



## **Head of Science For August 2022**

St. Nicholas School is seeking to appoint a Head of Secondary Science for the Pinheiros campus. Applicants will have six or more years of teaching experience, current IB Diploma teaching, evidence of leadership and enjoy working in a highly stimulating and dynamic international environment. Ideally, we are looking for someone with a subject specialism in Chemistry. St Nicholas is committed to diversity. All applications will be screened for safeguarding and suitability to work with young people.

Our mission statement is central to our beliefs about learning and we work as a team to meet these principles for all learners.

**A unique adventure to ignite a passion for learning, from our hearts, to others, for the world.**

The Pinheiros campus opened in 1980 and is centrally located in an attractive and busy part of São Paulo. It is an inclusive, non-selective, vibrant, stimulating and diverse environment for 600 learners aged between 18 months and 18 years from Brazil and all parts of the globe. There are 250 learners in the secondary section.

The school buildings are interconnected converted houses, contributing to the family and caring atmosphere which defines the school. In 2020, we opened a new '*state of the art*' primary building. Our Alphaville campus opened in 2016 and now caters for learners up to Grade 9.

The majority of learners have English as an additional language and international learners make up approximately 30% of the school population. International mindedness and diversity are valued, promoted and celebrated. Learners in Years 11 and 12 follow a full IB Diploma Programme and results are excellent by all measures. Our language programme is extensive, offering first language English, Japanese, Korean, French, Hebrew, Portuguese and Spanish from Year 7 to IB Diploma.



The pastoral system is designed around vertical tutor groups from Grades 6-10. Learners are further organised into three houses and we are looking to develop this further. There is an active and effective student council that participates actively in school affairs. There is an active support department offering both academic and emotional support for learners. The Primary section offers the IB PYP programme and the Secondary section IGCSE in some subjects and IB Diploma.

International students make up approximately 30% of the school population and the school is a strong blend of local and international influences. International mindedness is valued, promoted and celebrated. The school provides a balanced, rich, challenging and transformative education for its diverse body of learners aged from 18 months to 18 years of age.

### **Head of Science in the Secondary School**

St. Nicholas School is seeking to appoint a Head of Science to guide the faculty up to IB Diploma level with a commitment to inquiry, student autonomy, project-based learning and interdisciplinary collaboration. Experience teaching the latest IB Diploma courses is a requirement for the Head of Science position. Regardless of experience candidates will

commit to the IB Diploma and be willing to contribute to Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essays and CAS. More information about St. Nicholas School can be found at:

[www.stnicholas.com.br](http://www.stnicholas.com.br)

<https://www.instagram.com/st.nicholasschool/>

and <https://twitter.com/stnickssaopaulo>

The department works with approximately 250 learners from Grade 6 to 12. Each year group has between 30 and 50 learners with an ideal group size of 15-18. Science is blocked in the timetable to encourage collaboration between groups. Each year group uses a single Google Classroom to further reinforce this collaboration.



The faculty counts on seven teachers, a second in Dept and one/ two technicians. Six purpose-designed laboratories with access to ample resources, including, online books, consumables, software licences, Chromebooks, data loggers, projectors and TVs and (normally) reliable WiFi connection. The department has access to a well-resourced maker space with a dedicated technician, kits, tools, a laser cutter and a 3D printer. There is an annual material budget which is set and managed by the Head of Faculty.

The Science faculty is collegial and well-managed. The current team shares ideas, resources and experiences to create and sustain a collaborative ethos. In Grades 6 to 9 the department has designed an inquiry-based, progressive, thematic course that promotes understanding and transfer of knowledge and skills in meaningful situations. In years 9 and 10 the course is based on IGCSE Coordinated Science. In Grades 11 and 12 Biology, Chemistry and Physics are offered at Standard and Higher Level. Results at IGCSE and Diploma are very good. Science is compulsory in all years from Grades 6 to 12 and all learners take at least one science at IB Diploma. ICT provision in the department is very good with 6 purpose-built labs with good technology access and close to 1:1 Chromebook provision. The department has led the school in its effective use of Google Classroom to organise resources and tasks.

Candidates will have:

- A university degree in Science or one containing significant relevance to Science
- A recognised international teaching qualification with six years of teaching experience
- Leadership experience
- Evidence of recent professional learning related to curriculum and or learning
- A commitment to inquiry-based learning and the school's mission
- A commitment to international-mindedness and IB teaching philosophy ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org))
- A positive and optimistic attitude toward learners and learning
- Personal qualities which add to the school community in a positive way



For expatriate teachers St. Nicholas offers two-year contracts, which are renewable by mutual consent and include:

- A two year contract
- A competitive salary paid in Reais
- Accommodation
- Private medical plan
- Flights at the beginning and end of the contract
- Visa expenses
- Professional development opportunities
- An end of contract gratuity
- Fantastic learners to work with

The safe recruitment of teaching staff is the first step to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in international schools. St Nicholas School is committed to safeguarding all children and promoting safer recruitment practices. The School expects all people involved in recruitment to share this commitment.

Letter of application should be addressed to Nicholas Thody and accompanied by a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees. Please send to [recruitment@stnicholas.com.br](mailto:recruitment@stnicholas.com.br)

The deadline for application is the 13th December 2021.

The school commits to safeguarding all members of the community and all staff share in this commitment. References will be checked for all shortlisted candidates. Successful candidates will provide proof of qualifications, submit to complete and rigorous safeguarding checks.

*Nicholas Thody*  
*November 2021*