



# Information Pack for Candidates

*Academic Year 2018/19*

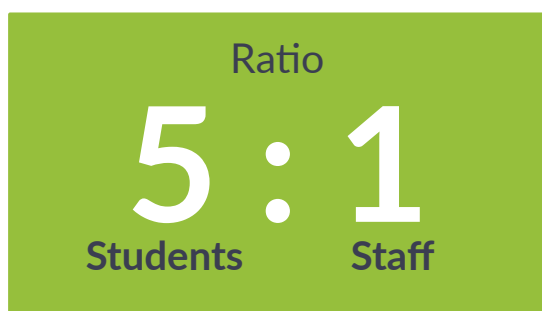




# About Us

The British International School of Ljubljana offers a traditional British education in Ljubljana. Our ethos is to **encourage a passion for learning amongst our young people within this international setting.**

Our school currently has students aged **3 to 18 from more than 50 countries.** Around 40% of our students are Slovenian; others represent countries from as far apart as Australia and Norway and from Portugal to Japan.



All subjects, except Slovene and French, are **taught in English** by a team of 47 full- and part-time teachers and assistants, mostly **native speakers of English or fluently bilingual.**

45% of our teachers have been trained in and have experience from the UK, we have over **10 nationalities** on our teaching staff and professionals with experience from around the world.

Our Primary Section follows the National Curriculum for England, enhanced by the International Primary Curriculum (IPC). Our Secondary students are prepared for **GCSE, IGCSE and A-Level** examinations from Cambridge and AQA.

BISL is an accredited member of the Council of British International Schools (COBIS), a member of the Council of International Schools (CIS) and is a Cambridge International School.

We hope you enjoy this information pack, as the aim of this is give you a flavour of what the school is about and share with you our beliefs in education.



# Our School in Numbers

Here are a few statistics we would like to share with you about the British International School of Ljubljana:

42

classrooms across 3 floors for an increased capacity of students.

3

clay tennis courts offsite (5 minutes' walk).

4

indoor and outdoor beach volleyball courts offsite (5 minutes' walk).

20

is the maximum number for students in a class before it is split into two classes.

14

is the average number of students in a class in the school.

100

meters of fence around our 'Woodland Learning Area' on the school premises to enable students to learn and enjoy the natural environment.

8

kilometers to the city center from school.

4

classrooms were redesigned and opened into 1 for a Free Flow pedagogical approach in our Early Years Centre.

# Letter from the Principal (Paul Walton)

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Dear Applicants,

I welcome you to applying for the advertised position at The British International School of Ljubljana. You are looking at the school during a very exciting time when we have new facilities, improved learning spaces and we are growing as a school. As the Principal, I am delighted to be a part of this school as it starts its next journey to becoming a world-class educational institution.

Our learners are passionate, enthusiastic and highly engaged at school and I believe that many teachers will thoroughly enjoy working with, developing and facilitating our students throughout their very own learning journey during their time at school.

In school we have an average staff to student ratio of small classes, which creates a wonderful learning experience for the students and supports the staff in producing high-quality lessons.

Ljubljana is a wonderful city, environment and culture to join which delivers an extremely high quality of living. Checking the international indexes for Environment, Peace and standard of education, Slovenia is one of the best places in the world to explore, enjoy and live in. A hidden treasure that once found, you seldom leave.

My Philosophy: Learners can achieve beyond what they imagine - All students can achieve any dream, there are no limits to what can be reached.

I believe that:

1. Through challenge, innovation and inspiration students can achieve any goal.
2. All students deserve a great learning experience.
3. Academic outcomes and wider skills are both essential.
4. Staff have a right to take ownership of their Professional Development and work collaboratively.
5. Learning for all should be progressive, exciting and personalised.

Kind regards,



**Paul Walton**

Principal at  
British International  
School of Ljubljana





# Living in Ljubljana

Slovenia is a beautiful, diverse and culturally rich environment with opportunities to get involved in a wide range of outdoor adventures, all close within the proximity of Ljubljana. Performing and the Creative Arts are showcased widely through the city including a range of stunning galleries, museums and exhibitions.

*"Slovenia feels like an incredibly safe, peaceful and environmentally friendly place."*

## Some quick facts:

2<sup>nd</sup>

for **Natural Environment**  
(Legatum prosperity Index) out of 149.

<https://www.prosperity.com/globe/slovenia>

11<sup>th</sup>

on the **Global Peace Index**  
out of 163.

<https://countryeconomy.com/demography/-global-peace-index/slovenia>

14<sup>th</sup>

on the **Quality of Life Index**  
out of 60.

[https://www.numbeo.com/quality-of-life/-rankings\\_by\\_country.jsp](https://www.numbeo.com/quality-of-life/-rankings_by_country.jsp)

15<sup>th</sup>

on the **Environmental Performance Index** out of 178.

<http://archive.epi.yale.edu/epi/country-profile/slovenia>

16<sup>th</sup>

on the **Global Creativity Index**  
out of 139.

<http://martinprosperity.org/content/the-global-creativity-index-2015/>

21<sup>st</sup>

overall on the **Legatum prosperity index** out of 149.

<https://www.prosperity.com/globe/slovenia>



# Living in Ljubljana



Ljubljanica River



Dragon Statue

*Ljubljana's historic city centre is located just 8 kilometres away from school.*



Prešeren Square



Ljubljana City Center



# Orbital Education Group

We are proud members of a growing family of schools located around the world, enabling a wonderful range of collaborate projects, visits and adventures together.



[www.orbitaled.com](http://www.orbitaled.com)

Our schools cater mainly for the families of expatriate families, but we also welcome local families, who prefer to have their children educated in an international setting where the curriculum is delivered in English.



**There are currently 10 schools in the Orbital Education Group.**

☐ | Balears International College Palma, Sa Porrassa Campus

☐ | Britannica International School Budapest

☐ | Oryx International School Doha

☐ | The British School of Quito

☐ | The English International School Moscow, SW Campus

☐ | Balears International College Sant Agusti Campus

☐ | Britannica International School Shanghai

☐ | **The British International School of Ljubljana**

☐ | The English International School Moscow, East Campus

☐ | The English International School Moscow, West Campus

# Early Years and Free Flow Pedagogy

Here at BISL we have recently redesigned our Early Years Centre to create one large free flow learning space, with multiple activity 'stations' for the children to explore, both in and outdoors. Free flow learning spaces benefit children in many ways:

## 1. Independence

Free flow learning areas encourage children to make their own rules and create a place where they can explore themselves as independents.



## 2. Pace

Free flow learning enables children to learn and respond to activities and stimulus in their own way and at their own pace. Some children learn better when outside and no child will feel rushed into doing a certain activity.



## 3. Decision Making

Fluid play and outdoor learning allows children to practice in choosing, and dealing, with the consequences of their choices.

## 4. Environment

Outdoor, free flow learning helps children to feel closer to nature and to understand and explore the workings of the environment, as well as the concept of the internal and external space.

## 5. Physical Well-Being

Access to the outdoors gives children space to run, explore and expel energy. Taking time out from the scheduled school routine helps boost mental and physical well-being, as well as contributing to a greater sense of confidence.





# BISL Sport

Through participation in sport, individuals do not only gain physical benefits but also develop thinking skills through game intelligence, mental toughness, teamwork and communication skills, respect and fair play as well as confidence and enjoyment.

We believe sport is an essential ingredient in preparing children and young adults for a fulfilling and jubilant life, by utilising the above-mentioned valuable tools during and after their time at BISL.

## Sports offered as part of the curriculum:

- Tennis
- Rollerblading
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Badminton
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Soccer
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Fitness
- Athletics
- Swimming

## After-school Sports clubs:

- Running club
- Yoga
- Fitness
- Dance





# BISL Music

Music has been part of our DNA from our very origins. The conviction that music truly is for everyone permeates our music programme, both during the school day and after-hours. We offer two lessons per week of music for every student from Early Years through Year 9, one hour per week of dance for all primary students, and GCSE and A-level music for upper secondary students. Students have opportunities to perform throughout the year with their classes or in special groups, and the whole school gets involved in a show at least once per year (even some teachers and parents!).

Our after-hours music programme, BIMS, has grown to include nearly twenty music teachers, many of whom also have varied and high-profile careers as performing musicians within Slovenia and abroad. Their expertise and enthusiasm has led to the formation of many student bands. One of these, In the Attic, has gone on to perform widely, record two original albums, and win several awards, including becoming the overall winners of the 2018 Spil Liga, a Slovenia-wide “battle of the bands.”



Quite a few of our after-hours music students come to us from other schools throughout Ljubljana because they enjoy our unique combination of talented teachers, English-language teaching, and flexibility in terms of musical genre and instrumental approaches.





# BISL Adventure Days

During Block 1 we offer the amazing 'Adventure Days' that run through the first few weeks of term 1. They are hugely successful and enjoyed by our staff and students as a way to have fun, work together and to try out a rich variety of new skills and experiences in the first month of school.

We believe trips such as this really extend the learning beyond the classroom and are essential in their development, growth and understanding of collaboration and communication skills.

Our students enjoyed kayaking, walking, swimming, rafting, zip lines, mountain biking and a whole host of other exhilarating events during their time away together. They had great fun, laughing and learning together and enjoying fantastic scenery and wildlife in places such as in Soča valley, Soča river, Bovec, Kranjska Gora, Lake Jasna, Kolpa river, Great gorge of Soča etc.

We hope that candidates who join our school share a similar view to these learning experiences and building relationships with students.

**We look forward to you being involved in Adventure Days and further activities with our wonderful students!**





# IGCSE and A Level Exam Success

## Exam Results 2018

We are very happy with the excellent academic exam results at The British International School of Ljubljana this summer. Our teachers did a truly remarkable job with their time, encouragement and support for the students. Most of all, we are so incredibly proud of our students. We hope they feel their hard work, commitment and dedication have paid off with an outstanding set of grades.

Tilen (pictured above) achieved a remarkable 3 A\* grades at A Level in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics!

The highlights of the results are below:

### IGCSE

- 43% A\*/A grades
- 91% C grade and above
- 100% A\*-D pass rate at IGCSE

### A Level

- 20% A\*/A grades
- 60% of subjects taken were 'facilitating' subjects

**We hope that staff who join us share the same high expectations of excellent academic outcomes.**



# Personal Remuneration

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The successful candidate will receive a good salary in relation to the UK and the following benefits:

- Travel allowance (The full cost of travel to and from the school each day will be paid for by the school).
- Food allowance (Staff will be given an allowance for food from the school canteen or paid the same amount monthly).
- Annual regression payment (This will amount to just over 1000 euros paid annually).
- Permanent staff receive a guaranteed 0.5% yearly increase.
- Excellent state medical cover.

## Cost of living - Ljubljana, Slovenia

- Consumer Prices in Ljubljana are **33.80% lower** than in London
- Consumer Prices Including Rent in Ljubljana are **51.15% lower** than in London
- Rent Prices in Ljubljana are **73.71% lower** than in London
- Restaurant Prices in Ljubljana are **47.06% lower** than in London
- Groceries Prices in Ljubljana are **25.64% lower** than in London

Source: [https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/cpi\\_explained.jsp](https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/cpi_explained.jsp)



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