



The British School of Brasilia

Information For Candidates
Headteacher: The British School of Brasilia

A Message from the BSF Board

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Headteacher at [The British School Brasilia](#). BSB is a member of [The British Schools Foundation](#), which has been responsible for establishing more than a dozen leading international schools across the world.

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.

Our school is unique in Brasilia, drawing on the very best elements of British and International education and building towards the internationally recognised IGCSE and IB Diploma qualifications.

Our next Headteacher will be a confident and experienced leader with the skills and knowledge to build on the excellent foundations now in place.

Our objective is to grow the school significantly over the next 5 years, by which time our facilities and curriculum will be fully developed and we will have established a reputation for guiding students into top university places both regionally and internationally.

We expect our current student body of 400 students to evolve into a double form entry school of approximately 600 students.

While the Headteacher enjoys considerable autonomy, our role is to work closely with you in order to provide the necessary resources to fulfil a shared vision.

We are seeking a dynamic and passionate Headteacher who is ready to accept the challenge of leading our school into the next crucial stage of our development and realise our ambition.

We hope that this concise overview gives some insight into our school and our city and inspires you to make an application.



Our School

BSB has entered its eighth year of operation and currently offers a British International education to pupils in EYFS, Primary and Secondary School up to Year 12. Our first cohort of students will complete their IB Diploma in July 2026.

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

All BSF schools are required to comply with BSO standards and complete a full inspection once they reach an appropriate stage in development.

BSB has already successfully completed the COBIS Compliance process and It is anticipated that a full inspection will follow within the tenure of our next Headteacher.

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."

Our Staff

Our academic team is highly qualified and consists of both British trained and/or experienced teachers and Brazilian teachers who are 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 administrative 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.

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.

Our 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 qualifications in Years 10 and 11 and the IB Diploma in Years 12 and 13.



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.

Our City

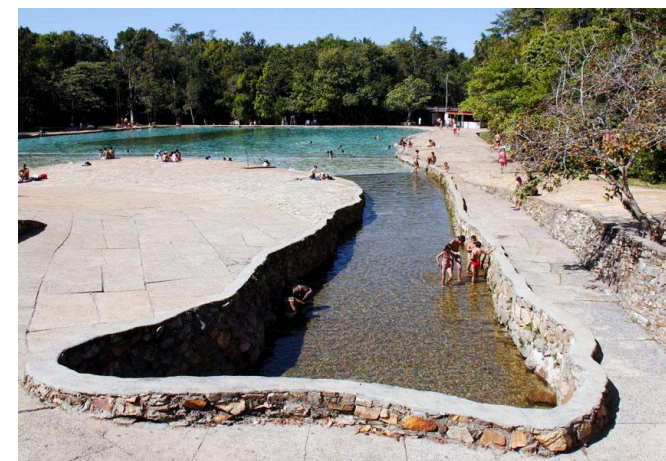
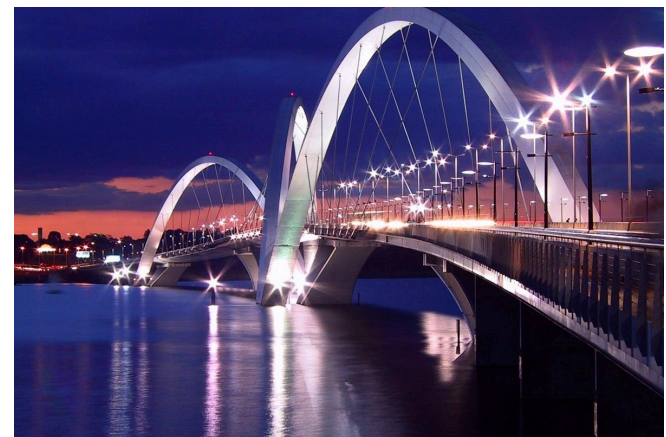
Brasilia is an unusual capital city in that it provides a wide range of cultural and social opportunities and yet is calm and relatively quiet. It is a modern city with a broad range of outdoor activities and tourist sites and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its modern architecture and unique urban planning. Excellent transport links to and from Brasilia make it an ideal and affordable hub for exploring the diverse locations both in Brazil and the whole continent.

Huge outdoor spaces and green parks mean 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 want to experience the great outdoors, the Amazon Rainforest and Pantanal are 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 city, 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.

In short, Brasilia is an exciting modern city with great indoor and outdoor opportunities, but without many of the annoyances that blight major cities across the world.



Our New Headteacher

Our Headteachers occupy an influential position within the communities that they serve.

Their vision, ambition and moral purpose can determine the achievements of staff, pupils and schools within the BSF.

With this in mind, the Headteacher of BSB will demonstrate several crucial qualities and behaviours:

- Lead by example, demonstrating the highest standards of performance and acting as an excellent role model
- Act with integrity gaining the trust and confidence of all stakeholders
- Promote the school successfully to new and existing parents
- To be able to see the big picture
- Be organised and strategic
- Prioritise effectively and manage time efficiently
- Demonstrate empathy and diplomacy
- Skilled in identifying problems and recognising solutions
- Demonstrate excellent presentation, written and oral communication skills
- Speak publically to a range of audiences with flair and presence
- Build superb relationships with students, staff and parents
- Demonstrate a passion for education that inspires others to achieve their best
- Work closely with the Board of Directors ensuring that lines of communication are strong

Our Offer

BSF offers the following compensation package commensurate with the expectations of the position:

- A competitive leadership salary
- Relocation allowance
- Generous accommodation
- Comprehensive private medical cover
- Annual flight allowance
- Bursaries for accompanying children
- Performance bonus



Our 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.

Our Board and Heads work closely together, striving to ensure that our organisation stands out for the quality of education that is provided. BSF has a proven track record of establishing excellent schools with the highest educational standards. BSF has earned a reputation with both staff and parents for excellent governance and professional management. Many of our attending families are drawn from the corporate and diplomatic world.

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 are required 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 Safer Recruitment screening including references from past and current employers and all relevant police checks including the ICPC.





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