



A Welcome from our Principal



"Welcome to HIKSVS, Tianjin. HIKSVS is a forward thinking school with a focus on preparing our children for a rapidly changing world. Whether a child's future be in China or overseas, we aim to promote English as a medium of communication for both academic and professional life whilst at the same time promoting a strong international and intercultural understanding. Providing our children with academic, enrichment and leadership opportunities, is at the core of what we do - enabling all students, in some way, to be a successful learner within a supportive community.

At HIKSVS we define educational success as improving outcomes and nurturing individuality – we can't all be the same and neither should we be.

I want my staff to be committed and talented practitioners who thrive on working with children and improving their potential, but, most of all, I want my staff to be happy and excited by being part of this unique school."

Mr. Andrew Hurst

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The School

Sutton Valence School, a leading English co-educational independent day and boarding school, in association with Hopeland International Kindergarten Group, a successful, Chinese-owned independent education provider, opened this new co-educational, dual curriculum Preparatory School for 7-12 year-olds in Tianjin, China's sixth largest city, in September 2017.

The School is highly successful and expanding rapidly. It now requires full time, English-speaking Classroom Teachers, to work in this first-class environment. The School offers a dual curriculum (English and Chinese) with subjects taught in both languages and with the pupils integrated for many activities and community events.

Whilst it is not essential, it would be an advantage if candidates could also offer a specialism or interest in one or more of Art, Drama, Games or ESL.

The School aims to inspire its students, and enhance their education and cultural understanding. We want to prepare them for the opportunities available in a highly connected world. This global outlook is expressed in the ethos of the four-journeys, which is promoted by Sutton Valence School.



HIKSVS provides expertise, resources and a rigorous set of academic standards as laid out by Sutton Valence School in Kent, UK. Our aim is also to provide further opportunities for professional development and enhancement programmes for our staff.

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Working at HIKSVS

HIKSVS International School is a very exciting and unique place to work. The vision for the School is distinctive and compelling, offering the Sutton Valence ethos of 'Four Journeys' and blending the very best of educational practice from western and eastern traditions.

If you work for HIKSVS International School, you will have the opportunity to live in a beautiful city, work in a school located near the most wonderful lake and parkland, develop your professional practice through this blend of educational traditions, and most importantly, you will be able to play a key role in creating and developing a leading educational project in China. You will be a part of the first stand-alone Preparatory or Primary School partnership by a Chinese school with a leading English public school.

We are committed to the most exciting development of teaching and learning, developing a dual curriculum in which international and domestic Chinese pupils can be taught separately for some subjects but are integrated for others. We promote international understanding and global citizenship values.



The School is seeking dynamic, well-qualified, committed and inspiring Teachers, to commence in post in August 2019.

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Tianjin, China

THE CITY AND MUNICIPALITY: Population-wise, Tianjin is the sixth largest city in China and one of China's four municipalities. Its name means 'the place where the emperor crossed the river'. Facing the Bohai Sea, the city, one time imperial port, serves as Beijing's vital gateway to the sea.



The city is located along the Hai He River, which connects to the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers via the Grand Canal. The port towns are located some distance away on the coast of the Bohai Gulf. The municipality incorporates the coastal region of Tanggu, home to the Binhai New Area and the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA). It borders Hebei province to the north, south and west and Beijing to the north-west. The Bohai Gulf lies to the east.



Tianjin Municipality has a population of over 12 million people, of whom around five million live in the city itself. The majority of Tianjin residents are Han Chinese. There are also 51 out of the 55 minor Chinese ethnic groups living in Tianjin. Major minorities include Hui, Manchus, Koreans and Monguls.

LIVING IN TIANJIN: Tianjin is one of the most well-known and desirable places to live in China. Only 30 minutes on the high speed train to Beijing, the capital of China, it offers low living expense whilst providing an excellent standard of living. It is a very convenient hub for travel and exploring other countries in this dynamic and vibrant region. Tianjin Binhai International Airport (IATA: ZBTJ) is located in the east of the urban area, in Dongli District, which is only 15 km (9 miles) to the east of the urban area. It is an alternative to the high-speed train, especially if you are wanting to reduce the added travel time and cost that comes associated with flying into Beijing -- just some 120 km (75

miles) from Tianjin. The city is served by the new Beijing Daxing International Airport in Beijing.

A few international routes are available, including Auckland, Bangkok, Hiroshima, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung, Kuala Lumpur, London, Moscow, Nagoya, Osaka, Seoul-Incheon, Singapore, Taipei-Songshan and Taipei-Taoyuan. However the destinations are far more than that, if Beijing Capital International Airport is taken into account, which is so near. Because of the fairly short distance between the two cities, and the bullet train service available, both cities can be used as your arrival point.

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PLACES TO VISIT:

Ancient Culture Street: Besides the many traditional buildings, this street is lined with vendors selling everything from Chinese scrolls to paintings, chops (name seals), kites and clothing.

Drum Tower: A reproduction on the site of the original at the centre of Old Tianjin. You can pay to go up the Drum Tower itself, which contains a small museum. There are various tourist stalls and shops in the area.

Antique Market: on Saturday and Sunday mornings vendors from as far away as Beijing display their goods here. Antiques of all sorts, including Cultural Revolution memorabilia, stamps, and porcelain and bronze figurines.

Cultural Centre Grand Theatre: This building includes a concert hall, a theatre and an opera house. During its opening gala year, it attracted some big names such as the Philadelphia Orchestra and they have managed to continue this since. If understandably to a lesser extent. Often performers are on a tour that includes Beijing just before or afterwards. Tianjin's own symphony orchestra is excellent, and tickets are tremendous value.

Tianjin Concert Hall: This is a more intimate and readily accessible venue than the Grand Theatre. It has some good "local" concerts as well as international performers.

Dabeiyan Monastery: One of the city's largest and best-preserved temples. Dabeiyan was built between 1611 and 1644, battered during the Cultural Revolution and restored in 1980.

Sui Shang Park: The name in Chinese means Water Park. This large park is one of the more relaxed places in busy Tianjin. The park features arched bridges and floating gardens. The major activity is renting rowboats and paddleboats on the lake. Tianjin Zoo can also be explored within the grounds.



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ENTERTAINMENT:

Movies: Western movies are played frequently at many cinema halls and IMAX theatres around the city.

Health Spas: Sheraton Tianjin Hotel (indoor swimming pool, sauna, fitness room and massage); Astor Hotel (sauna, fitness room and massage); Westin Hotel (swimming pool, sports facilities and spa); St Regis Hotel (indoor pool, sauna, fitness suite and spa); Ritz Carlton Hotel (indoor pool, sauna and fitness room and spa); Shangrila Hotel Tianjin (indoor pool, sauna, fitness suite and spa)

River Cruise: During the summer, pleasure boats go up and down the Hai River, leaving from the pier by Ancient Culture Street.



River Walk: Whilst you sometimes have to cross from one side to the other, it is possible to walk several miles down the river. Some of the buildings are industrial and unattractive, but it is the only place in the city centre that you can walk for many miles without having to queue constantly to cross roads.

RESTAURANTS & FOOD:

Tianjin has a proud food culture, appealing to both the more-refine palate, but also many tasty street snacks. Tianjin food is a must for every newcomer to explore.



The cuisine includes the best of sea and land. Dishes are generally served on large serving platters for all at the table to enjoy. They are characterised by salty and strong flavours and for those who like it spicy, you will certainly find something to suit your palate. For those who prefer something from home, Tianjin offers an array of restaurants from around the world including well-known fast food chains, burger bars and European cuisine.

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HIKSVS Career development

We are committed to developing our staff and run regular professional development opportunities to ensure our teachers are equipped to provide students with the best possible educational experience.

HIKSVS Remuneration

HIKSVS offers an excellent and highly competitive remuneration package and the opportunity to work with our dynamic, highly qualified team in very pleasant surroundings with excellent facilities. The package will be discussed at interview.



Benefits and other allowances

1. Dedicated support for on-boarding and visa
2. Accommodation and expense allowance (single or married packages)
3. Comprehensive medical insurance
4. Return flights to your home country each year
5. Settlement cash allowance
6. Free work-day lunch in our brand new Refectory
7. Free pick-up service on the day of your arrival in China and dedicated guide for expat supports



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About the role at HIKSVS

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Professional Attributes

Including high expectations of all pupils, establishing strong and positive relationships, acting as a role model, developing awareness of professional and legal responsibilities as a teacher, understanding the way the school works, and sharing in collective responsibility for implementing its policies and procedures.

Teaching and Learning
Maximising learning outcomes through high expectations;
personalised learning;
excellent pedagogical and subject knowledge;
strong professional knowledge of the learning process including how to develop engagement, progression, motivation, confidence and enjoyment; good classroom management and professional judgement; and a reflective and self-evaluative approach to personal professional development and the enhancement of teaching and learning.

Ethos

The ethos is one of high expectations, hard work and achievements; a community where each cares for all and individuality is cherished.



Classroom Teacher or 'Form Tutor' duties

To undertake regular pastoral care of a group of pupils as a Classroom Teacher, or 'Form Tutor', and to support and enhance their progress by establishing excellent relationships, setting clear 'learning targets', and offering care and support of a wider nature as required, including making good relationships with the parents of pupils in the class.

To make an Appropriate and Significant Contribution to the Ethos of the School, and in particular the 'Four Journeys' of the wider curriculum.

To make an appropriate and significant contribution to the academic progress, extra-curricular activities, leadership and service development programme, and wider community life of the School, as directed by the Principal.

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Working Collaboratively

To work collaboratively with all colleagues and the whole school staff; to work as part of a team and to share planning, teaching and learning approaches, duties and responsibilities including a common duty of care at all times within the School and on School trips or activities, to provide cover for absent colleagues as required, and to be supportive of the professional ethos of the School at all times.

To take Responsibility for Personal Professional Development


To act upon advice and feedback, to identify training priorities and needs, and to undertake appropriate courses, development sessions, and qualifications as appropriate

Our Rich History

Sutton Valence School has been educating pupils since 1576. There is a strong royal connection running through the history of the School. William Lambe, Master of the Clothworkers' Company of London who founded the School, was a pupil of the great English musician and composer Thomas Tallis, and is reputed to have sung at the celebrations at The Field of the Cloth of Gold for Henry VIII of England – a meeting of great pageantry and ceremony between Henry VIII and Francis I of France. The Clothworkers' Company was founded through a series of Royal Charters and is one of the twelve great livery companies of London, the leading guilds or fraternities of the merchants of the capital city of England. Initially, the Fullers' Company was founded by Edward V in 1480, and the Shearmen's Company by Henry VII in 1508, and then they were amalgamated in 1528 to form the Clothworkers' Company. The Company Coat of Arms was granted by royal warrant in 1530. William Lambe was 'a gentleman of the Chapel Royal' as a chorister – and music remains a rich part of our curriculum and history. The Company's crest was granted by the Clarenceaux King of Arms in 1587.

Following a charter granted by Queen Elizabeth I in 1576, Sutton Valence School was founded by William Lambe to provide a good education for the boys of Sutton Valence village in Kent, 'the Garden of England', where he was born. It remained in the original School buildings (known as Lambe's) until 1912 when it expanded into new buildings on a ridge overlooking the Weald of Kent. The traditions and history of the School are rich – customs and rituals established over the centuries still thrive. For example, the Headmaster still receives the annual rent of one English rose given by the village for use of the village green, and the Baton Race is still run, through the School's grounds and playing fields.

Control of Sutton Valence School remained under the Clothworkers' Company for centuries until 1910, when it was taken over by the United Westminster Schools Foundation. As a result, the School has very close ties with Westminster Abbey. The School has received royal visitors over the years, including a visit from Princess Alexandra in 1980 and students sing at the Abbey and other venues in London. By 1980 it had become a day and boarding school, for boys and girls, and it has grown to include Sutton Valence Preparatory School, with nearly 900 students altogether.



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Principal's Welcome to pupils

I would like to welcome you to HIKSVS International School on behalf of the whole faculty as the founding team of the school. HIKSVS International School opened its door on 21 August 2017 but it already has a proud history that goes back 442 years. It also has the foundational support of three highly successful Tianjin kindergartens. I could not have been more impressed or more motivated when I discovered the vision for this joint adventure.

Our strong partnership with the historic and highly successful Sutton Valence School in Kent, one of England's leading schools, will underpin almost all we do. In particular, the academic curriculum and teaching methods, the enrichment opportunities, our links within the community and the opportunities for leadership and service will closely replicate those in our sister school. HIKSVS International School will bring together the very best of western and eastern educational methods, drawing on the traditions of both cultures, through a dual curriculum, with a number of integrated subjects and activities and first-class teaching throughout the school.

Perhaps the ethos of both schools can be summed up by the comment from the Head of Sutton Valence Preparatory School on their website:

We have high expectations of ourselves and of our children, both inside and out of the classroom, and we have a long history of successful preparation of children for the next stage of their education. None of this should come at the expense of childhood and what this School does so successfully is find that balance between delivering in terms of education, and yet doing so kindly and with many broad, interesting and high-quality opportunities.

We very much welcome prospective families and inquisitive educators, to not only explore our school remotely via this website, but to visit us in Tianjin for a tour of our facilities and to share in our excitement as we prepare to open what we are certain will be an exceptional school.

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