teachers, we see it as our responsibility to make learning fun, varied, relevant and challenging. We set no pre-conceived limits, knowing that our pupils never fail to surprise us.

## An Inspiring Curriculum

Our curriculum is tailor-made, it is innovative and imaginative yet rooted in a desire to provide strong foundations in every subject. With the benefit of being part of the Brighton College family of schools, and surrounded by the rich culture that is Thailand's, we are well placed to give our pupils something special.

First and foremost, we are hugely ambitious for our pupils. Our staff recognise that in order for children to leave us, ready to be ambassadors of the future, they need to wholly embrace a range of subjects and a wide breadth of pursuits. This enables them to develop academically, morally and socially.

We place enormous value on the development of creativity, tenacity and curiosity. Barriers between subjects are frequently broken down and our pupils' inter-disciplinary awareness creates a sense of relevance, which enables them to make connections with all they do.









### Prep School Curriculum

Our curriculum delivers outstanding learning opportunities through excellent and innovative teaching. Our enhanced provision dares to look beyond the normal, inspiring and challenging children both within and beyond the classroom. Whilst it is based on the English National Curriculum, it also reflects our international location, preparing our pupils to be dynamic, curious and passionate young adults.

Uniquely, we introduce specialist teaching in Year 5; at this age children are ready for this additional rigour and depth. The passion and knowledge that subject specialists bring enthuses children, enabling them to acquire a greater understanding which we hope sparks a life-long interest.

In Year 8, children sit Common Entrance Examinations. Completing an external examination at this point adds an invaluable goal to the children's learning, as well as instilling many life skills in preparation for Senior School and beyond. On entry to Senior School, our pupils are ready to start their International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) studies a year early. This is quite simply because of the strength and depth of our accelerated curriculum.

### Senior School Curriculum

Initially studying the same breadth of subjects as the Prep School, Year 9 pupils follow an academically rigorous curriculum, designed to equip them with the skills, understanding and curiosity for the journey ahead. The curriculum becomes increasingly focused, providing the depth of understanding required in order to achieve the highest possible grades and also to prepare them fully for the academic challenges of IGCSE.

In Years 10 and 11, pupils concentrate on the core areas of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology plus four optional IGCSE subjects that reflect their individual strengths, interests and aspirations.

In the Sixth Form, pupils typically choose to concentrate on four subjects to study at A-level as they prepare for university entrance.









## Achievement and Innovation

Understanding about how children learn and acquire new skills has never been better and our teachers meet regularly to discuss new and innovative ways to harness this understanding to enhance pupil progress. In addition, every aspect of the College has been designed to inspire curiosity, a love of learning and to enable our pupils to achieve beyond expectations. This is achieved through unrivalled facilities in sports and the performing arts, the state-of-theart Learning Resource Centre, connecting all sections of the College, and stimulating classroom environments created by forward-thinking teachers.

Far from a school shackled by tradition, Brighton College Bangkok is an environment that resists complacency of any kind and is constantly looking to evolve and improve the experience of every pupil. We are a school that prepares its pupils to live happy and fulfilled lives in the 21st Century.

# Pastoral Care and the House System

Quite simply our Houses are special, 'going the extra mile' to ensure that everyone's school experience is productive and happy. Our Houses create a strong feeling of community and belonging for children, parents and staff alike. Forming the foundation of our exceptional and personalised pastoral care, House Masters and Mistresses, and a team of Tutors, nurture, support, monitor and guide the children, playing an integral part in each child's life at the College.

Meeting daily, House Tutors know every child in their care, their strengths and weaknesses, their passions and interests. They know their successes and their struggles and are ready to celebrate and support as necessary. In short, our House teams ensure that Brighton College pupils become the very best versions of themselves.









# Wellbeing and Young Ambassadors

Wellbeing at Brighton goes much further than typical personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) programmes: for us, it is about building excellent habits for life, which enable children to think well, to be resilient, to empathise, to respect one-another, and, ultimately, to thrive.

Our staff help every child to establish meaning and purpose, so that they can envisage where their lives might take them. Connected to this, is our Young Ambassadors Programme, which seeks to bring relevance to learning through cross-curricular projects that are modelled on real careers, like journalism, running a business, a life in conservation, and more.

Wellbeing feeds into all aspects of our lives, it feeds into every single subject we teach, and, as such, underpins all we do.

## Beyond the Classroom

Beyond the classroom, pupils will have extensive opportunities to discover and explore a diverse range of new activities. Our extensive co-curricular programme will have something for everyone, including, but not limited to, performing and creative arts, sports and physical activities, informative and challenging trips, leadership and service opportunities, as well as stimulating academic clubs.

As children explore new disciplines, develop new skills and further their individual interests, we enable them to find their passion and that 'thing' that really makes them tick; this in turn will support everything that they do. Our pupils are encouraged to broaden their horizons and take risks, to think creatively and to look outwards, to care for others and for the natural world. Our safe and secure environment allows pupils to do all of this with confidence and excitement.









### Sport for All

At Brighton College we believe that pupils should have the opportunity to be fully involved in sport; all achievements are recognised and celebrated across our entire community. The benefits of competitive sport go far beyond the simple accumulation of awards and it is equally important that all of our pupils, from the most gifted to the least confident, are given the opportunity to enjoy these benefits.

To this end, our talented and dedicated coaching team always places strong emphasis on encouragement and support. Accordingly, we provide sporting opportunities for everyone across the College, both competitive and recreational. Whether it is representing the House at volleyball, or the College at swimming, everyone can get involved.

### Performing Arts

Drama, music and dance – the performing arts - are hugely important at Brighton, as much so as other, more traditionally academic pursuits.

We encourage every pupil to enrich and enhance the creative sides of their brains and to be involved in 'performance' as much as is physically possible.

Members of our choir and orchestras will rub shoulders with our budding actors, directors, technicians and dancers in our Performing Arts Centre, a vibrant hub of creativity.

Furthermore, frequent productions, including workshops, shows and festivals, all ensure that life at Brighton is quite literally all-singing and all-dancing.









## The Campus and Facilities

All facilities here at Brighton College Bangkok are state-ofthe-art. The classrooms are purpose-built and there are specialist facilities, not merely for Senior School pupils, but for children in each and every section of the school.

Our pupils will all enjoy a dedicated sports centre, sports fields, tennis courts, an International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved 400m athletics track, an IOC approved 50m Olympic-size swimming pool and a 25m practice pool.

Our innovative and technologically-advanced Learning Resource Centre links all sections of the school, providing hands-on learning opportunities, an exceedingly well-resourced library and bespoke educational stimuli, resources and equipment for all age groups.

Finally, our Performing Arts Centre, with a 650 seat theatre, music practice rooms and instrumental teaching rooms, showcases our passion for drama, music and dance.





## Applying for a Place

If you are looking to apply for a place in either our Prep or Senior Schools for your son or daughter, our Admissions Team will be pleased to help.

Prior to making your application, it is advisable to book a visit with the Admissions Team, where you will meet the Headmaster, Head of Prep School or the Deputy Head of Senior School. If your family is overseas and unable to visit, we will guide you through this process.

Upon receipt of the application form, we will arrange an assessment for your child. The assessment can take place at any time of the year prior to the pupil joining. Our assessment will focus on your child's verbal and non-verbal reasoning, mathematics and writing skills. We naturally do all that we can to make the entry assessments as friendly and as good-natured as possible. We will also invite you and your child to meet our Head of Prep School or Deputy Head of Senior School following the assessment.

For more information, and to arrange a meeting with one of our Admissions Team, please contact Kim Meaden-Kendrick (Registrar) on +66 (o) 2-136-7898 or via email at admissions@brightoncollegebangkok.com

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