

Teaching at Senior School Voorschoten (SSV)

Welcome to SSV

Situated in Voorschoten, just outside of The Hague, SSV provides a welcoming learning environment for almost 1100 students from all over the world.

At the BSN you can expect to be working with **motivated students and talented teaching professionals**, who support one another to promote excellence in all aspects of the school.



Academic programme

We provide a broad and balanced curriculum which aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills and experience which will enable them to be successful in their educational and social journeys.

In Years 7 - 9, our academic programme is based on the National Curriculum for England & Wales, and is adapted to meet the needs of our international student body. Students study towards GCSE examinations in Years 10 and 11 and in the Sixth Form students can study for a wide range of A Levels, the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP), the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) or follow a BTEC route. We are the only international school in The Netherlands to offer this breadth of choice.

The quality of our equipment and learning materials is of a consistently high standard and we have high expectations for all our students.

We constantly strive to **innovate and explore** different ways to improve the learning experiences of our students.



Internationally British



The Hague: **a modern, international city**, beside the sea



Our staff

We are very proud of our workforce which consists of around 130 teachers and 70 support staff. The majority of our colleagues are UK trained. We support learners of all abilities from around the globe - our Learning Support (AEN and EAL) teams provide excellent provision for students who require additional support. Year groups are led by Heads of Year and most teachers are also tutors.

Our Senior Leadership Team is proactive, enabling and fully engaged in ensuring the highest quality of teaching. Heads of Department lead with enthusiasm, energy, and creativity.

A strong team of technicians support practical areas of the curriculum and we have a number of language assistants who support students in Dutch, French, German and Spanish.

Our dedicated Careers Department works closely with students and tutors to offer advice and guidance about progression beyond the BSN. Resources including our comprehensive Careers Library help to support students' decisions about their future education and employment.

Our school has a flourishing House system with all students and staff belonging to Amsterdam, Delft, Gouda or Leiden. Student leadership is very significant within the Houses.

We have a thriving International Award offer led by our Director of IA and Bronze, Silver and Gold Leaders for students in Year 10 - 13, with opportunities for expeditions in The Netherlands, Belgium, France and beyond.



CPD

We are committed to supporting your CPD and offer a range of excellent opportunities throughout the year including the new staff induction programme, management development programme and our highly acclaimed bi-annual whole staff conference.

Our International Leadership Academy is a centre of professional learning and development, and working in partnership with the five schools and world-renowned organisations, designs impactful programmes specifically for international school staff.

Proud to deliver

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



“As a teacher, I have found that the support the BSN provides staff, both professionally and personally, makes this a fantastic environment in which to work.”

Eirian Xerri, Head of Spanish

To hear more from our Staff, have a look at our 'Teach, Live, Learn' video on our [Careers page](#)

Life at SSV

SSV is housed in a modern, attractive building. Our facilities include light and airy classrooms, well equipped science laboratories, computer science rooms, superb facilities for Arts and Performance including a full size 3G ATP, a library and modern Sixth Form common and private study areas. We also have an Eco garden maintained by students which includes chickens and bees!

We offer a rich co-curricular programme which includes sports, music, drama, debating and community based projects and have two activity weeks in October and July where the curriculum is suspended and students are involved in local, regional or international activities.

Staff are friendly and supportive and our students are a joy to work with. Our parent community maintains involvement in school through an active Parents Association.

Co-curricular Programme

Sport &
Well-being

Global
Citizens

Music &
Performing Arts

Creative
Arts

Academic
Clubs

Language
Clubs



The school year

The school year comprises three terms, with a half-term break in each. Full-time teachers are required to work 190 days per school year, 181 of which are teaching days. Of the remaining nine days per year, four are reserved for carrying out administrative tasks and five are reserved for CPL (pro-rata for part-time teachers).

Lessons are one hour and we have a 25 hour curriculum week with PSHE time in addition. Morning school starts at 8:45 a.m. and lunchtimes are one hour. The school timetable runs to 3:30 p.m.

A message from the Headteacher

Firstly - thank you for your interest in the BSN. I became Headteacher in 2017 after two successful Headships in the UK. Recruitment of the best people to leadership, teaching and support staff positions is one of my most important priorities.

I remember my initial visit to the school and I could tell within minutes that it was a special place, and although it's hard to put into words exactly what gives the school its distinction, we certainly have excellent teachers, superb support staff, wonderful students and supportive Governors - and visitors frequently comment on the friendly and business-like atmosphere in our building. Relationships amongst students and between students and adults are widely recognised to be excellent and attitudes to learning are very positive indeed.

We take professional development very seriously and are absolutely committed to developing teachers and and nurturing leadership talent. Support networks for newly qualified and recently appointed teachers are robust and highly regarded. We are not complacent about our success and all staff are working collectively on our whole-school priorities to continue to improve the quality of the experiences we offer to students.

If you are looking to work in a forward-thinking school and you are committed to securing the best outcomes for students - then we look forward to your application.



Paul Topping
Headteacher

1100
students 

Ages
11-18 

80+
nationalities 



Salary and reward programme

We offer competitive salaries and take our staff's well-being seriously.

A range of other benefits also make it worthwhile choosing to work at the BSN:



**Competitive
salaries**



**Relocation
packages***



**Subsidised
school places***



**Tax
allowances***



**Pension
plan**



**Excellent CPD
opportunities**



**Career
coaching**



**Translation
services**



**Dutch
lessons**



**Further study
assistance**



**A variety
of sports**



**Creative
workshops**

*if applicable

Would you like to join our team?

Please submit your application through our Careers page:

www.britishschool.nl/vacancies

We look forward to receiving your application!



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