

The British School of Brasilia

Living and Working in Brasilia

A Message from Our Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for applying to The British School of Brasilia (BSB). BSB is a member of The British Schools Foundation (BSF), a leading international school group responsible for having established world class education in over a dozen leading British international schools worldwide.

Since opening in 2016, BSB has established itself as the school of choice for many expatriate and Brazilian parents seeking an international education in Brasilia. We are extremely proud of our pupils and strive to develop a warm and supportive atmosphere where they can thrive. As a result, it is a pleasure and an honour to be part of our school community.

The core of our curriculum is British, with a distinct international flavour. Our teachers have experience of working both in the UK and abroad and are drawn from a range of countries and cultures. Our staff find it truly rewarding to work in this international and diverse environment.

As the capital of Brazil, Brasilia provides many opportunities for expats living here. It is a modern city (built specifically as the government capital in the 1970s) with plenty of outdoor activities and tourist sites. Although there are lots of places to shop, eat great food and enjoy a few drinks, it is a relatively quiet and extremely safe city. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its modern architecture and unique urban planning. Excellent transport links in Brasilia make it an ideal and affordable hub for exploring further afield in Brazil and wider South America.

The objective of this guide is to give you a flavour of what life is like while working for BSF and BSB and to help you decide whether a move to Brazil is right for you. We hope that you enjoy it.

Warmest regards,

Ms. Kayley Joanne Roche

Headteacher









Our School

BSB will enter its 10th year of operation in 2026, offering a British International education to pupils in EYFS, Primary and Secondary School up to Year 13. In July 2026 our first cohort of students will complete their IB Diplomas and are likely to enter universities in the US, UK, Brazil and Europe.



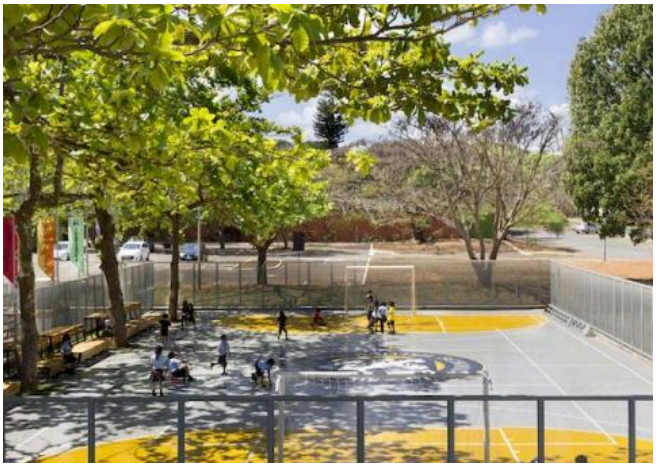
The school is located in an exclusive district of Brasilia and enjoys a spacious, green, clean-air environment. We anticipate significant site developments aligned to the ongoing growth of the school.



All BSF schools are required to comply with British School Overseas (BSO) standards, set by the UK Department of Education, and complete a full inspection once they reach an appropriate stage in development.
BSB is proud of being an IB World School, a member of COBIS (Council of British International School) and LAHC (Latin American Heads Conference).



BSF has a strong reputation for achieving excellent inspection reports. Previous comments include:
"The pupils achieve excellent standards in their learning, stimulated by the high quality of teaching provided by a passionate and committed staff and a broad, innovative, literacy-led curriculum"
"The contribution of teaching is excellent. The relationship between the teachers and the children is exceptional, and the high quality of teaching ensures excellent learning"
"The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils is excellent. The pupils show a strong ethical and moral awareness."
BSB will complete a full ISI inspection in the near future.



Our Staff

Our academic team is highly qualified and consists of British/International trained and/or experienced teachers and Brazilian teachers, responsible for delivering mandatory curriculum subjects including Portuguese.

It is our aim to ensure that all staff find working at the school a truly rewarding experience in which they grow both professionally and personally.

Our admin team is committed to dealing with work permits, visas, procurement, teacher accommodation and helping teachers to settle in Brasilia in an efficient manner. This allows the academic team to operate effectively and focus their efforts on our students.

Our Students

We are extremely proud of our students and strive to develop a warm and supportive atmosphere in which they are able to thrive. Our student body is approximately 50% Brazilian with the remaining 50% drawn from over 40 nationalities.

We nurture high aspirations for each and every one of our students. While many achieve outstanding academic results, we ensure that every individual enjoys success through the broad curriculum on offer.

Our students show respect and consideration for others and are encouraged to take responsibility for their community. They are a delight to work with.

The Curriculum

Our curriculum is a unique aspect of our school. While its foundations are British it is designed to support the personal development of pupils more fully and offer a broader curriculum experience.

The English National Curriculum provides the structure of our English, Maths and Science programmes from EYFS to Year 11. All pupils study Portuguese and are expected to achieve a qualification in that subject.

The personal development of our pupils is an absolute priority and time each day is set aside for mentoring, PSHE, Pupil Voice activities, House Competitions and School Service projects. Outward Bounds activities, including residentials are integral to the programme. Independence, teamwork & leadership, self-discipline, presence, awareness, decency and courage are key attributes that students develop at the school.

An Extended Curriculum in Y1-9 offers pupils the opportunity to pursue disciplines of particular interest to them within the framework of Creativity and Performance, Sports, Health and Wellness, Knowledge and Understanding and Enterprise and Challenge.

All students complete IGCSE/GCSE qualifications in years 10 and 11 and the IB Diploma in Years 12 and 13 as stepping stones to entering top universities worldwide.









Our Parents

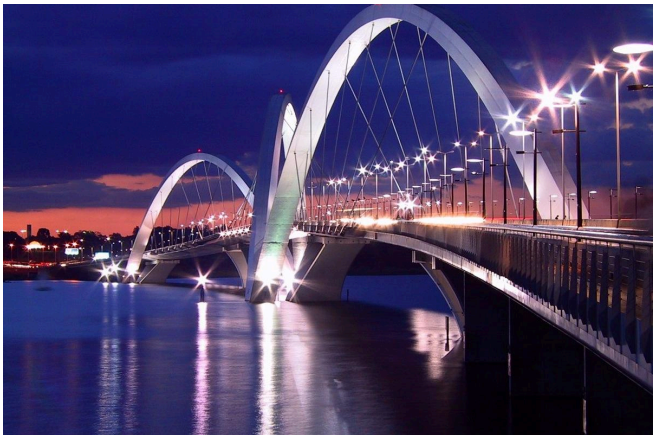
Our community combines both Brazilian and expatriate families that are often drawn from the business and diplomatic spheres. As such, they have high expectations of the education that we provide.

While parents are encouraged to organise and support events and fundraising activities at BSB, there is no formal PTA.



Brasilia

Brazil's capital, Brasilia, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its modernist architecture and unique artistic urban planning. It is also a great hub for travel to locations within Brazil such as Rio De Janeiro, the Amazon and the rest of the continent. The school campus is based in Lago Sul; a green, spacious Embassy neighbourhood in Brasilia and one of the most desirable places to live in the city.



Brasilia is a modern city with plenty of outdoor activities and tourist sites. Although there are lots of places to shop, eat great food and enjoy a few drinks, it is relatively quiet in comparison to some larger cities.
Prices are generally cheaper than Europe but there is a range of top-end and affordable places to wine and dine. Our teachers and staff share top tips on the best places to eat and enjoy an evening out.



Huge outdoor spaces and green parks means that there are plenty of sports and leisure activities on offer, including water sports at Paranoá Lake. There are also lots of hiking trails, ecological parks and animal reserves nearby. And if you really wanted to experience the great outdoors, the Amazon Rainforest and the Pantanal is only a short plane ride away.

Weather in Brasilia can range from as low as 17°C in winter to 40°C in summer. Being in the tropics, it has a rainy season from October to February. The rest of the year is extremely dry.



By taking the normal precautions necessary for any large metropolis, your stay will be a safe and memorable one. Brasilia has an established expatriate community with cultures represented from all over the world and is home to 132 embassies and is known to be one of the safest cities in Brazil.

The Rewards

Working in an environment where teachers are truly valued is a major plus for our staff. We are dedicated to ensuring that all team members are proud of the school they work in, extending beyond excellent working conditions and packages. The school is focused on the ambition to improve, develop and provide opportunities in all areas of school life.

Much attention is paid to staff professional development. Effective Performance Improvement Cycles are in place for both academic and administrative teams. This enables BSB staff to receive regular training and improve their qualifications, both through specialists invited to the school and staff attending professional development events globally. We also highly value the in-house expertise that exists, and many staff members lead INSET throughout the year.

BSB aims to recruit teachers of the highest calibre to continue to develop and grow the school's reputation as one of the leading international schools in Brasilia.

We are seeking energetic and enthusiastic individuals who can contribute to all aspects of school life. In return, we offer the chance to grow professionally in a supportive and caring environment, allowing you to broaden your horizons by living in a culturally rich and fascinating city.

When not at work Brazil offers an incredible array of adventures that can be (and often are) enjoyed by our teaching team. Opportunities include:

- Manaus and the Amazon rainforest
- The Pantanal
- Rio De Janeiro
- Iguazu Falls

Further afield, there are incredible regional travel options in neighbouring countries including:

- The Inca Trail (Peru)
- The Lost City (Colombia)
- Patagonia (Argentina)
- Torres Del Paine (Chile)

We believe that working at BSB offers immense opportunities to grow professionally and personally in a safe and supportive environment.









The British Schools Foundation

The British Schools Foundation (BSF) is a UK based, non-profit organisation that aims to promote the highest levels of education in our member schools. Its principal function is to offer high quality, supportive governance in accordance with the BSF School Charter.

The Board and Heads collaborate extensively to ensure that the organisation is distinguished by the high quality of its educational provision. BSF has a well-established record of founding schools that adhere to the highest standards of academic excellence. Its reputation for strong governance and effective professional management is well-regarded by both staff and parents alike. Additionally, a significant proportion of the families attending the school come from corporate and diplomatic backgrounds, further underscoring its prestige within these sectors.

BSF schools are fully licensed and are members of both the Council of British International Schools and their regional British international school association. Our Secondary schools are accredited examination centres with Cambridge and/or Edexcel Boards. All BSF schools aim to achieve and maintain British Schools Overseas (BSO) status and undergo regular inspections with UK accredited inspectorates.

The BSF and all BSF schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young adults. Applicants must be prepared to undergo stringent child protection screening including checks with past employers and an ICPC and enhanced DBS is required.

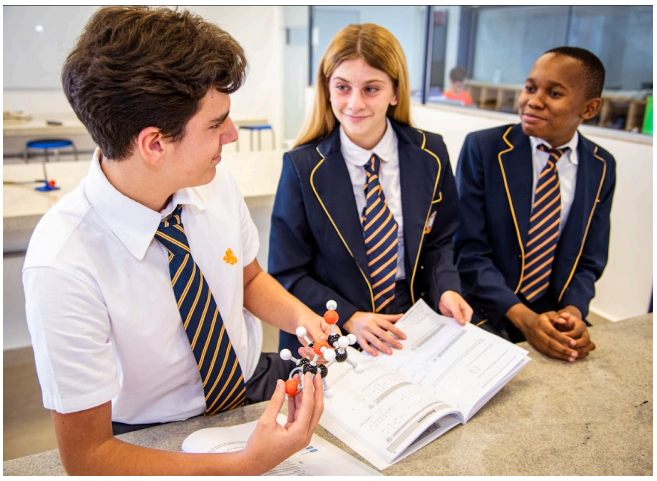
In Summary

The British School Brasilia is part of The British Schools Foundation. It has quickly established itself as the school of choice for expatriate and Brazilian families seeking an international education since its opening in 2016.

The school offers the English National Curriculum, GCSEs and the IB Diploma and is staffed by highly qualified teachers with experience in both the UK and international settings.

Located in a prestigious district of Brasilia, BSB creates a supportive and inclusive environment with a strong focus on personal development. The curriculum is enriched with programmes aimed at nurturing student growth, and the school is preparing to launch the IB Diploma.

BSB's reputation is further enhanced by strong governance and a commitment to maintaining world class education.











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