



# 萍乡实验英伦国际学校

## The British Experimental Academy of Pingxiang

### A guide for job applicants (July 2018)

#### Information about the school

**School name in Chinese:** 萍乡实验英伦国际学校

**School name in English:** The British Experimental Academy of Pingxiang (the international division of Pingxiang Experimental School)

**School website:** www.beapx.net

**School address in Chinese:** 中国江西省萍乡市硃石经济开发区金丰路萍乡实验学校国际部, 邮编: 337000

**School address in English:** International School Campus of Pingxiang Experimental School, Jinfeng Road, Xiashi Economic Development Zone, Pingxiang City, Jiangxi Province, China. Postcode 337000

**China based telephone for job enquires:** 0086 13979990433

**UK based telephone for job enquires:** 0044 (0)3330130783

**Email for job application:** recruitment.pxsyxx@outlook.com

**School type:** Mainstream, independent

**Phase:** pre-school, primary, junior secondary, senior secondary

**Age range:** 3 – 18 years old

**Gender:** mixed

**Student background:** native Chinese

**School introduction videos:**

- <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/ozllUk0u86lCDfc5Rbp0VA>
- <https://v.qq.com/x/page/r0500jcct7g.html>
- <https://v.qq.com/x/page/u0390hnf4iw.html>

#### **Brief introduction about the school:**

The British Experimental Academy of Pingxiang is the international division of Pingxiang Experimental School, an independent school situated in Jiangxi Province of China. Pingxiang Experimental School was founded in 2003, and it now has 4 campuses covering 190,000 square meters of land and 136,000 squares meters of building area. Pingxiang Experimental School currently has a total number of 13,980 students (aged 3-18), 700 teachers and 520 support staff. Over the years Pingxiang Experimental School has made outstanding achievements in both academic subjects and extra-curricular activities. Pingxiang Experimental School have

come on top for many years in the Pingxiang City standardised examinations, and have been consecutively ranked first in the Pingxiang City Regional Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. Every year the school holds a variety of events such as International Day, the Voice of Pingxiang, Food, Art and Science Festivals, Parents-and-Children Sports Games, 10K Cross Country and Basketball Competitions, Triathlon, School Guinness Record, Christmas and Halloween Parties.

The British Experimental Academy of Pingxiang established in 2015 is the latest addition to Pingxiang Experimental School, committed to nurturing international talents for Pingxiang and China. The international division has four phases including preschool (ages 3-5), primary (age 6-12), junior secondary (age 12-15) and senior secondary (age 15-18). It currently has a total number of 300 students and 67 teachers. Its intake is mainly local Chinese students and we offer them a bilingual education system based on the very best of both the Chinese and English education systems. Students in Grades 1-8 study the compulsory Chinese national curriculum subjects as well as subjects with British school curriculum features. Students in Grades 9-12 study GCSE and A-level subjects, and the school is also an accredited centre for Cambridge International Examinations, AQA, Edexcel. The school is working with Essex Education Services in the UK to draw on the best practices and resources from the UK. We provide a good environment for personalised learning with small class teaching and self-challenging courses. We emphasize on holistic education and students' physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. The school operates a House System so that students of different grades and ages can learn to connect and help each other. We provide a wide variety of clubs and opportunities for international study visits.

The British Experimental Academy of Pingxiang is situated on a new campus built in 2015 covering 99000 square meters of land and 65000 square meters of building area. All classrooms and dormitories are elevator accessible and equipped with state of the art facilities. It also has 600 seat concert hall, 600 square meter English language centre, 120 square meter cafe, football pitches, baseball, tennis and basketball courts, golf practice area, 1200 meter bicycle lanes, heated indoor swimming pool, 2200 square meter indoor stadium, 600 square meter gym, 400 meter standard track sports field etc. There will be another brand new teaching building dedicated to the international division ready for September 2018.

The British Experimental Academy of Pingxiang has a dedicated living area for international teachers with western style apartments so the teachers can comfortably enjoy free accommodation, food and facilities on campus as well as many other benefits provided by the school.

**Quote from Vanessa Darley, our Art Teacher from the UK:** "I am in my 3rd year of working at Pingxiang Experimental British Academy. The school is progressive and is always moving forwards trying to better itself. It is a very supportive school and the teachers here are very friendly and helpful. The students are keen to learn and I have never seen students get so excited about turning up to my lessons before. I have seen lots of changes in Pingxiang since I arrived. It is a developing city and a friendly one. It has cinemas, shopping

mall/walking street and very good food everywhere. It is also very easy to travel China from here with its high speed railway and from the airport in Changsha it's easy to fly internationally."

**Quote from Gerry Doyle, our English Language Teacher from Ireland:** "This is my first year in the school. I have been here since August 2017. The school itself is on a large campus with lots of facilities. Presently a new building is being completed for the International school. Moving to a new country can always have its challenges and it does take a little time to adapt to the different culture and methods of the Chinese school system. The students in general are very friendly and motivated. They always say hello and are warm and welcoming. Here you may teach a wide age range which can be challenging but is also diverse and rewarding. My colleagues in the Primary and Junior Schools have been extremely helpful, friendly and encouraging. Pingxiang is a small city by China's standards but it is easy to navigate around once you get settled. The people here are very friendly and helpful. I live on campus. My apartment is comfortable and has most of the facilities one would need. There is also an extra communal kitchen, dining area and laundry room."

**Quote from Hari Hayre, our PE Teacher from the UK:** "7 months I have worked here. School is friendly and being developed further with new building opening sept 2018. Friendly students and colleagues. Pingxiang life is quiet but half hour away by train is a main city for parties, shopping etc and everywhere in China and Asia is easily reachable by either train or plane. Living condition is currently a studio flat but is also being improved in 2019."

We are looking for more international teachers to join our dynamic and friendly staff team who are passionate to deliver high quality education to our motivated students. The successful candidates will be rewarded with a comprehensive remuneration package and invaluable opportunities for personal and professional development and fulfilment.

## **Working at the school**

**Current job vacancy for international teachers:**

- **1 Teacher of Drama & English**

**Start date:** late August 2018

(\* There may be possibility for a later start in exceptional circumstances to attract outstanding teachers for the upcoming academic year.)

**Contract:** Full Time, Fixed Term (2 years in the first instance with renewal option thereafter)

**Salary:** competitive salary including a comprehensive remuneration package

**A comprehensive remuneration package for international teacher, to include:**

- Salary: competitive salaries paid in local Chinese currency RMB and are subject to Chinese income tax. The school will offer gross annual salary in the range of 260,000 RMB – 360,000 RMB, and there is possibility to offer higher salary in exceptional circumstances to attract outstanding teachers. The

school will take into consideration the candidate's work experience, qualifications and professional achievements.

- Gratuity: one month salary bonus before tax will be awarded upon successful completion of the initial two-year contract; staff renewing contract for the third year or more receive an extra one month salary per year.
- Free accommodation and food on campus for the teacher. The school has a comfortable living area dedicated to international teachers with western style apartments.
- Medical: commercial health insurance cover arranged and paid for the teacher, according to "Foreign Experts Medicare Scheme" under the Pingxiang City Bureau of Foreign Experts Affairs.
- Visa, work permit and resident permit arranged and paid. Staff will be working in a fully legal and secure framework. The school will reimburse work permit and visa related costs (police check, health check, legalisation of documents required, visa application) when the teacher arrive at the post (receipts needed for reimbursement).
- Flights: one annual return international flight and airport transport to home residence for the teacher (receipts needed for reimbursement).
- Arriving at the post: the school will book your flight to China, arrange arrival airport pickup and welcome.
- Relocation allowance: 5000 RMB allowance before tax each way at the start and end of employment to help towards excess baggage.
- Training: induction and in-service training including free Mandarin Chinese lessons.
- Holiday: You are entitled to paid school holidays, Chinese public holidays and 7 fixed days over the Christmas period.
- Chinese culture sightseeing allowance: 5000RMB after tax at the beginning of each school year.
- Tuition waiver at the school for eligible dependent children. Job opportunities for eligible dependent spouse.

#### **General requirements of applicants:**

- A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and teaching qualification (e.g. QTS) or Education Degree from a recognised institution;
- A minimum of two years teaching experience in the relevant subject (will require proof of work from previous employer);
- Fluent English speaking teacher (from major English speaking countries is preferred) with excellent communication skills, and the flexibility to work with EFL learners;
- Successful experience of teaching the English National Curriculum; the role will be to teach the listed subject based on the English National Curriculum, and make suitable modifications to meet the needs of Chinese students;
- Successful candidate would be expected to teach across the full age ranges; experience of teaching in both primary and secondary settings are desirable;
- Strong classroom and behavioural management skills and be able to teach mixed-ability classes;

- Display the highest standards of professionalism and demonstrate excellence in the classroom, a passion for maximising students' learning and skills development, a commitment to taking a full and active role in the school;
- Good organisation skills; has had some or aspire for managerial experience;
- Mature, adaptable and resilient; good health and energetic;
- Open-minded and able to work collaboratively as a team player in an international setting; experience of working in an international setting or travelling within different cultures is preferable;
- Hold a current DBS enhanced disclosure or equivalent criminal record check clearance from your country of nationality or your current country of residence (a minimum of 1 year regular stay); please note if you have lived in other countries in the last 5 years, we will also check your previous certificate of good conduct from those countries; no harmful habits;
- Compliance with visa requirements for working in China (please note the age limit for China work visa is 60);

#### **Working patterns :**

- Your working hours will be 8 hours a day between the hours of 08:20 -17:20 subject to timetable arrangement, Monday to Friday over a maximum of 40 weeks per year. This will include teaching up to 25 lessons per week (based on 40 minutes per lesson).
- In addition you will work such additional hours as may be needed to enable you to discharge effectively your professional duties, including in particular, the marking of pupils' work, the writing of reports on pupils and the preparation of lessons, teaching materials and teaching programmes. The amount of time required for this purpose beyond the specified hours above shall depend upon the work needed to discharge your professional duties.
- According to Chinese official national public holiday schedule, you may have to work on some weekend days as adjusted official working days.

#### **How to apply for a job at school:**

- Please obtain and complete an application form and send together with your CV by email and direct any enquires to: **recruitment.pxsyxx@outlook.com**
- Application forms will be considered upon receipt and shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview either online or face-to-face (which can take place in Chelmsford UK or Pingxiang China).
- To help us make a fair and balanced assessment of you as a candidate, please provide us with all the information needed. We follow safer recruitment practice and appointments are subject to an interview, satisfactory references, background and criminal record checks, and other necessary pre-employment checks including medical as part of China work visa requirement.
- Closing date: this job posting is valid till the vacancy is filled.

## **Information about Pingxiang City in Jiangxi Province**

- <http://www.pingxiang.gov.cn/en/>
- <http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/jiangxi/pingxiang/>

Pingxiang City is situated in the western part of Jiangxi Province in China. Pingxiang City has a total area of 3823.99 square kilometers and a population of about 1,901,100. The city centre area is 58 square kilometers and the urban greenery rate is 46%. It is a city of 1700 years of history and rich cultural heritage.

**Pleasant climate:** Pingxiang is located in subtropical climate zone with four distinct seasons. There is plentiful sunshine and abundant rainfall throughout the year. The average annual temperature is 17.3°C. The weather in winter is moderate and the summer is hot.

**Rapid economic development:** In 2016, the annual GDP of Pingxiang City is 99.83 billion Chinese RMB, increased by 9.1%; above-scale industries added value is 43.63 billion Chinese RMB, increased by 8.5%; total fiscal revenue is 13.56 billion Chinese RMB, increased by 9.1%; total fixed asset investments is 116.29 billion Chinese RMB, increased by 13.3%; total retail sales of social consumer goods is 33.81 billion Chinese RMB, increased by 11%; disposable income per capita increased by 8.4%; total import and export volume is 1.42 billion US dollars, increased by 11.9%.

**Convenient transportation:** As the heart of transportation between Jiangxi Province and Hunan Province, Pingxiang City has total highway mileage of 4663.6 km in 2011, and the highway density per 100 square kilometers is 140 km. Shanghai-Kunming railway passes through the city, connected to Beijing-Guangzhou railway and Beijing-Kowloon railway. Taking high-speed railways from Pingxiang North Station, the city is just half an hour away from Changsha City (capital of Hunan Province) and less than an hour reach to Nanchang City (capital of Jiangxi Province), and within 3 hours reach to Shanghai, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, Shenzhen etc. It takes only an hour to reach Changsha Huanghua International Airport and half an hour to Yichuan Mingyueshan Airport. It is very easy to travel China from here with its high speed railway and from the airport in Changsha it's easy to fly internationally.

**Abundant tourism resources:** Pingxiang City has 2 national key conservation sites, 67 provincial and municipal conservation sites. The Wugongshan scenic area is a national geopark and national AAAA level scenic spot. The Wugong Mountain is one of the three famous mountains in South China, and its Baihe Peak is 1918.24 meters above sea level. It has thousands acres of rare alpine meadows, numerous waterfalls, a large number of original forests, rare plants and animals. Also a national AAAA level scenic spot, Yangqi Mountain has the historical Tang Temple, Tang Pagoda, Tang Monument, Wenting-style tomb and other cultural landscape. Formed 180 million years ago, the Yilong Cave is a natural stalactite cave with waterfall as its highlight. Pingxiang is also famous for its rich cultural heritage of the ancient Nuo culture.