

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for showing an interest in our vacancy. We would like to welcome you to our school, and hope that this recruitment pack supports you in understanding how IES Breckland works for the staff and children at our school.

IES Breckland is a school for children aged between 11 and 16 and an important part of the community in Brandon, Suffolk. IES Breckland is part of the highly successful family of International English Schools from Sweden, selected as education provider on behalf of the Sabres Educational Trust. IES Breckland fosters an international atmosphere and a calm and productive learning environment, where teachers can teach and students can learn. Standards are high and our students are expected to have high aspirations and self-esteem. The school supports children to achieve better than they thought possible and equips them with the skills they need for a successful transition to either further education or meaningful employment with training.

As our student admission number is 500, teachers enjoy teaching classes of 25 students (on average) and the opportunity this creates for building a good rapport and securing good behaviour for learning within our student body. Our school is child centred and this is reflected in our unique Swedish mentoring system. Students at IES Breckland have a mentor to help them track their progress and guide them to success in their journey to becoming the well-rounded, educated and respected pillars of society that we expect of all of our children. Mentors are a mixture of classroom teachers and learning support assistants and contact with parents has been streamlined to a five-weekly basis via the 'Class Dojo' online messaging platform.

The school has been through a period of rapid improvement, since I joined as Principal in February 2014 and our school was graded as 'Good' by Ofsted in September 2017. We have developed a staff culture which is very much like a family. In particular, whilst expecting the highest professional standards, we are very conscious of supporting staff in securing a good work life balance. In our January 2017 staff survey, all staff agreed they were a proud member of our school and that we make provision for their professional development.

Please do take the time to view our video and I would recommend you take the time to visit our school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Alison Tilbrook
Principal