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Dear prospective candidate,

"To Inspire, Challenge and Nurture for Excellence"

We are delighted that you are interested in furthering your teaching career at the British School Jakarta.

Our school is a happy and harmonious place of learning. We are committed to providing a balanced education which nurtures and supports every child's abilities and needs. Our aim is that every boy and girl feels at home here quickly and finds academic, sporting, leadership and creative opportunities to extend their current interests and help them develop new ones - whatever their level of ability.

Our Students

Our students are bright, kind and engaging. Many have lived in other countries and are in Jakarta only for a short time. Some are native English speakers and, for some, English may be one of 2 or 3 languages they speak. Others were born in Indonesia and have attended BSJ since their earliest years; these children may remain with us until they complete their IB Diploma. All are well-mannered, polite children who enjoy their learning and school life; serious behaviour issues are rare at our school. Engagement is high with our challenging, yet stimulating thematic based curriculum. Relationships with staff are friendly and warm; we take time to get to know our students and to support them with outstanding pastoral care.

Facilities

Our 18 hectare campus comprises Primary, Secondary and specialist areas set in tropical gardens.

The Foundation Stage is a modern, open plan setting designed with the under-5s in mind. Areas link together and open onto lush FS gardens with opportunities for all types of play and creative engagement. Spaces include construction and art areas, quiet spaces, resource rooms and a parent meeting room.

Y1 and Y2 (KS1) have dedicated shared central 'pods' with adjoining classrooms, EAL teaching spaces, dining areas, resource rooms and toilets. The self-contained pods are surrounded by play spaces with sandpits, planting beds, bike areas, quiet spaces and grassy spots under the trees to chat and relax.

Y3-6 (KS2) classrooms are set around basketball courts, a new astroturf, a lovely wildlife pond and gardens that make for cool places to relax, eat and be active. Each year group has a dedicated art room, suite of Macs and easy access to the theatres, drama/dance studios and our outstanding sports facilities.

Other Primary facilities include our 2-storey Primary Library, media/green room, 2 air-conditioned halls for sports and gatherings, as well as our specialist areas for music, drama, dance, choral and languages. To support our continuing development with digital learning, as well as the 1 to 1 iPad programme, we are now developing our 'Maker Space' within 'Innovation Alley'; a space dedicated to 21st century learning. For swimming, we use our 50m competition pool for lessons, training and After School Activities. The BSJ Sports Centre with its gym, spinning and dance studios and large sports hall opened in August 2017 and is used by staff and students alike. The extensive climbing wall opens in the new year.

A Learning Community

We look for teachers who are actively engaged in their own professional development. We offer regular opportunities for in-house and regional training across many areas of the school's SIP, using our substantial CPD budget. World-class professional development is available at BSJ in all areas, with ongoing wellbeing, digital technology and child protection training for all staff as a key areas of focus. We take time to engage with and inform our parents about "a BSJ education" and how to support their child's development. Our parents are enthusiastic, interested and extremely supportive of teachers' work.

BSJ's Teaching Faculty

Our teaching faculty comprises fully qualified, experienced teachers and subject specialists, principally from the UK. Our teachers tend to stay with us for several years; their reasons for committing longer term vary but include our excellent CPD, good promotion opportunities, high levels of savings and an enjoyable lifestyle. Our TAs are well-trained Indonesian graduates and are very committed to the school. FS - Y3 have a TA for each class and Y4-6 pods have 2-3 TAs per year. What unifies our staff is their love of teaching and their determination to ensure every child reaches their potential.

Below two members of the Primary team reflect on their time at our school.

Spotlight on Staff

Anthony A.
<p>I moved to BSJ with my wife, who is also a teacher, and two teenage children in August 2016. The school has well-organised routines to help new staff settle in (once they are over the jetlag!) and the induction process was busy but smooth. My wife and I both work in the Primary School, where the students are delightful to teach and our colleagues are supportive and friendly. The school is also very committed to CPD, and there are a lot of training opportunities.</p> <p>BSJ has a much more international feel than our previous international posting, and both our children fit into friendship groups within the first half-term. BSJ's range of curricular and extracurricular activities also keeps them fully occupied. My daughter is currently doing the Queen's Award with the Senior Section of Guides and is a Peer Mentor, and my son enjoys the Drama and Sports side of the school. Both are at different stages of the International Youth Award. We live on Country Woods, which has two swimming pools, a bar, a mini mart, a gym and tennis and squash courts, and our children are both very happy there.</p>
Clara B.
<p>I moved to Jakarta and BSJ, in August 2014, with my non-teaching husband. The induction process was very smooth and well-organised and we very quickly felt at home here. The first week of school was very busy but I settled into the routines quickly and found the staff to be very helpful and friendly. The Primary School students are a delight to teach and their parents are very supportive. During the three years I've taught at BSJ I've had the opportunity to attend numerous CPL courses, which is a reflection of the school's commitment to its staff. Opportunities for promotion are good too and members of the Leadership Team are dedicated to ensuring that staff receive the support and training needed to progress in their careers.</p> <p>We live on Country Woods with our German Shepherd, Jasper. It is a very safe place to live, with many excellent facilities available to residents. Staff at Country Woods are very helpful and keen to assist you with anything they can. We particularly enjoy the green, open spaces where we can walk and run our dog. Socialising here is good too as there is a restaurant, next to one of the two lovely pools, serving a range of food and drinks.</p> <p>Living in Indonesia comes with its perks too! There are a multitude of islands just on our doorstep ready to be explored over a weekend or on longer breaks. The run to Jakarta airport is generally good, meaning that you can make the most of living in this amazing area. As Jakarta is an international travel hub, the airport offers flights to many exciting destinations.</p>

I hope you have found this information helpful; it is only a glimpse into the life of the school so please also browse through our website at bsj.sch.id. If you feel that our school is a good fit for you and that you have lots to offer our learning community, please do apply.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Kind regards,



Jane Smith