



# Hay Al-Sharooq International School

## Initial Information for Candidates

We are delighted to be able to share this exciting opportunity to join our project in Sur, Oman. We seek passionate and committed teachers with a desire to transform the standard and methods of education provided outside of the capital of Oman and create an innovative international model which leads the way for the country, and in time, the region as a whole. Successful candidates will enjoy the rewards of continuing the growth and development this new facility in the historic and culturally rich Omani town of Sur, located between the mountains and the Gulf of Oman.



### About Hay Al-Sharooq International School

Hay Al-Sharooq International School is an independent educational LLC, fully owned by Oman Liquified Natural Gas LLC (OLNG) and funded by the Omani Development Foundation (ODF). Together with Al Najah Education, a leading international education consortium with forty-eight schools and nurseries across the Middle East and South-East Asia who operate the School, all partners are committed to providing a first-class education for the children of Sur.



HASIS was founded in 2002 in a small facility in the OLNG compound to provide an education to the young children of locals and expatriates working for OLNG. At this location, the School grew from just fifty to over seven hundred children and in time provided an education for girls and boys from the ages of three to seventeen.

In the last few years, it became clear the School required a new, modern facility to take it to the next level, and HASIS opened in its new home external to the OLNG compound in September 2018. Today, HASIS is a carbon-neutral facility with the latest systems. The campus has been designed and managed to deliver an outstanding international education to our students and has current capacity for twelve hundred children in the future, with plans to open to the wider community in Sur in the near future. The School has additional space ready for future expansion as required. All stakeholders have worked closely together to plan, create and operate the School as a truly 21<sup>st</sup> Century educational facility with first-class provision of technology and design.

HASIS welcomes expatriate and Omani families alike, with students from over twenty nationalities whilst retaining a family and community atmosphere. The School follows a hybrid curriculum with elements taken from the National Curriculum of England and Wales, the IPC and IMYC from Fieldwork education and the curricular set by Cambridge Assessment International Education for IGCSE for all students. Omani children and expatriates of Arab origin also study Islamic studies, Social Studies and first language Arabic. The School is an accredited member of CIS, with membership of COBIS and BSME pending. We aim to bring the best of these diverse pedagogical traditions together to provide a genuinely holistic and stretching curriculum to encourage our current students to become future leaders.



### **Living and Working in Sur**

Sur is rapidly developing location, not far from the capital but still a piece of old Arabia at its best. Sur is one the oldest of the Omani cities and has played a prominent role in building maritime trade across the Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean, forming business and cultural links between the Arabian Peninsula, India, East Africa and South-East Asia. Sur is the last location in Arabia where the traditional dhows are still built; they can be seen at use at sea daily.



Sur lies on the coast of the Gulf of Oman, boasting some of the best private beaches and unspoiled scuba diving to be found in the world, and is not far from extensive areas of mountains and desert which offer considerable opportunities for outdoor pursuits. There are several ancient monuments including Bilad Sur Castle, As Sinaysilah Castle, Al 'Ayjah Castle, Finar Ras Al Meel and Ras Al Hadd Castle. Sur also lies close to several spectacular and popular valleys, the most prominent of which are Wadi Shab and Wadi Tiwi, and the protected beaches at Ras Al Jinz where several species of turtle lay their eggs all year round.

In addition to the history of the area, there are rapidly developing modern amenities with new shopping facilities and malls, so your day-to-day needs are very easily met, with an excellent range of goods on sale. Sur is also famous for its food, and there are many excellent restaurants where local dishes and fresh seafood are served, together with a few more international locations for a taste of something more cosmopolitan. Other facilities include the OmanSail club with which the School has a strong connection, and the HAS Compound club which are staff may choose to join and enjoy the swimming pools, tennis courts, restaurants and bar, all of which is subsidised by OLNG.



By road, Sur is connected to Muscat, Nizwa and Salalah with Dubai and Abu Dhabi not too far over the UAE border, whilst East Africa, South Asia and the Mediterranean are a short flight away. Living and working in Oman offers a wide range of unique cultural experiences not easily found

in other parts of the Middle East. Flexibility, cultural dexterity and a sense of adventure are a must, but the rewards are great.

### **Salary and Benefits**

HASIS offers colleagues an internationally competitive, tax-free salary with generous end of service benefits and relocation assistance on arrival. We also offer fully-furnished accommodation near to the School campus, assistance with tuition at the School for up to two children, medical Insurance and flight allowances as part of salary.

### **How to apply**

To apply for this position, the following documents are required.

- A completed on-line application form, with contact details of at least two referees, one of whom must be your current or last employer.
- A full CV containing a recent photograph
- A Letter of Application of no more than two pages of A4, detailing your interest in the position and all relevant skills and attributes you wish to bring to our attention.

All required documents and files should be sent via email to Biswa Patnaik of Al Najah Education Human Resources at [biswa.patnaik@alnajaheducation.com](mailto:biswa.patnaik@alnajaheducation.com). The closing date for applications for this position is Tuesday, 22 January 2019, although interviews via Skype or telephone may take place before then. For those candidates based in the UK, face-to-face interviews will take place in London and Manchester in late January, whereas other arrangements will be made for candidates in different locations.

Hay al-Sharooq International School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to a police background check, written and verbal references and other personal investigation as required for entrance to the Sultanate of Oman. Any form of criminal activity on an applicant's permanent record is likely to bar entry to working in the Sultanate.