

# Application for the Teaching Positions at Wellington College Bangkok

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Application is encouraged from motivated, inspired and outstanding UK-trained teachers who would like to join the staff team at this very exciting new 2-18 school in Bangkok, a South-East Asian hub of excellence in British international education.



Wellington College International Bangkok in Thailand opened in August 2018 and will grow to accommodate up to 1,500 girls and boys aged 2-18 years. The school's facilities are world-class: the design and appearance are modern yet combine distinctive features of Wellington College, Berkshire and elements of Thai culture. The buildings are set amidst a large, attractive, green campus in Krungthep Kreetha, an area midway between Bangkok city and Bangkok International Airport, nestled within the Unico Grande Golf Course.

In our first year of operation, we filled classes from Pre-Nursery to Year 6. In 2019, we open Year 7, extending our upper Prep School provision on a middle school model, with specialist teachers throughout from this point. We have already recruited more Early Years teachers, more Junior School class teachers and a selection of multi-skilled Senior School (or Middle School, or upper Prep School) subject teachers. We are now looking to complete our staffing provision for 2020-21 and beyond.



## The School

Wellington College Bangkok's mission is to deliver the most exceptional international education in Thailand—and across the region. We are proud and thrilled to be able to provide a significant piece in the jigsaw of Bangkok's growing prominence as a Southeast Asian hub, and we are delighted to welcome families of all nationalities.

Our School is purpose-built on an expansive greenfield campus. The buildings, designed by world-class architects, are airy and modern yet retain echoes of the grandeur of the past. Our sports facilities include a full Olympic-size 50-metre pool, a huge gymnasium, a 400-metre track, sports pitches, basketball and tennis courts—and a golf course. Our fully-equipped specialist areas, Harkness rooms, our theatre (opening early in 2020), our stylish Copenhagen Café (named after the Duke of Wellington's favourite horse), as well as the recreation areas—the green of the trees and the grass, the blue of the water—all play their part in making the experience of being at Wellington unique, exciting and, on top of that, fun.

The global family of Wellington Colleges—in the UK, China and here in Thailand—has a very strong reputation for the development of academic excellence, international-mindedness, leadership, responsibility, service to others, outstanding pastoral provision and an exceptionally rich programme of co-curricular activities.

Our values grow from those of our close partner school, the world-renowned Wellington College in Berkshire. It is a fundamental principle that every child can thrive when provided with outstanding, wide-ranging and open-ended opportunities to develop, explore and learn. Our students' individual responses to these opportunities, shepherded by some of the best teachers in the world and supported by our uniquely dedicated pastoral teams, can set them on the path to extraordinary academic achievement—which, at Wellington, routinely goes hand-in-hand with excellence in performing and visual arts, sport and service to others. This is what it means for the whole child to flourish.





## A Note from the Master

I'm delighted that you are considering a move to WCIB. We are offering an extraordinary opportunity to be a part of the ongoing creation of what has already become one of the best schools anywhere in the world.

The staff we select will need to be resourceful, creative, resilient and strongly motivated. The chance to build the character and identity of a school such as this from its infancy is not one many teachers ever get—and a lot don't want it, either. We require enormous commitment: you may (and should!) be attracted by Bangkok itself, and the beautiful country of Thailand, but please be aware that, during term time, you won't have much time to see them!



I'm looking for many qualities in applicants. Excellence in the classroom, thoughtful professionalism, unwavering determination—these are the obvious ones. I want to see *awe* as well. It seems to me that, to be able to open the eyes and minds of students, we all need to be pretty much constantly amazed, enthralled and astounded by the complete extraordinariness of the world and everything we're teaching. If we aren't awed, it's less likely that our students will be—and they should be. Students of every age should be reflecting, at the end of every day, on something motivatingly astonishing.

Please have a good look through this booklet; if you like what you see, and believe that you could be part of our team, do put in an application. Despite having opened thousands of recruitment emails over the years, I'm still excited about this process: the thrill of getting a well-crafted letter and a clear, impressive CV never diminishes!

Good luck

Christopher Nicholls Master, Wellington College Bangkok





# The Wellington Identity

What we expect from our students we must access in ourselves. Wellington teachers must be:

#### **Inspired**

We want Wellingtonians to have been genuinely excited by everything they have done during their years with us. They will have developed a zest for life so that they go into the world ready and able, in turn, to inspire others. This is the core pillar of the Wellington Identity.

#### Intellectual

Wellingtonians must move into the world able to think critically and to engage in deep learning. They will be able to study beyond the bounds of any curriculum, be inquisitive and ask questions of everything around them, and be imbued with a lifelong desire to keep learning.

#### **Independent**

Wellingtonians develop personal, cognitive, social and study skills that enable them to cope with the challenges of university and their lives beyond. They adapt, cope and thrive in an ever-changing world. This is reflected in our academic curriculum, our co-curricular programme, our commitment to the coaching philosophy, and our focus on character development and leadership.

#### Individual

The aim of a Wellington education is to allow students to develop themselves fully in every sense. The pastoral care and focus on student wellbeing at the College values each student as a unique individual. The journey to individuality is also reflected in our broad curricular and co-curricular opportunities: all our students discover and develop fully their own talents, passions and interests: interested children become interesting adults.

#### **Inclusive**

Wellingtonians will leave the College not in a bubble of elitism, privilege and exclusivity, but with the moral values and social conscience to serve others and do good in life. This inclusivity includes a strong pride in coeducation, a commitment to internationalism and a service programme rooted in depth and honesty.





## The Curriculum

WCIB offers the EYFS followed, from Year I, by the National Curriculum for England as a basis for all subjects. The school will prepare students for the IGCSE in the Senior School and the IB Diploma or A-levels in the Sixth Form.

The taught curriculum is very important and we take it very seriously. Our task is **never to deliver the standard experience**—the lesson that everyone gets—but to give our students the best every day. It's a challenge that not every teacher desires, but we only want those who *cannot wait* to follow this principle.



An extensive co-curricular programme of sports and other enrichment activities is provided to balance and broaden the experience of the students. The highest quality of pastoral provision, and personal focus, is central to the Wellington philosophy; a thriving House system and a purposeful Wellbeing programme are central features of all Wellington schools. Teachers are expected to take a full part in the daily life of the School, assisting or leading activities; monitoring and engaging actively with children during their Prep and other independent work time; contributing positively to the House structure and programme of events.





## The Post

Wellington College Bangkok is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

The following list is not exhaustive but represents the main professional duties of a WCIB teacher. This Job Description should be read and understood in conjunction with the WCIB Teacher Standards, the Staff Handbook and the teacher's contract.

#### I. Teaching

- 1.1. Planning and preparing schemes of work and lessons, in collaboration with other staff as appropriate and in accordance with the School's Curriculum Policy
- 1.2. Teaching the students in your class and setting and marking their work, including internally-assessed tests or examinations carried out by these students
- 1.3. Assessing, recording and reporting on the progress, development and attainment of students using the School's systems appropriately
- 1.4. Promoting the progress and wellbeing of individual students and of classes or groups of students that are assigned to you
- 1.5. Keeping records and creating reports on students' personal and social development and needs
- 1.6. Communicating, and developing a strong working relationship, with parents of all assigned students and meeting them whenever required or necessary
- 1.7. Communicating and working with agencies outside School where required
- 1.8. Attending and participating in meetings relating to any of the roles and responsibilities outlined in this Job Description
- 1.9. Taking students out of school for fixtures, tournaments and School trips including, as required, residentials
- 1.10. Actively supporting and taking part in the School's programme of co-curricular, House and other activities, including leading team practices before/after school

#### 2. Professional Development

- 2.1. Playing a positive and constructive role in the School's Research and Development programme, including a minimum of thirty-five hours of professional development activity annually and active membership of at least one R&D group per year
- 2.2. Taking a full part in the School's Performance Management process
- 2.3. Reviewing on a regular basis your teaching methods and related schemes of work
- 2.4. Taking part in regular in-service training and continuing professional development, as agreed with the School

#### 3. Child Protection, behaviour management and health and safety

- 3.1. Promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people for whom you are responsible, and with whom you come into contact
- 3.2. Maintaining high standards of behaviour and safeguarding students' health and safety both on School premises and during School activities elsewhere

#### 4. Administration

4.1. Registering student attendance and supervising before and after school, as required

#### 5. Genera

5.1. Actively supporting the Values, Identity and Ethos of the school Any other reasonable duties as requested by the Head of Junior School or the Master.



## **The Person**

Successful candidates will have an honours degree plus PGCE and/or QTS. Further qualifications and evidence of ongoing training or study in the field of education are desirable but not essential. Experience of teaching in a British School—independent or state—is necessary and knowledge of British international schools an advantage. Being an excellent teacher, as evidenced by confidential



references from current and past employers, as well as direct observation by WCIB senior staff, is essential. We expect all our staff to be motivated, committed, respectful, inclusive, intellectual, independent, individual, inspired, reliable, tenacious, culturally aware and sensitive, calm, flexible and able to laugh at themselves.

## **Remuneration**

The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary and package with benefits including high-quality accommodation and medical insurance as well as places in the School for children (Pre-Nursery to Y8 next year – expanding naturally as the school grows); further details will be discussed at interview.





# **Application for this Post**

Candidates should, in the first instance, complete our online Staff Application Form, which can be found <a href="mailto:here">here</a>, then email a letter of application and a full, up-to-date CV to recruitment@wellingtoncollege.ac.th. The closing date for applications is **Sunday I 2<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. But the sooner you apply the better: don't wait till the deadline if you can help it!

Longlisted candidates will be interviewed via Skype on a rolling basis (please note that longlisting begins before the deadline for applications); those on the shortlist will be asked either to submit a videoed lesson for observation purposes or – whenever possible – to allow us to visit them in their classrooms for personal lesson observations. Please contact us for further details.

## **References**

We contact all the referees of all shortlisted candidates; if you have a specific preference that we not contact someone immediately, please indicate this in your application.

# **Identification and Qualifications**

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to show originals of all qualifications referenced in their applications, along with proof of identity. Qualifications may be further checked by phone or other means.

## Safer Recruitment

WCIB is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults. All applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and Disclosure and Barring Service checks.

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