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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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About TYCIS

Thank you for your interest in our school, Tianjin Yinghua Cambridge International School (TYCIS) is quite a unique school and is part of a state-owned but independently-run school, which is well resourced and with good facilities. TYCIS is one of four schools under the main school "umbrella" Tianjin Yinghua International School of which TYCIS is the flagship programme. We will shortly be opening 3 new campuses in other regions of China. This is therefore a great opportunity to join part of a growing learning community. If you are looking to work in an environment that is positive and caring, where students are passionate about learning and achieving, then TYCIS is the place for you! Please check out our website www.yinghua-school.com.

Our students can only be described as excellent, as are their results. Our students have received 7 awards in the prestigious CAIE Outstanding Learner awards over the last 3 years including 6 "Top in the World" and 1 "Top in China" award. The school is academically selective and oversubscribed and continues to grow in line with our expectations. TYCIS is now entering its fifth year of operation as part of the much larger Yinghua International School. All of our graduates go on to world class universities in the UK, US and elsewhere. At the time of writing 7 out of 34 Year 13 students are awaiting the results of their Oxford or Cambridge university interviews with each of the 34 students having already received offers from Russell Group universities and other quality institutions. We are therefore seeking highly experienced, qualified, enthusiastic and professional teachers to meet the needs of our exceptionally self motivated students. It is essential for candidates to have experience of the IGCSE and/or A Level programmes or the like.

We offer CAIE IGCSE, AS and A Level programmes to students in Year 10 to Year 13 only. This is therefore a unique opportunity for teachers who wish to work with students post Year 10. Whilst the school is a boarding school, our expat teaching staff have no responsibilities or duties with regard to this aspect of the school.

Our teachers are well rewarded, treated with respect and receive generous salaries and benefits in line with other top international schools. This coupled with a low cost of living makes the package extremely attractive. An indicator of the satisfaction of our staff is that our staff turnover rate for the last 2 years has been extremely low.

The school continues to expand and will have 310 students for the 2018-19 academic year, growing to 420 at planned capacity. Almost all our current posts are to cater for this expansion. Teachers who enjoy developing courses and having a real impact on the direction of the school are encouraged to apply to become part of our team.

The working environment is pleasant and the school is located in a pleasant area of Wuqing a suburb of Tianjin, China's fourth largest city. Tianjin is just 11 minutes away by high speed train and Beijing 22 minutes. Trains are fast, reliable, efficient, clean and cheap! The cost of living here is extremely low and yet safe and easy to negotiate.

Below are some comments from our existing staff about their experiences working and living here.



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Having completed 2 years at TYCIS I am really enjoying my time living in Wuqing and teaching at TYCIS. Wuqing is a new town with leafy wide avenues surrounding the school near where I live. The shops and supermarkets are local style but I get the milk and potatoes I need and when I smile at the locals they are friendly. A Walmart has recently opened in town. In school there is a good atmosphere amongst staff, the workload is reasonable and having Western management means that any concerns I have are considered in the right way. The main positive aspect is the students are delightful to teach, they are respectful, hard-working and fun. Also I am saving loads of money and all compensation and benefits in the contract are being honoured.

TOM YANG

I joined TYCIS as an English Teacher in August 2016. Upon my arrival at the school, I immediately felt a strong sense of welcome and support not only from existing members of staff but also from members of SLT. I was very pleased to meet our Principal who invited me, as soon as I arrived in Wuqing, to a get-together to help new recruits settle down.

However, what has really made me feel comfortable and grateful working here is the deep-rooted tradition of care and consideration shown by the school. Last month, when a dear member of my family passed away, our Principal willingly accommodated for my bereavement and supported me in every aspect of my work during a very difficult time in my life. For instance, I could leave as soon as my lessons were finished. My colleagues as well as my Head of Department also kindly offered to cover my workload in my absence. I have never worked with so many caring colleagues and a considerate team of SLT before in

my teaching career.

TYCIS is a unique school in the sense that all our teachers are treated with respect and are given a multitude of opportunities for professional development. I already participated in a CIE training session in Beijing in the second month of my employment. Moreover, not only are we never required to work overtime, but our dedication and our diligence are also acknowledged on Teacher's Day and even on our birthday!

In terms of our working environment, Wuqing is perfect for people who prefer a quieter and more peaceful environment. While weekends can be rather monotonous in Wuqing, Beijing and Tianjin are within easy reach by fast speed train. I definitely recommend our school to teachers who seek challenge and strive for excellence in their field of expertise.



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Wuqing where I live is a well-organised and quiet town. In addition, you will easily find it a decent place to live and finding an apartment is easy with great help from the agency that collaborates with the school. Your monthly housing allowance will definitely cover a nice apartment with two or three bed rooms. Although you can find many local markets around the school to get all the foods and goods you need, online shopping is secure, excellent and convenient. You can literally buy everything you want through online shops. Your apartment will be 5 to 15 minutes walking distance from the school and that allows many of my to colleagues enjoy their 1 hour and 50 minutes lunch time at home. You can travel either to Beijing or downtown Tianjin during a weekend, and it takes less than 25 minutes to get there by a high-speed train. The Wuqing train station is located near the school.



The best part of working at Tianjin Yinghua Cambridge International School is being able to teach students who are hardworking and polite. It is highly unlikely you will face any classroom management problems or behavioural issues. The school facilities have been improved and each classroom is equipped with a smartboard and glass-board and more so that you can maximise your performance whichever way you wish. However, the students' expectations are extremely high, especially for Mathematics. Therefore, if you are looking for a school to work with highly motivated students then this is the place for you. You wouldn't believe 100% of Key Stage 4 students selected A Level Maths and 65% of them decided to continue to Further Maths. As Head of Mathematics, I enjoy every single aspect of my experience with my students and professional colleagues who know how to work as a team.



STEPHEN ARMSTRONG

The best part of working at TYCIS is the students. They are polite, hardworking and engaged both in and out of lessons. The staff have a great attitude and the atmosphere in the office is very pleasant. Living in Wuqing is ideal if you prefer to live somewhere quieter, but with easy access to the hustle and bustle. Both Beijing and Tianjin are a short train ride away, which makes getting around very easy. If you enjoy a challenge and the opportunity to teach your subject to a high standard then you will enjoy working here.



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Wuqing is a quiet place which is located between Beijing and Tianjin. If you prefer not to waste your time in subway or on bus while going to work and back home, then Tianjin Yinghua International Cambridge School will be a good option. Cost of living is comparatively low, and if you wish to go to some exciting places on weekends, Beijing and Tianjin are waiting for you. The students are very polite and hard working, and you should be ready for some very interesting and

demanding questions that will measure your professionalism in addition to enriching your experience.

MICHAEL GROHOWSKI

Working at TYCIS has been a pleasant surprise. I had never imagined living in China, and before coming here, had not heard much about the city of Tianjin.

While there have been challenges - especially in coping with the language barrier — the positives of working here have outweighed the negatives. Teachers at the School are reasonably compensated, treated with respect and enjoy a good work-life balance. There is ample

free time to visit nearby Beijing on weekends, and sights further afield on longer holidays. For an experienced teacher and traveler, it is worth considering working here. I've been working abroad for 8 years and this is first time working in China. Previously, I worked in several countries including America, Thailand and South Korea. Like each country has its own interesting culture and traditions, you will find its unique environment and customs here in China.

DARREN QUICK

I am now entering my fifth year at Tianjin Yinghua International School. The school is a well established school within Wuqing and the Cambridge department it is the flagship of the school. The department has seen many changes during my four years here, most notably over the last two years. Since the arrival of Mr John Evans, our Principal, TYCIS has grown in terms of both student numbers and reputation. The students are some of the best I have ever taught. They are extremely well behaved and their dedication to their studies is highly impressive.

Wuqing itself is a growing city situated on the outskirts of Tianjin City and both Tianjin City and Beijing are reachable, via the High Speed Train, within 30 minutes. There are several cinemas nearby to satisfy movie goers and there is an Italian styled shopping outlet right next to the High Speed train station (

http://www.florentiavillage.com/jj-en/aboutus.html).

Moreover, you are only ever a short train journey away from the capital city and Tianjin downtown where plenty of mega-sized shopping malls can be found,



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AMAR ANWAR

Nearly every school would say the same kind of thing, "Student focused", "Warm", "Professional", "Positive environment" or words which have that effect. A surprising thing about TYCIS is that those

words are very clearly evident from the first day and not just rhetoric. If you are professional in your duties and have good subject knowledge then the students will be some of the best you have met and a real pleasure to teach. The students are also very pro-active in their learning and this only makes your job more interesting and challenging to ensure engagement in lessons.

In terms of location - Beijing is the Capital city of China, it has everything you expect from a capital city. Tianjin is another big city in China, TYCIS is in Wuqing. Wuqing is under 20 minutes away from both. This has many advantages when it comes to living here. Wuging itself is clean, people are polite and the area is well designed. Many trees and green spaces and because its not a major city the pollution levels are far less than Tianjin or Beijing.

allowance and have some money left over to do as you wish. My apartment is two bedrooms, large open plan living area, quiet, modern and a 4 minute walk from school and 6 minutes to the main restaurants and gym area and the allowance covers it all including bills and the remainder I use as my monthly spending cash and that's with me sharing with my wife, so the ability to save your salary is another advantage of Wuqing as prices of goods are cheaper than those in Tianjin or Beijing.

One word of warning, your housing allowance is monthly, but your rent to the landlord is usually given in 3 month chunks. The school provides you with a interest-free loan when you arrive so you can pay a lump sum of rent in advance - but you may wish to negotiate and say to your landlord "If I give you 12months rent up front, give me a better deal" -Don't worry if you can't speak Chinese, the school will help you.

Food here is great. Yes you can go and buy chicken feet and all other parts of animals to eat but its not the standard. Lots of rice, lots of meats and lots of veg. Fruit is abundant and the only thing you may desire that is hard to find is cheese or soups.

What should you bring with you? The malls here are okay and there are many local shops, usually within your apartment building and we have a brand new Wal-Mart 5minutes away by car (25min walk) - so

There's a few shopping websites (Taobao.com and Tmall.com) and there is nothing you cannot buy from there and have delivered within a week - anything you wish for can be found there and found cheaply. Yes the websites are in Chinese but you can search in english and translator apps are your friend.

Speaking of which - because it's China you may want to access Google / Youtube / Netflix - for this you will need a VPN. Download one before you get here and make sure it works in China.

Overall working at TYCIS is good. Make sure you know your subject knowledge, make sure you can have different learning activities and your lessons will be fine. Management supports and listens to all and every concern and because it's a new school the chance for development is there

Hope all that gives some light on working and living here

For entertainment there are several shopping malls, cinemas, horse riding, fitness clubs and pools, golfing, library, restaurants and more. However if you need more, a big city is only 20 minutes away via

the very fast and very cheap train.



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TAMMY CHENG

Going into the fourth year of my teaching in TYCIS, there are many reasons Wuqing has made me feel at home. It is a comfortable place to live and work if you are not the type who likes the morning transport crowd especially in a city subway. Most of our international teachers and colleagues live within walking distance of the school. Wuqing has its own stopover within the route of China high-speed railway and it can get you into the major cities in China within minutes or hours, depending on your destinations:

Departing from Wuqing to

- 1) Tianjin: 12 minutes
- 2) Beijing: 23 minutes
- 3) Shanghai: 4-5 hours (*departing

from Tianjin station)

The taxi can get you to two major airports (Beijing Capital & Tianjin Binhai) in less than 100 minutes and the Beijing South Daxing International Airport that will soon be completed by next year will perhaps create even more options for international flights.

Apart from the excellent academic results produced from our highly motivated students, the school's constant effort in improving the facilities and the international staffs' private healthcare insurance package are the major factors that have reassured me Yinghua is the right school to stay for the development of my teaching career. Even though almost all the staff remained with Yinghua from the 2016/2017 academic year, the on-going expansion of our Cambridge International Department means we need more committed members to join and help us with the continuous growth.



PAUL GOODWIN

Coming to China has been an exciting and wonderful experience to date. The food is great and very cheap for the most part. The school is full of nice and impressive students and the staff are not too bad either!!

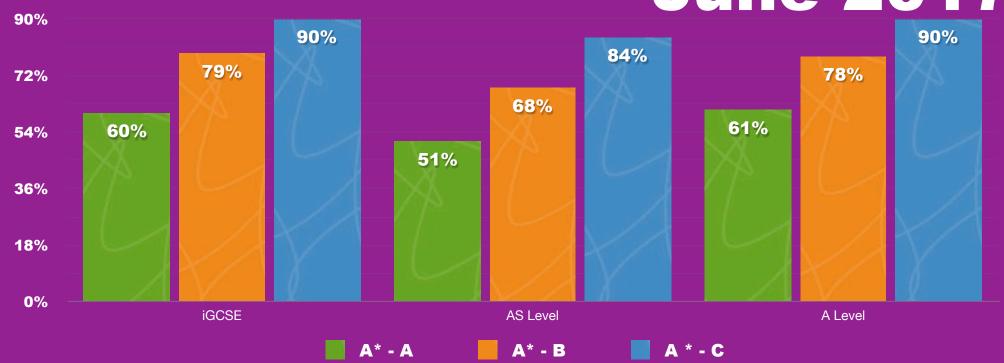
has been plenty of support and

encouragement all round so blending in has been quite easy really. Of course, there are massive cultural differences but these are to be welcomed as an enjoyable learning curve. The local area revolves around the Bao Li area as all the action of sorts takes place here, or nearby. I particularly love the local parks and have spent much of my time there. In fact, the Wuqing Cultural Park is probably one of the nicest parks I have ever been to. It has a fantastic mix of Yin and Yang and a lovely, chilled out cafe to boot!! Perfect for a lazy, hazy Sunday afternoon. Oh, and the cake shops are to die for. How I resist those beautiful gateaus laden with fresh fruit but still remarkably cheap I really don't know. I am sure that I will weaken one day sooN.





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The students at TYCIS are excellent, as are their results;

All of our graduates from the last 3 years went on to world class universities in the UK, US and elsewhere.



Timetable

TYCIS runs a two week timetable.

There is a 30 minute break each day and a one hour forty minute lunch break Monday to Thursday.

Friday is a shorter day with the day ending at 14:40

Staff are asked to provide one activity session per week from 15:50 - 16:30.



	Monday - Thursday	Friday
Registration	07:30 - 07:40	
Lesson 1	07:40 - 08:50	
Lesson 2	08:50 - 10:00	
Break	10:00 - 10:30	
Lesson 3	10:30 - 11:40	
Lunchtime	11:40 - 13:30	11:40 - 12:20
Lesson 4	13:30 - 14:40	12:20 - 13:30
Lesson 5	14:40 - 15:50	13:30 - 14:40
Activity	15:50 - 16:30	



TYCIS observes Chinese National holidays and this means that throughout the year there are several days offs. Where we can we allocate them to ensure a 'long' weekend.

The working week is Monday to Friday.

There is limited time off at Christmas, but we have a 4 week holiday during January/February time for the Chinese New Year celebrations.

The school academic year ends in the middle of June

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Miscellaneous

The following is additional information that you may find useful

Teaching contact hours are lin line with UK (80% contact time)

The school is a boarding school, however there is virtually no input into boarding from the international staff.

There are several events, festive parties, New Year events, staff socials and Graduation Ceremonies that you are invited to attend as staff. These events are amazing to witness and be a part of. They never disappoint and are all shown on the calendar

The school has a dedicated (and large) gymnasium, a running track and outdoor basketball and tennis courts.

Student roll will be approximately 310 for the academic year 2018-2019 increasing to a maximum of approximately 420 students in the subsequent 2 years.

You are welcome to find out more about TYCIS by visiting us or by visiting our website:

www.yinghua-school.com