THE ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PADUA

Padova, November 2016

Information for Prospective Teachers 2016/17

The School

The English International School of Padua (EISP) was established in 1987 and offers the opportunity for Italian and non-Italian students to be educated bilingually in English and Italian; with English being the main language of communication. EISP is an independent school, privately owned and affiliated to the ECIS (European Council of International Schools), the Cambridge International Examination Board and the IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization). The school has two purpose built buildings to cater for students ranging from 2-18 years of age. The building on Via Forcellini 164 hosts the Middle and High School students, whilst the building situated on Via Forcellini 168 is for the Nursery, Infant and Primary School aged children.

The school is open Monday to Friday. Members of staff are expected to be on the school premises no later than 08:30, as the school day starts at 08:40 in the Secondary School and 08:45 in the Nursery/Infant School and the Primary School. The school day ends at 16:00. The school publishes a calendar each year indicating the dates of school holidays, including Italian public holidays. The academic year begins 30th August 2016 and ends by the end of June 2017.

Philosophy and Curriculum

EISP was founded on the concept of helping children to use language effectively and to increase their range and understanding of grammatically correct English by providing opportunities through speaking and listening, reading and writing. We recognise each pupil has his/her unique set of skills and abilities and we offer a wide variety of learning opportunities with differentiated activities to suit learning rates, styles, interest and abilities, including work at a higher cognitive level. All aspects of the school curricular and extracurricular activities are student centred and designed to accommodate individual learning styles so that all may experience success.

The Nursery/Infant School offers a British style teaching curriculum, where the children are fully immersed in the English Language from a child's very first day.

The Primary School's teaching programme is a combination of the curriculum based in the UK and Italy.

The Middle School delivers the essential elements of both the British and the Italian Middle School programmes and leads to the receipt of a "Terza Media" diploma at the end of year 8.

During the first two years of High School years 9 and 10 follow the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) programmes and years 11 and 12 follow the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

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Conditions of Employment

1. The appointed teacher will be given a fixed term contract which runs until 31st August 2017. The position is full time. Supervision of students is required during break times on a rota basis.
2. Salary is paid in Euro and Italian bank accounts are opened for the payment of salaries. The school assists in this process at the start of the academic year. Members of staff also have lunches free of charge.
3. An annual Travel Allowance of €200.00 is given to each newly appointed member of staff. The first 50% of the travel allowance is paid together with the first month's salary at the end of January; with the second 50% paid at the end of June. This is on the receipt of copies of all payments made. The Travel Allowance is paid automatically into a teacher's Italian bank account.
5. The school assists with accommodation by attempting to locate apartments using local agencies to find housing based on three criteria: cost, location and quality. Generally we find apartments for individuals, couples or 2, 3 or 4 roomed apartments for people to share. An apartment for an individual or a couple can range from €400.00 to €700.00, whilst a room in a shared apartment ranges from approximately €250.00 to €375.00, excluding bills.
6. It is not essential that newly appointed staff have a basic/good level of understanding in Italian; however we recognise that it is useful for staff to integrate themselves in to the Italian culture and language.
7. Immediately after accepting a teaching position all newly appointed teachers must send copies of degree qualifications, a photocopy of his/her passport, confirmation of his/her home address in the UK and an up to date DSB check.

General Information about Padova

Padova is situated in the North East part of Italy. It is located on the plains of Veneto, approximately 30 kilometres from the city of Venice. Despite being on the mainland, the city is located close to the routes of many major rivers flowing down from the nearby hills and mountains to the Adriatic Sea, and the thermal resorts of the nearby Colli Euganei hills. The nearest two airports are Treviso, Venice and Verona.