



SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – THE BRITISH SCHOOL, QUITO, ECUADOR

ORBITAL EDUCATION

The Group:

Orbital Education was founded in 2005 by Kevin McNeany, recognised as a pioneer of British international education and the founder and former Chairman of Nord Anglia Education.

Orbital Education now owns and operates 10 schools in Russia, Spain, Qatar, Hungary, Slovenia, Ecuador and China and has high ambitions to grow and raise standards further. Orbital Schools, which are non-selective, all offer the English National Curriculum and the International Baccalaureate in some. In every case, the curriculum is enhanced to meet the needs and expectations of the communities that are served. Orbital continues to grow and is currently developing opportunities throughout the world, the latest of which is a venture with Qatar Airways. Orbital is based in the UK, with a head office team that supports the operation and development of the schools.

The School:

The British School Quito was set up over 21 years ago under a UK-Ecuador governmental agreement. It is Ecuador's only truly British school, where UK-trained teachers teach English National Curriculum, enhance by strong links to the local language and culture. We are proud of our joint British-Ecuadorian roots which have been developed and nurtured over the years. The school has a very strong positive reputation in the local and international community and excellent links to and support from the British embassy. Our curriculum is student-centred, so that each individual can reach their full potential.

Our students prepare for the IB Diploma in Years 12 and 13 and consistently achieve results above the world averages. Many of our graduates go on to study in the world's top universities. iGCSE has also recently been introduced for years 10 and 11.

British School Quito is a foundation, with the sole purpose of providing education. It is an IB World School, accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS), the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It is fully licensed and accredited by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Education.

The school is located in the beautiful Cumbaya valley to the East of Quito, close to the Ruta Viva motorway and approximately 20 minutes from the airport. The Early Years, Primary and Secondary sections are located on one campus, which has rich local flora and fauna – hummingbirds are daily

visitors to most areas. The school has a technology lab, science laboratories, art and music facilities, a cafeteria, playgrounds, a sports field. There is a central library with a small auditorium area for assemblies and productions.

The Candidate:

The ideal candidate, UK-trained, will be a true educationist passionate about achieving the best for students and developing self and the team to achieve the highest standards. He or she will have held senior management positions in schools with an impressive record in managing staff and working with a board to implement organisation-wide change. He or she will be experienced in British international schools outside the UK, dealing with cultural and linguistic diversity. He or she will also develop excellent relationships with parents, stakeholders, and colleagues within Orbital Group, engaging them appropriately in the improvement agenda. As a team player, he or she will work collaboratively with others towards commonly-held and ambitious targets in both the academic and the administrative and commercial dimensions of the school.

The Offer:

Working in an Orbital Group school has many advantages. We want to retain and develop talented staff and so actively encourage movement between schools, especially for promotional opportunities. We also promote professional collaboration between schools for staff as well as learners, especially facilitated by a common Virtual Learning Environment.

The Group provides extensive guidance and support for Principals through the governance structure and specialists at Head Office, dedicated to assisting schools in the areas of educational development and improvement, financial management, IT and marketing. Principals work particularly closely with their Regional Head of Schools, who is a member of the Governance Board, and provides supervision, guidance, and support on a broad range of aspects of their responsibilities. Principals are, in every sense of the word, leaders of their institutions, however.

In addition, all Principals are offered:

- A competitive salary
- Accommodation allowance
- International health insurance
- Annual flight allowance
- Free/discounted tuition for up to 3 children
- Generous bonus scheme
- Comprehensive induction
- Continuous Professional Development

The Process:

Applications should include your up to date CV, a recent head and shoulders colour photograph, and details of two referees, including your most recent employer. In a covering letter, applicants should highlight how their experience, knowledge and skills match those of the ideal candidate as set out above.

Applications must be received by 17.00 GMT on Wednesday 28th December 2016