



DENLA BRITISH SCHOOL

RECRUITMENT PACK





INTRODUCTION

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to DBS, Denla British School. Now in its 7th year of operation we are a school reaching maturity with now over 750 students on roll and our first Year 13 cohort getting ready to go off to university. On visiting DBS, you will feel a sense of a school that is values driven, with a strong sense of community and a commitment to excellence in everything that we do. We are passionate about developing great global leaders and we do this through passionately developing the knowledge, values and skills that they will need to succeed. DBS is part of the Denla group, a family-run group of 3 schools that have been providing a high quality education since 1979. DBS is the jewel in the crown with outstanding world class facilities and a spacious campus. Our knowledge-rich curriculum is designed to be exciting, challenging and innovative. We make no apology for focusing on the development of knowledge and firmly believe in the need to develop skills in domains before developing skills which are transferable. All of this is underpinned by a strong emphasis on developing Thai values in a global context. Creativity flourishes at DBS, and we have developed a strong reputation in music and the arts with one of the best school auditoriums in the city. DBS students have also been highly successful in sports in both local and international competitions and dance is a particular strength of the school. At DBS our highly qualified team of staff are committed to inspiring students to achieve their full potential whilst providing excellent pastoral care. Our commitment to student and staff wellbeing is palpable. Our motto is 'always to greater things' and we hope that the information in this pack inspires you to join us on this journey.

Mr Jonny Liddell
Headmaster



ABOUT DBS

Located in the Bangkok suburb of Nonthaburi, approximately 45 minutes north of central Bangkok, DBS Denla British School opened for its first full academic year in August 2017, for Pre-school to Year 6. This academic year, DBS extended to Year 13. Since our launch, DBS has attracted a significant amount of interest from local families, with enrolment continuing to grow year on year. Last year there was a 23% increase in enrolment and there are now over 750 children at the school.

DBS is a premium British curriculum school, based on the holistic educational model of UK independent schools. It has a distinctive vision, and the inspirational teaching body is the driving force for this. There is exceptional student commitment and parental engagement. The campus is one of the largest in Bangkok, and the world class facilities provide a most stimulating teaching and learning environment.

DBS is split into 3 schools:

Pre-Prep : Mini Dragons (Pre-nursery) to Year 2

Prep : Years 3-8

Senior : Years 9-13



SCHOOL VISION AND CORE VALUES

VISION

To nurture and develop great global leaders

MOTTO

'SEMPER AD MAIORA' (ALWAYS TO GREATER THINGS) The DBS motto **'Always to Greater Things'** reflects the DBS commitment to continuous improvement, observed by the whole community; students, staff and parents.

MISSION

To help every DBS student develop the knowledge, values and skills required to thrive as great global leaders in the 21st century

THE DBS WAY

The DBS way is how we realise our mission and describes how we are unique as a school. It is based on five pillars which together ensure that our students develop the knowledge, values and skills to thrive as great global leaders in the 21st century.

THE FIVE DBS PILLARS

1. An Enhanced British Curriculum
2. Academic Excellence for All
3. Entrepreneurship and Creative Thinking
4. Thai Values in a Global Context
5. Wellbeing and Sustainability

KNOWLEDGE

At DBS, in every subject, students will learn the best of what has been thought and said and learn to make links between different disciplines.

VALUES

The DBS community lives by the following values: humility, generosity, courage, integrity, and empathy.

SKILLS

DBS students will develop 5 key skills: confidence, curiosity, creativity, commitment, and communication

DBS GOVERNANCE



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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HEADMASTER



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HEAD OF PRE-PREP



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HEAD OF PREP SCHOOL



Mr Bradley Dunphy
DIRECTOR OF ENHANCED
BRITISH CURRICULUM



Mrs Satima Tanabe (Sam)
BURSAR



Mr Suphap Ngowdulyawat
HEAD OF FINANCE

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



CIS

The Council of International Schools (CIS), a globally recognised institution that certifies educational standards of international schools worldwide, has granted DBS accreditation since 2021-22 academic year. CIS accreditation to DBS demonstrates that we have met high professional performance standards in international education, are dedicated to the school's missions and vision, have invested in educational resources, and are focused on teaching and learning quality as well as students' well-being. DBS - Always to Greater Things!



FOBISIA

We are an official member of the Federation of British International Schools in Asia (FOBISIA). By joining the FOBISIA family, our students will have greater opportunities to engage in a wide range of inter-school extracurricular activities such as sports, music and drama, and our teachers will themselves will be able to take advantage of the ability to network and share the best practice with the other British schools in Asia as well as participating in many professional development opportunities as offer.



ONESQA

The Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA) together with the Council of International Schools (CIS), in its Joint Accreditation Programme, have officially accredited DBS in recognition of the management of teaching and learning in accordance with the world's standards and with Ministry of Education requirements.



UKMT

DBS was accepted as a school centre for the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT). The UKMT is a registered charity in the UK that administers a range of Mathematical competitions for both individuals and teams, and DBS being a part of this will further increase the academic extension opportunities for our students.



EXAM BOARDS AT DBS

At DBS, our students will study for their IGCSEs in Years 10 and 11, then their A levels in Years 12 and 13. As a school, we aim to provide our students with access to the best international curricula available which is why we are exam centres for Cambridge International Examinations, Pearson Edexcel and Oxford AQA. We also offer an additional pathway for students wishing to pursue Performing Arts by also offering Pearson BTEC. All external examinations are carried out in our purpose built exams centre, which opened in 2023.



Cambridge International School



APPROVED CENTRE

ABOUT DENLA GROUP

DBS is owned by a Thai family, whose business is education. DBS builds on Denla Schools' existing tradition of providing outstanding education within Thailand. The first school, Denla Kindergarten, was established in 1979 with the aim of providing quality, caring education for young children. Denla Rama V, the second school, opened in May 2006 to meet ever increasing demand. Today, the Denla Schools group are proud to provide quality education for approximately 3,500 children from 2 to 18 years of age.



CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is based on the best practice of UK independent schools and the National Curriculum for England. Our rigorous, but broad, core curriculum prepares students for the academic demands of IGCSE and A-level. It is complemented by an integrated co-curricular programme that ensures students develop the interests and skills they need to lead successful and fulfilling lives at university and beyond.

We offer children a breadth of experiences in a diverse range of subjects, from the traditional academic subjects through to visual and performing arts, and sport, allowing each student to discover for themselves their passions and interests. We recognise the importance of world languages and provide sufficient curriculum time for students to become proficient in English, Mandarin, Japanese as well as extend their expertise in Thai language. Our specialist teachers, with their extensive subject knowledge, support each child in fulfilling their passion and nurturing their talent.





FACILITIES

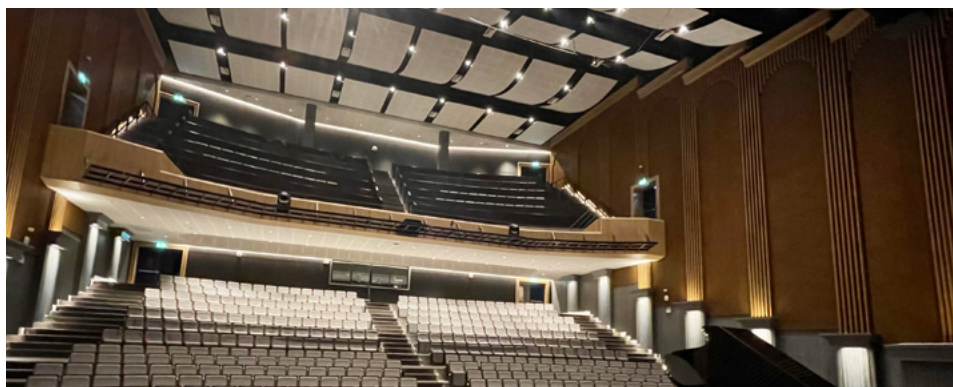
Conveniently located in the Nonthaburi area of North West Bangkok, the Denla British School campus extends across 24 acres of land (60 Rai).

The campus at DBS offers an array of exceptional facilities that create a dynamic learning environment for students. The design of DBS is inspired by the school's vision of delivering outstanding education. Every aspect of the campus, from the state-of-the-art classrooms to our modern sports facilities, helps students to feel inspired to learn.

Early Years to Lower Prep: Facilities included in this area are:

- The Garden
- Treehouse
- The Playroom
- The Village
- Playground
- Pre-Prep and Prep Libraries
- Dance Studios
- Black Box Theatre I
- Junior Dining Hall
- Table Tennis
- Indoor Basketball Court
- Indoor Swimming Pool





Upper Prep and Senior School:

There are two buildings for Years 7-13.

Facilities included

- 6 Science Labs
- Mac Lab
- Student House Lounges
- Senior Library
- Sixth Form Centre
- Exam Centre
- Green Room
- Senior Dining Hall
- Design and Technology Studio
- The Araya Hall - 600-seat auditorium
- Music Centre with Individual Music Rooms
- Recording Studio
- Art Studios
- Traverse Climbing Wall
- Golf Simulators
- Fitness Centre



Sports Facilities: The sports area is equipped with three buildings with indoor and outdoor facilities, these include

- 4G Full Sized Football Pitch
- 400m Running Track
- 3 Tennis Courts
- Covered Futsal Pitch
- Golf Training Area
- Covered Sports Hall + Basketball Courts
- Indoor air conditioned pool
- 3 Dance Studios
- Indoor Sports Hall

Denla British School leads the way by creating an unparalleled learning environment with our purpose-built facility to help prepare students for the future.



CPD AT DBS

Staff development is very important to us here at DBS with the aim that all teachers are provided with opportunities for personal and professional growth.

We hold 5 INSET days per year, where we support and develop our teachers both whole school and in Sections / Faculties, led by staff who are outstanding practitioners in various aspects of education. We have also have our DBS Leadership Development Programme with separate courses for aspiring leaders, middle leaders, senior leaders and our student leaders, led by an experienced educational coach brought over from the UK.

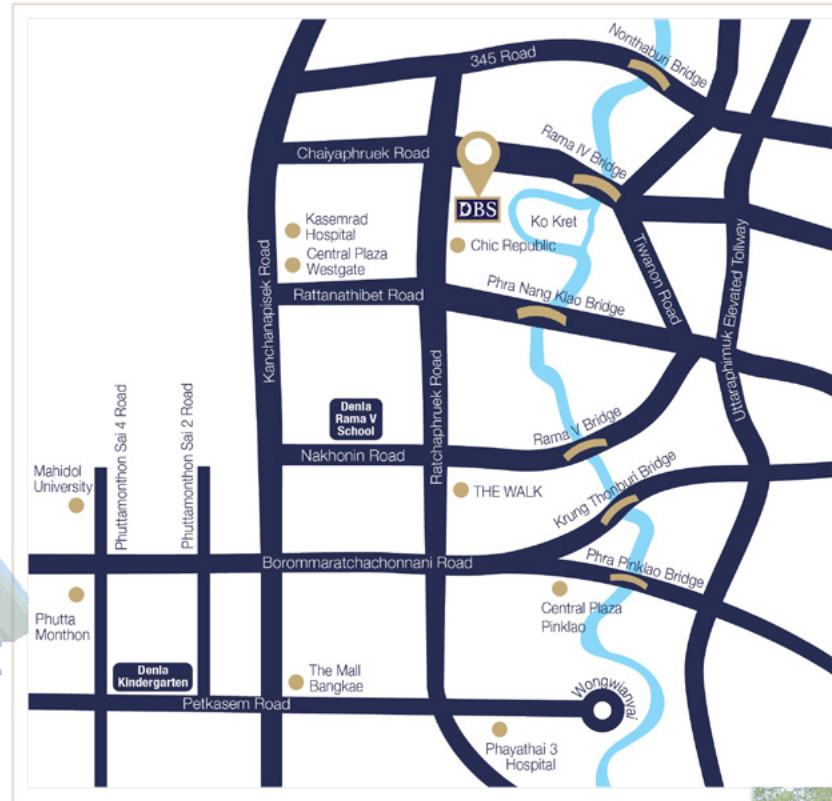
As members of FOBISIA, we have a wide variety of subject specific courses made available which we encourage staff to join or even to lead.

Additionally, our staff have participated in a range of courses with world renowned providers such as: Evidence Based Education; Chartered College of Teaching; Best Practice Network (for NPQ- training); Read Write Inc.

Our aim is that that when staff do eventually leave DBS that they are in a much stronger position than when they joined.



LOCATION





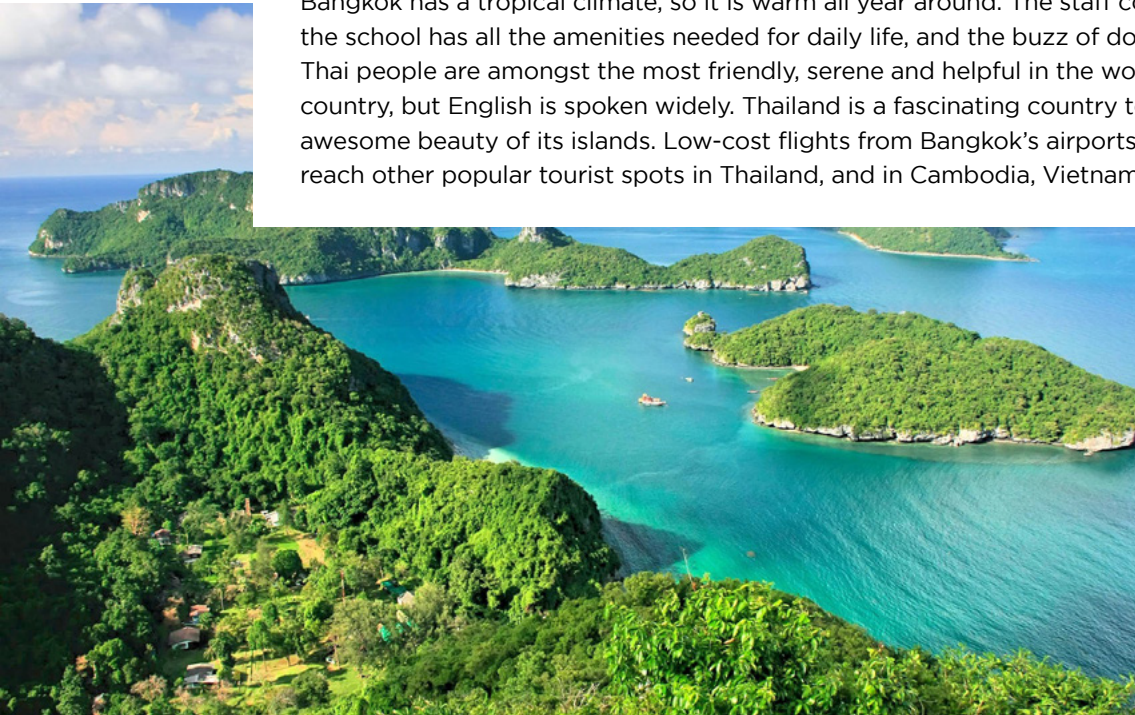
STAFF ACCOMMODATION

Our staff enjoy the convenience of on-site accommodation for the first year of their employment at DBS: secure living in well-appointed 1, 2 or 3 bedroom, fully furnished, apartments. The staff accommodation includes a communal pool, gym and a communal recreation area, 2 supermarkets, shopping malls and restaurants are with walking distance and a trip downtown will take approximately 45 minutes. Taxis are at least 75% cheaper in Bangkok than they are in the UK with a trip to Bangkok costing approximately 8 GBP on average.



Staff at DBS enjoy an excellent lifestyle.

Bangkok has a tropical climate, so it is warm all year around. The staff community is strong, friendly and very supportive. The area around the school has all the amenities needed for daily life, and the buzz of downtown Bangkok, with its many attractions, is 45 minutes away. Thai people are amongst the most friendly, serene and helpful in the world. Thai cuisine is delicious. Thai is the official language of the country, but English is spoken widely. Thailand is a fascinating country to explore, from the stunning architecture of the Wats, to the awesome beauty of its islands. Low-cost flights from Bangkok's airports, the nearest being 40 minutes from the School make it easy to reach other popular tourist spots in Thailand, and in Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Indonesia, Singapore etc.





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