



**The British School  
of Brasilia**

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**Teaching at BSB**

# Headteacher's message

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for applying to [The British School Brasilia \(BSB\)](#).

BSB is a member of [The British Schools Foundation \(BSF\)](#), a leading international school group with 10 schools across eight countries and three continents.

Since opening in 2016, BSB is becoming a top choice for expatriate and Brazilian parents looking to provide their children with an international education in Brasilia. We are extremely proud of our pupils and strive to develop a warm and supportive atmosphere where they can thrive. As a result, it is a pleasure and an honour to be part of our school.

We offer the English National Curriculum as the basis of our work and our teachers have experience of working both in the UK and abroad. Our staff find it truly rewarding to work in this international and diverse environment.

As the capital of Brazil, Brasilia provides many opportunities for expats living here. It is a modern city with plenty of outdoor activities and tourist sites. Although there are lots of places to shop, eat great food and enjoy a few drinks, it is a relative quiet city. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its modern architecture and unique urban planning. Excellent transport links in Brasilia make it an ideal and affordable hub for exploring further afield in Brazil and wider South America.

The objective of this guide is to give you a flavour of what life is like while working for BSF and BSB and to help you decide whether a move to Brazil is right for you. If you are an enthusiastic, energetic and positive person, then Brasilia may well be a perfect choice for you!

Best regards,

Tracey Thomas  
Headteacher





## The School

BSB opened in 2016 and offers a contemporary British international education to students in Early Years and Primary School up to Year 5. The school is located in the exclusive district of Asa Sul and enjoys a spacious, green, clean-air environment.

The school follows the English National Curriculum, adapted to an international environment. However, this is regarded as a minimum requirement and provides many additional opportunities for personal development. Sports, music, drama, educational visits and residential trips are all an integral part of the programme offered.

All BSF schools are required to be inspected by the Independent School Inspectorate (ISI) after a few years of operation. BSB expects a similarly outstanding inspection report as its sister school in Kuala Lumpur (BSKL). Below are some of the comments from the ISI report on BSKL in May 2016:

*"The pupils achieve excellent standards in their learning, stimulated by the high quality of teaching provided by a passionate and committed staff and a broad, innovative, literacy-led curriculum"*

*"The contribution of teaching is excellent. The relationship between the teachers and the children is exceptional, and the high quality of teaching ensures excellent learning"*

*"The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils is excellent. The pupils show a strong ethical and moral awareness."*

Our efficient administrative team allows teachers to operate effectively and focus all their efforts on our students. They deal with work permits, visas, purchasing, teacher accommodation and helping teachers to settle in Brasilia.



## The Curriculum

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Small class sizes allow teachers to focus on the individual needs of each pupil. All teachers have outstanding professional credentials from the UK with relevant experience in delivering the English National Curriculum. English speaking assistant teachers also support each class.

Top of the school's priorities is the personal development of its students. Independence, teamwork & leadership, self-discipline, presence, awareness, decency and courage are key attributes that students develop at the school.

Pupils and staff have a wide range of information technology at their disposal. Interactive whiteboards, laptops, tablets, and other media are used with clear purpose by class-teachers.



## Our Students

Pupils are at the core of the BSB mission. Our students are predominantly local Brazilians, however we expect this will change over the years as the school grows to include more expatriate students.

We nurture high aspirations for each and every one of our pupils. Many achieve great academic results while others discover a passion or special talent. Our day-to-day focus is on helping pupils to thrive in their own unique way.

The students show respect and consideration for others and are encouraged to take responsibility for their community. They are a delight to work with and we are very proud of them.





# Brasilia

Brazil's capital, Brasilia, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its modernist architecture and unique artistic urban planning. It is also a great hub for travel to locations within Brazil such as Rio De Janeiro, and the rest of the continent. The school campus is based in Asa Sul; a green, spacious neighbourhood in Brasilia and one of the most desirable places to live in the city.

Brasilia is a modern city with plenty of outdoor activities and tourist sites. Although there are lots of places to shop, eat great food and enjoy a few drinks, it is relatively quiet in comparison to some larger cities. Prices are similar to Europe and there is a mixture of top-end and affordable places to wine and dine. Our teachers and staff share top tips on where to pick up bargains and the best places to eat and enjoy a night out.

Huge outdoor spaces and green parks means that there are plenty of sports and leisure activities on offer, including water sports at Paranoá Lake. There are also lots of hiking trails, ecological parks and animal reserves nearby. And if you really wanted to experience the great outdoors, the Amazon Rainforest is only a short plane ride away.

Weather in Brasilia can range from as low as 17°C in winter to 40°C in summer. Being in the tropics, it has a rainy season from October to February. The rest of the year is extremely dry.

By taking the normal precautions necessary for any large metropolis, your stay will be a safe and memorable one. Brasilia has an established expatriate community with cultures represented from all over the world and is home to 131 embassies.

In short, Brasilia is an exciting modern city with great indoor and outdoor opportunities.



## The Rewards

Working in an environment where teachers are truly valued is a major plus for our staff. We are dedicated to ensuring that all teachers are proud of the school they work in, extending beyond enjoying excellent working conditions and packages. The school is focused on the ambition to improve, develop and provide opportunities in all areas of school life.

Much attention is paid to staff professional development. Performance appraisal cycles are in place for both academic and administrative staff and there is a professional development budget. This enables BSB staff to receive regular training and improve their qualifications, both through specialists invited to the school and staff attending professional development events globally. We also value greatly the in-house expertise that exists, and most staff members lead INSET throughout the year.

Due to the size and rapid growth of BSB and BSF, we are able to provide opportunities to advance within the current school or at other BSF schools. Staff typically stay with us longer than average for overseas postings and many will choose to move to new posts within BSF.

BSB offers teachers a generous compensation package, including:

- An excellent salary
- Relocation allowance
- Free accommodation in comfortable, modern and well-equipped apartments
- Comprehensive private international medical cover
- Annual flight allowance
- Bursaries for accompanying children
- Retention bonus

BSB aims to recruit teachers of the highest calibre to continue to develop and grow the school's reputation as one of the leading international schools in Brasilia. We are seeking energetic and enthusiastic individuals who can contribute to all aspects of school life. In return, we offer the chance to grow professionally in a supportive and caring environment, allowing you to broaden your horizons by living in a culturally rich and fascinating city.





## The British Schools Foundation

[The British Schools Foundation](#) (BSF) is a UK based, non-profit organisation that aims to promote the highest levels of education worldwide. Its principal function is the governance of member schools in accordance with the School Charter.

BSF's global network of schools is one of the largest in the world with 10 schools across three continents. BSF strives to ensure all the schools within the organisation stand out for the quality of education provided.

BSF has established a reputation among staff, in the corporate world, and with the diplomatic service for well governed and professionally managed schools.

BSF schools are licensed, are members of their regional British international school association, are accredited examinations centres with the Cambridge and Edexcel Boards and undergo regular inspections with UK accredited inspectorates.

The BSF and all BSF schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be prepared to undergo stringent child protection screening including checks with past employers and an enhanced DBS is required.



## OUR SCHOOLS



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