

# INFORMATION PACK

A BRITISH SCHOOL IN AN INTERNATIONAL SETTING





*"A successful school doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of pride, hard work and dedication on behalf of all of our staff, every single day. At Trill, for over 50 years, we have proved that happy and confident students develop better not only as scholars but also as people. So while other schools are happy producing "academically fit students", we concentrate on developing well rounded, academically clever and confident students, who go on to be successful adults in whatever they choose to do".*

Dear Prospective Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy. We have prepared this information pack to share with you some of the wonderful and unique aspects of our school. We hope that once you have looked through it, you will see what a great school we are and look forward to receiving your application. We are first and foremost a family school, founded by the Traill family over 50 years ago with the sole purpose of offering outstanding British academic opportunities to families based in Thailand. Our ethos which forms the cornerstone of the school's aims and missions was "that every student should be encouraged and supported to take part in different aspects of the school curriculum, to ensure a balanced school life". Today, the members of our board remain committed to ensuring that our students reach their full potential by the provision of our excellent academic programme blended with a broad enrichment scheme. When students leave Traill to go onto university education or relocate to another country, they are in the best position possible to succeed at whatever they are doing.

One of our most notable features is the incredibly welcoming atmosphere which pervades throughout the school. Everyone is part of our extended school family from our youngest students in Pre-KG (2 years old) to our oldest students in 6<sup>th</sup> Form (18 years old). Throughout the school there is a true feeling of team spirit, not just from the students but also from our teachers and staff. This is the special ingredient which makes us such a strong school where everyone works together towards a successful goal.

Input from our parents is important to the school and we have a very active parent and teacher committee - PATT (Parents and Teachers at Traill). They are involved in fund raising and supporting the school at the many events which take place each year in our school calendar.

Our school continues to strive to provide our students with not only the best educators available, but also a great environment for learning. We have on-going construction and improvement projects to benefit all of our school community.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,



Gordon Espley-Jones  
Principal



# TRAIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

We are set in the heart of Bangkok and currently has just over 400 students including 24 nationalities. We are an all through school from Pre-KG (aged 2) to 6th Form (aged 18). We are BSO and EDT certified and in a recent inspection by the BSO our secondary school achieved an outstanding accreditation.





# WELCOME TO TRAILL SCHOOL

According to Education Support UK, "happy schools make connections between colleagues, students and parents an absolute necessity. The happiest schools are the ones that make everyone feel like they belong to a community where they feel welcomed, where they are safe and where they can be themselves" (Oct 3, 2019). There simply isn't a better description of our school. From the moment you enter the school the happy and welcoming atmosphere greets you and everyone has a smile and a hello. It quickly becomes infectious and before you know, you can't think of the school without smiling.

## SETTING THE SCENE

Our school is set in the heart of Bangkok and close to transport links. We have just over 400 students on the roll including 24 nationalities. We value the differences all of our nationalities bring and respect the customs of each of them. Our students range in age from 2 years (Pre-KG) to 18 years (6th Form) and we actively encourage social interaction between our students to foster the family/community spirit. We have excellent facilities throughout the school including our international cafeteria, swimming pool, multi-purpose hall, ICT suites and art studio



# OUR STUDENTS

Our youngest students in Kindergarten give possibly the most joy to their teachers as they come to grips with not only the English language, but also their first steps into learning. We use every medium possible to stimulate early learning and develop their understanding of the world around them. Our Kindergarten classes are small with less than 15 students per class (1 teacher and at least 1 teaching assistant per class) and they are housed in their own purpose built area. This environment offers the opportunity for safe indoor and outdoor play as well as space to be creative. The wonderful weather in Bangkok allows us to take advantage of many happy outdoor days, where swimming in the school pool is also on the timetable.

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Building upon the Early Years Foundation Stage in Kindergarten, our Primary School follows an integrated education programme incorporating the British National Curriculum for Key Stages 1 and 2 and the Rising Stars Assessment Progress Tests. We strongly believe that happy children become successful and confident students and fundamental to this is the nurturing support provided by our teachers and the close partnership with parents. Again our class sizes are small and the emphasis is on teachers having time to spend with students on an individual basis.



# OUR STUDENTS

Our secondary school and 6th form are the flagships of the school and whilst the success of our students is not just measured on their exam results, it is hard to look beyond the fact that our students exam successes rarely drop below 92% at A to C level in all examinations. This is testament to our recruitment of specialist teachers with expert knowledge and experience, who are able to offer our students, not only the subject requirements but also the support they need to succeed. Our graduates go onto attend some of the best universities in the world, many of them on scholarships.



Our school has a long history of success in both national and international academic and sports competitions and our students are regular recipients of Cambridge Universities Top in Thailand and Top in the World Awards.





## ACCREDITATION

We recently received a silver award following an inspection by the EDT/ BSO.

Special mention was made of our English as a Second Language (ESL) Department, where one inspector said it was the best he had ever seen. Our secondary school was described as outstanding across all areas and there was much praise for not only the teaching throughout the school but also for the level of communication and support provided to the students.

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## OUR TEACHERS

Our teaching staff are almost all British trained, especially in our Kindergarten and Primary School.



# TRAILL STATS

TRAILL IS A PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
FOUNDED IN 1966. WE ARE AN 'ALL-THROUGH'  
CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL WITH STUDENTS  
FROM 2 YEARS OLD TO 18 YEARS OLD.

**424**  
STUDENTS



**70**  
TEACHERS

**ATTENDANCE 98.6%**



Happy students want to learn  
and our attendance percentage  
speaks for itself.

**92% PASS RATE**

Our average IGCSE and A Level  
Exam pass rate stands at  
impressed average of 92%



**DONATIONS 100K+**



TrailL donated over 100,000 THB  
to good causes throughout  
Thailand in 2020

**80% TO INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITIES**



80% of our graduating students  
are offered places throughout  
the world at leading universities

JUST A FEW...  
STATISTICS





## WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

We have many whole school events throughout the school calendar which bring us together and showcase the wealth of talented students we have including from musicians, actors, dancers and sporting stars.

### LOI KRATHONG

It is believed that Loy Krathong, or 'the festival of light,' originated in the ancient city of Sukhothai, located about five hours north of Bangkok. You will see many Thais praying to the water goddess, Mae Khongkha, as they float their decorated 'boats' down a waterway. Many Thais will give thanks to the water goddess for the fortune of having water while others will ask for forgiveness for using too much or contaminating it.



### HALLOWEEN

The whole school joins in with the scary fun of Halloween. This year our secondary reflects arranged a treasure hunt for the Early Years students, who had a wonderful time, finding the "hidden treasure". In Primary, after all the fun of the day was finished, it was time to go home with enough candy to last a week.



## WAI KHRU

The wai khru ceremony is a Thai ritual in which students pay their respects to their teachers in order to express their gratitude for their help and support.



## KINDERGARTEN AND KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS FESTIVAL

Our sports festival this year had an "alien" theme and the staff worked extremely hard to make sure that the students and parents had a wonderful morning of sport and fun.





## KEY STAGE 3 RESIDENTIAL

Our students this year travelled to Saraburi for their residential trip and enjoyed an amazing time involving rock-climbing, caving and kayaking.



## CHRISTMAS

Christmas at Traill is such a magical time for everyone. The students all take part in the year group performances and there is visit from the real Santa. The staff also have a wonderful traditional Christmas lunch just before the school breaks up for the Christmas holidays.

# WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US...

I have confidence in the school and it's teachers.

I know my child is in safe hands.

I went to Traill myself and now my son is ready for school, I wanted him to have the same happy experience I had.

There is a wonderful atmosphere in the school and everyone looks so happy.

Communication was great with the school.

Everyone says hello when you enter the school and I think that this shows huge confidence in the students.

My son is now studying to be a pilot, thank you Traill for being such a great school.

The teachers were very supportive when my son had a problem.