

A man and a woman are sitting at a desk, smiling and looking at a document. The man is on the left, wearing a white shirt and a blue and red striped tie. The woman is on the right, wearing a dark blue top. They are both looking down at a document on the desk. The woman is holding a black pen and appears to be writing. There is a green pen on the desk. The background is a blurred office or classroom setting.

Teaching at BSKL



THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
KUALA LUMPUR
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for applying to [The British International School of Kuala Lumpur \(BSKL\)](#).

BSKL is part of [Nord Anglia Education](#), the world's leading premium schools organisation. We are a family of 56 international schools, boarding schools and private schools located in 27 countries around the world.

Since opening in 2009, BSKL has become the school of choice for expatriate and Malaysian parents looking to provide their children with an international education. We are extremely proud of our pupils and strive to develop a warm and supportive atmosphere where they can thrive. As a result, it is a pleasure and an honour to be part of our school.

We offer the English National Curriculum as the basis of our work and our teachers have experience of working both in the UK and abroad. Our staff find it truly rewarding to work in this international and diverse environment.

As the capital of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur is the main city for expats stationed in the country. It is a large, stimulating and challenging destination that offers a wide variety of experiences. Living in KL allows access to all the cultural amenities one would expect to find in a modern city. KL is renowned for the quality and diversity of its food and its shopping centres. The iconic Petronas Towers juxtaposed with 'Little India' and Chinatown capture the historical culture and modernity of this fascinating city. Excellent transport links in KL make it an ideal and affordable hub for exploring further afield in Malaysia and wider Asia.

The objective of this guide is to give you a flavour of what life is like while working for BSKL, and to help you decide whether a move to Malaysia is the right choice for you. If you are an enthusiastic, energetic and positive person, then KL may well be a perfect choice for you!

Best regards,

Janet Brock
Principal



The School

BSKL offers a contemporary British international education to students from Early Years through to Secondary, including Sixth Form. The school was established in 2009 and has grown steadily to a 1280-strong student body. The school boasts more than 55 nationalities, making it a truly diverse setting in which to work.

BSKL has three campuses - Lower, Junior and Secondary - which all sit on the same site in the neighbourhood of Bandar Utama, an attractive suburb about 25 minutes outside of the city centre.

Excellent facilities across all disciplines highlight our commitment to both curricular and extra-curricular activities. Pupils enjoy a number of astro-turf areas, sports halls, and a 25m swimming pool. We benefit from a modern, fully equipped 650-seat theatre, specialist music rooms, and large, generously resourced classrooms. Pupils in Years 4 and 5 are equipped with mini iPads and all Secondary pupils have Macbooks. There are separate Primary and Secondary libraries, and dining rooms and sports halls on all campuses.

BSKL is registered with the Ministry for Education in Malaysia and is a full member of COBIS and FOBISIA. The school has also been awarded the COBIS (Council of British International Schools) Patron's Accreditation and is the first school to gain this honour in Asia.

The school received its first inspection by the Independent School Inspectorate (ISI) in 2016/17 when it was graded excellent in all areas of educational provision. BSKL is the only school in Malaysia to have achieved these exceptional results.

The main findings from the report were that BSKL "...meets its challenging aims in exemplary fashion. 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, which includes outstanding provision for music and physical education."

Focusing more specifically on the teaching, "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 so that the children are extremely well prepared for the next stage of their education".



The Curriculum

BSKL follows the English National Curriculum, adapted to an international environment. However, the school regards this as a minimum requirement and provides many additional opportunities for personal development.

Our curriculum is enhanced through collaborations with the world's best - Juilliard, MIT and UNICEF, and students have access to NAE's programme of events and expeditions around the world. Over 50,000 students connect via the Global Campus - an online engagement platform which provides innovative curricular experiences and challenges.

Small class sizes allow teachers to focus on the individual needs of each pupil. All of our teachers hold international teaching qualifications from well-regarded institutions. Assistant Teachers in every Primary class hold degrees and have three years experience in a relevant field. There are also Secondary teaching assistants in the core subjects.

Top of the school's priorities is the personal development of its students. Independence, teamwork & leadership, self-discipline, presence, awareness, tolerance, decency and courage are key attributes that students develop at the school.

Our Students

95% of our parents say their child is happy at our school and this is something we continuously strive for. As many of our students come from expatriate families, our school may not be their first or last educational experience. Some children have received interrupted educational experiences and need a period of quick consolidation before an appropriate development programme can be planned. We offer an educational experience that provides each child with the confidence, emotional independence and academic ability that is transferable.

To guarantee student diversity, yet ensure English is the predominant language of the school, no more than 30% of students in any class are non-native English speaking.

Our children are bright, motivated and talented learners with a broad range of skills. They respond positively to challenge and are a delight to work with. We are very proud of them.



Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur is a modern city with a strong regional and colonial history. The city centre contains all of the international retail outlets (including M&S!) one would expect and offers a huge range of international dining options. There are recreational facilities, parks and museums in abundance. The cost of living is significantly lower than the UK and most capital cities. Dining out is particularly inexpensive. Staff enjoy a very good lifestyle during term time and are able to travel during the holidays.

It is similar but less congested than many other Asian cities. Bangkok, Jakarta, Ho Chi Minh, and Singapore are all within a short flight, as are the beaches and resorts associated with Thailand and Indonesia. Australia is five hours away.

Kuala Lumpur is also a safe city. By taking the normal precautions necessary for any large metropolis, your stay will be a safe and memorable one. There is also an established expatriate community, with the usual clubs and a range of social opportunities.

The climate is hot and humid all year round, with a nominal dry season. All public buildings and accommodation are air-conditioned and one soon adapts to the climate.

The diversity of attractions in Malaysia is vast: there is music, theatre and restaurants in KLCC, whilst a visit to the Cameron Highlands (2 hours drive) will bring cool relief from the heat. The East Coast is renowned for its islands and beaches of white sand and crystal clear water. Georgetown in Penang is a UNESCO world heritage site, and Chinatown and Little India in KL provide further cultural and historical attractions.

In short, Kuala Lumpur is an exciting blend of old and new. For an international school we have a low staff turnover, and a number of our teachers have been with us since the school opened. Many of our staff have enjoyed living and working at the school for several years.



The Rewards

Working in an environment where teachers are truly valued is a major plus for our staff. We are dedicated to ensuring that all teachers are proud of the school they work in, extending beyond enjoying excellent working conditions and packages. The school is focused on the ambition to improve, develop and provide opportunities in all areas of school life.

The global scale of NAE enables us to recruit and retain the best teachers in the world. Much attention is paid to staff professional development. All our teachers are engaging and collaborating through Nord Anglia University and our staff have access to unique opportunities with King's College London, Juilliard and MIT.

Performance appraisal cycles are in place for both academic and administrative staff and there is a generous professional development budget. We also value greatly the in-house expertise that exists, and most staff members lead INSET throughout the year.

BSKL offers teachers a generous compensation package, including:

- An excellent salary
- Free accommodation in comfortable, modern and well-equipped apartments
- Comprehensive private international medical cover
- Annual return flights home
- Bursaries for accompanying children
- A generous pension scheme

BSKL aims to recruit teachers of the highest calibre to continue to develop and grow the school's reputation as one of the leading international schools in Malaysia. We are seeking energetic and enthusiastic individuals who can contribute to all aspects of school life. In return, we offer the chance to grow professionally in a supportive and caring environment, allowing you to broaden your horizons by living in a culturally rich and fascinating city.



