



Prince of Wales Island
International School

Teacher of Biology

For September 2018



We seek a biology enthusiast to join a flagship department within our school. Our sciences are taught by specialists, fully supported by subject technicians, in superb facilities. Our large biology rooms have both classroom seating and laboratory bench areas, and are fully equipped with interactive whiteboards or large format TV screens. Extensive use of IT supports learning and students have their own devices. The school distinguishes between communication and education; phones are not permitted in classrooms. The science department occupies the top floor of our main teaching block, and all enjoy its bright and colourful aspect. The large octopus mural (above) was created by students as a special project, and is indicative of their ownership of this vibrant and stimulating department. The Head of Department is also the overall Head of Science

If the appointee is not an English first language speaker, a very high level of spoken and written English is a prerequisite. We will also expect a strong academic background, with the ability and enthusiasm to teach the subject to A level, whilst delivering a general science programme in junior years leading on to IGCSE biology. The ability to offer another science at that level will be an advantage.

There is a dynamic staff culture at the school with strong professional development which has a national reputation. There is an emphasis on the use of IT in all subjects in a blended and realistic educational environment, achieving the best outcomes with varied approaches. Since the foundation of the school in 2011, POWIIS has built a significant academic reputation with outstanding results, although we have students of a wide range of abilities, all equally deserving of the highest quality of teaching to the level of their potential.

The school offers an holistic education and all staff are involved in our extensive co-curricular programme. Also, the pastoral care of all our students is a priority and all staff are allocated a small group of tutees across the age range of the school, for whom they will provide support and mentoring in their academic progress and personal development.

Opportunities may exist to join our boarding staff, while all staff are involved in our boarding programme on an occasional basis.

Malaysian work permits are usually granted for two or three years. Contracts are therefore fixed term, but continuity is important for the school; it is hoped that appointments will be seen as longer term, with renewal of contracts common in the school. The school is proud of its staff stability, as most enjoy the lifestyle the region provides and the professional progression we actively promote. The staff is predominantly European, who share with high quality Malaysian colleagues, outstanding facilities and resources. There is a deliberate focus on staff development, with low staff turnover.

Applicants are encouraged to explore the school's website: www.powiis.edu.my

The schedule for this appointment is:
Advertising from Tuesday 30 January
Closing date Monday 19th February
Skype preliminary interviews shortly thereafter

Candidates should apply to the school directly at recruitment@powiis.edu.my sending a completed application form together with a brief letter of application and *Curriculum Vitae*. **Incomplete applications will not be considered**, and supporting documents are **not** required at this stage. We will acknowledge all applications; however we receive a lot of interest in our roles and if applicants do not hear further from us by 2nd March, they should assume their application has not progressed.

