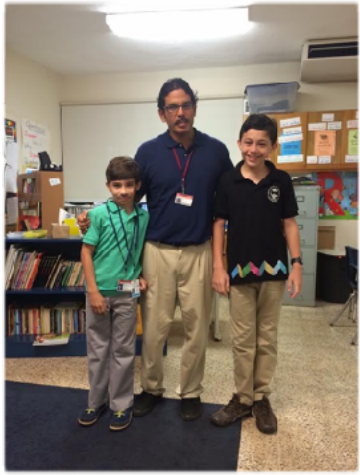


New Teacher Profile



The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

My brother and I traveled to Mexico to see the Mayan pyramids. Chichen Itza a world-famous complex of Mayan ruins on Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula.

Name: Luis Avila

Subject: Primary Teacher

Qualifications: Bachelor of Arts Degree and Teaching certificate: C.S.U.S.M

Home country: USA

Experience: teaching for the last seven years in the Dominican Republic and five years in San Diego, California USA.

What will you bring to ABIS?

I hope to bring a hardworking, helpful attitude to ABIS. Additionally, I hope to be a team player and add to the overall success of ABIS as a school.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

I have always enjoyed working with children whether it be in coaching, mentoring, or teaching. Children make me passionate about teaching. I am honored and humbled by what my students have taught me about their lives and culture.

The best teacher I ever had...

Ms. Sega, my fourth grade teacher, was my favorite teacher because she listened and genuinely cared about all of her students. Ms. Sega was from Samoa and shared that beautiful culture with my peers and me.



My dream dinner guests...

- ❖ Muhammad Ali
- ❖ Dalai Lama
- ❖ Jon Stewart

Hobbies:

I love the ocean/pool/sea/river to swim or just to get some Vitamin D.

I enjoy basketball and working out. I love vegan food.

New Teacher Profile



Name : Sharan Dhami

Subject: Primary Teacher

Qualifications: Media and Cultural Studies degree, a PGCE (UK teaching qualification) and have recently earned my Masters in Education.

Home Country: UK

Experience: I have been teaching for 3 years in a Grade 3 classroom. Before that I taught ESL

The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...*is moving to Vienna, Austria, aged 21. I had finished university, and wanted to spend a year abroad as a break. I found a job in a school and stayed for 7 years!*

What will you bring to ABIS?

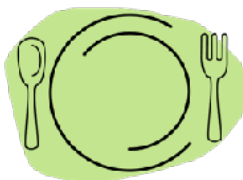
I hope to bring my enthusiasm, energy and passion for community to ABIS. I am also excited about the curriculum and progression of learning in PYP, and hope to contribute fresh ideas and pedagogical knowledge.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

I thoroughly enjoy teaching in the Primary Years programme. I find facilitating the development of children fulfilling, in particular encouraging the growth of creativity, critical thinking and empathy. It is a pleasure to be helping shape the children who will be taking action to make the world a better place in the future.

The best teacher I ever had...

Ms Nelson. She was my Year 3 teacher in England and she was loved by all the children in the class. This was due to her incredible warmth and understanding of all children, regardless of what learning style or social/behavioral needs the children displayed. Truly inspiring!



My dream dinner guests...

- Elvis Presley
- Malala Yousafzai
- Martin Scorsese

Hobbies:

I am a movie buff and love watching movies and reading movie scripts. I also love listening to music and going to see music live, from classical to rock. I enjoy writing and often (attempt) to write scripts and stories.

New Teacher Profile



The Most Interesting
Thing I Have done...

- Lived in 9 countries-

Name: Caroline Fogiel

Subject: Whole School Curriculum Coordinator
and Secondary French Teacher

Qualifications: Masters in Political Science,
Bachelor of Law and Graduate Diploma of
Education

Home country: France

Experience: Teaching for 15 years

What will you bring to ABIS?

My desire to learn more about learning and
to contribute to the development of the
young and exciting ABIS

A broad international teaching experience

A solid training on curriculum development
and alignment to foster students' learning.

What makes you
passionate about your
subject?

*Learning about different
cultures and developing
international mindedness
in my students through
French studies*

The best teacher I ever had...

*Was my social studies teacher in
Grade 10. She could build a
productive community spirit in our class
and had the ability to draw the best
out of each of her students. She was
demanding and caring.*

My dream dinner guests...

- ❖ my Grade 10 teacher
- ❖ my Grand-mother
- ❖ my very first boss



Hobbies:

**world politics, traveling, meeting people from
all around the world.**

New Teacher Profile



The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

Working in an advertising agency

Name: Ann Gaillard

Subject(s): Secondary Team Leader (and Languages)

Qualifications: M.A. Education, TESOL and Communications, B.A. Communications, Teaching Certificate

Home Country: France

What will you bring to ABIS?

My enthusiasm and dedication to offer the best possible learning environment for students.

My priority as a leader is to support a staff of dedicated professionals who are focused on creating and building learning environments in which students feel safe in challenging themselves to reach their full potential.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

When you learn a new language, you also get to learn about the cultures of the people who speak the language.

The best teacher I ever had...

Dr. Ruth Palmer - knowledgeable, elegant and committed to her craft



My dream dinner guests...

◆ Michelle Obama

◆ Dr. Siva Kumari

Hobbies:

When I am not working, I spend as much time as possible with my husband and three children. My annual goals that continue to elude me are eating healthier and exercising regularly.

Sohar may just be the place to inspire me to finally accomplish these goals. I also love movies, fashion and cooking.

New Teacher Profile



The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

Participating in the Jimmy Carter working project in 1999 and building in a week a brand new barangay in Maragondon, Cavite.

Name: Sebastien Gaillard

Subject: French

Qualifications: Teaching Certification in French and Spanish as a foreign language, BA in History in Geography, Masters Degree in French Civilization and Post Graduate Teacher Training in Secondary Education

Home Country: France

What will you bring to ABIS?

I hope to bring a positive attitude and ... chocolates... (I'd rather go for cheese but it does not travel well!)

What makes you passionate about your subject?

The love for communication and culture as well as a student's learning.

The best teacher I ever had...

He was a history teacher and an artist and he was using real art work to give a different feel to his lessons.



My dream dinner guests...

- ◆ Bill Gates
- ◆ Georges Lucas
- ◆ Marie Antoinette

Hobbies:

I enjoy reading graphic novels and playing with my kids

New Teacher Profile



Name: Nisreen Khaleel

Subject: Arabic

Qualifications: B.Ed in Arabic Classroom Teaching

Home Country: Jordan

Experience: I have taught Arabic for 10 years.

The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

Riding the Telefrique in Tai'f, KSA was a really cool experience as the view was breathtaking. The mountainous range along with the high altitude made for a scary yet different experience!

What will you bring to ABIS?

I aspire to create an atmosphere of joy in the classroom to help foster a bond between my subject and my students.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

Variety and flexibility are features that teaching is all about. What makes me ever more passionate is how open-ended teaching is. One can literally utilize all resources to their liking and tailor them to their students' needs. I simply love the endless possibilities that teaching has to offer. It's a creative endeavor, just like art.

The best teacher I ever had...

My Arabic teacher in middle school inspired me to read this subject at University. He consistently allotted free-writing time during his lessons where we can write just about anything. This truly brought me closer to the intricacies of the language.



My dream dinner guests...

- ❖ My Mother
- ❖ My Father
- ❖ My Husband

Hobbies:

Traveling, reading, and most importantly cooking and patisserie making.

New Teacher Profile



The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

Making the move from Vancouver to Ha Noi, Vietnam. This was my first overseas adventure as a teacher, and the experience was amazing.

Name: Eric Larsen

Subject: Primary Teacher

Qualifications: Bachelor of Education with a specialization in English Language Learning and PB-15 in Global Education from Simon Fraser University

Home Country: Canada

Experience: Teaching for 18 years

What will you bring to ABIS?

I hope to bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm as well as a desire to improve my own craft. I enjoy teaching in a fun, collaborative environment.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

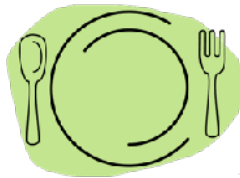
I love the energy that comes from the students each day, and how their knowledge and questions guide how we approach our units and lessons. Every year is a brand new fresh start with a new group of diverse students with different perspectives to lend to each of our topics. The students curiosity and growth inspires me.

The best teacher I ever had...

Moving around through several schools I saw strengths in many of my teachers. My Grade 10 English teacher, Mr. Carr, was definitely a stand out. He was the person who was able to finally get me interested in reading and literature. His ability to analyze characters and plots was superb, but he always included the students naturally in this process, and made every one in the room comfortable with sharing ideas and valuing all perspectives and opinions.

My dream dinner guests...

- ❖ *Elon Musk (Tesla, SpaceX)*
- ❖ *Eric Idle (Monty Python)*
- ❖ *Victor Wooten (Bass Guitar Guru)*



Hobbies:

I love traveling and outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, walking, swimming, snorkeling, and anything else under the sun! I also enjoy photography and music. I play guitar, bass and few other instruments for fun and relaxation.

New Teacher Profile



Name: Sarah Larsen

Subject: Primary Teacher

Qualifications: Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Education and a Global Education Diploma

Home Country: Canada

Experience: Teaching for 20 years

The Most Interesting things I've Done...

I am very lucky to have hiked to some amazing places in the world: Machu Picchu, the Great Wall of China, the Himalayas in Bhutan, and the peak of Mt. Kinabalu.

What will you bring to ABIS?

Creativity: I love to build on others' ideas and offer lots of my own.

Fun: Laughter is a great way to bring people together. Canadians are known for their sense of humour!

Enthusiasm: I am full of energy because I love what I do.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

I love working with kids. Kids are awesome! Every class I work with is different, special and unique. Developing a community of caring learners who support and encourage one another to be their best is always rewarding

The best teacher I ever had...

Mr. Parker my high school history teacher. He encouraged us to go deeper into social justice topics. He is the reason I majored in history in university.



My dream dinner guests...

- ❖ The Dalai Lama
- ❖ Princess Diana
- ❖ Terry Fox

Hobbies:

I love walking, baking, hiking, yoga, reading and listening to music. Traveling and experiencing new cultures around the world has always been an passion of mine.

New Teacher Profile



The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

In 1987 I was elected onto my local council as a councillor and for a year in 1991/1992 I was Mayor of my local municipality

Name: Kirsty Lottkowitz

Subject: Primary Teacher

Qualifications: BSc. in Botany and Microbiology and a Diploma of Teaching (Primary)

Home country: Australia

Experience: I have been teaching 32

What will you bring to ABIS?

Enthusiasm, experience, a sense of fun and a smile

What makes you passionate about your subject?

A desire to help my students to become independent thinkers and learners. I personally have a love of learning which makes me a natural inquirer

The best teacher I ever had...

Stuart Blackler taught year 12 English and taught me that I was free to express any opinion as long as I was prepared to back it up. "If you didn't like the book, say so, just be able to make a clear case why." He taught us not to be afraid to give an opposing view and to say what we think. Invaluable lessons in life.



My dream dinner guests...

- ◆ Jimmy Carter
- ◆ Galileo Galilei
- ◆ Edward Jenner

Hobbies:

I play guitar (though not wonderfully) and I love singing. I thoroughly enjoy a good book. I love baking and cooking food from all corners of the globe.

New Teacher Profile



Name: John Matinde Mwita

Subject: Secondary IB Physics & General Science Teacher

Qualifications: B.Ed (Hons) and a Master of Science, MSc.

Home Country: Kenya

Experience: Teaching for eight years

The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

Meeting amazing mentors and people who I learned a lot from and having the privilege to see through their eyes.

What will you bring to ABIS?

Provide interesting, stimulating and challenging programs that reflect and develop students' abilities and interests. Help train the school basketball team.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

Physics is the basis for modern technology.

It is a super feeling when my students gain powerful tools to express their creativity and see the world in new ways - which Physics provides.

The best teacher I ever had...

My high school Chemistry teacher! I liked the way he explored ways of creating authentic learning opportunities for us. He really got us to see the value of chemical reactions, equations and calculating 'moles' to real life problems.



My dream dinner guests...

- ◆ My late grandma
- ◆ Barack Obama
- ◆ The late Steve Jobs

Hobbies:

*Participating in charitable activities.
Playing and watching basketball.*

New Teacher Profile



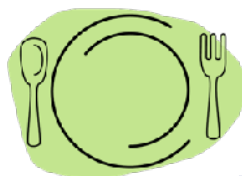
The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

International teaching has taken me many different places and has given me varied experiences.



What makes you passionate about your subject?

For maths, I enjoy problem solving and real-life applications. I'm more passionate about teaching. I understand student centered learning very well. When I help students to gain understanding or to see the world in a different way it still never fails to be enjoyable. I also feel that I have learnt so much from the students I have taught.



Name: Matthew Taylor

Subject(s): Secondary Maths and Science

Qualifications: Bsc Environmental Science and PGCE education (2 year course) specializing in Maths

Home Country: UK

What will you bring to ABIS?

I really want to set up cross curricular learning experiences that are relevant and meaningful. I'm highly confident with technology. I'm knowledgeable about differing curricula and relevant learning approaches. I'm a good listener and I'm adaptable.

The best teacher I ever had...

Mr Williams my Geography teacher.

He did love the subject, but it was more down to how caring a teacher he was.

I worked with him 11 years ago and he hadn't changed apart from having aged dramatically. It was nice to be able to tell him about the effect he had on me and my life.

My dream dinner guests...

- ❖ Martin O'Neil (European football)
- ❖ Lennox Lewis
- ❖ Mary J. Blige
- ❖ Peter Kay

Hobbies:

I enjoy fitness, movies, learning about different cultures. At the moment, most of my time is devoted to my family

New Teacher Profile



The Most Interesting Thing I Have Done...

I spent three weeks on a camping safari in Africa

Name: Eletia Thomas

Subject: IT & Digital Learning/Maths

Qualifications: Bachelor of Information Technology

Graduate Diploma of Education

Home Country: Australia

Experience: Teaching for six & a half years

What will you bring to ABIS?

A joy of learning. I hope to have students wanting to come to Maths class because they enjoy what we are doing and are eager to learn. I hope to build positive relationships with my students that encourage them to want to do their best at all times and to make them comfortable asking for help when they need it.

What makes you passionate about your subject?

The "Aha" moment when you can see that the Maths is clicking into place and a student "gets" it. The moment a student tells you that "this stuff" is finally making sense.

The best teacher I ever had...

My Maths practicum teacher when I was studying to become a teacher. She was an amazing teacher, her classroom was everything I wanted mine to be. Her classes were disciplined but engaging and she made it look so easy. Of course it wasn't easy!! But she took the time to work with me to develop my strategies, and teaching techniques. She gave me the space to make mistakes but always took the time to review with me so I could learn from them and avoid repeating them. **She organised for other teachers to welcome me into their classrooms and teach me their "tricks and tips"**. She mentored me through my pre-teaching experiences and I was lucky enough that she was there to mentor me through my beginning teacher years too. I am definitely a better teacher than I would have been without her.



My dream dinner guests...

- ❖ My sister
- ❖ My brother-in-law
- ❖ My niece

Hobbies:

"Travelling - I love seeing new places and discovering new cultures. I just got back from Greece where I spent hours just wandering through all the little alleys in Santorini. I spent my days discovering hidden little churches, amazing architecture, stunning views, meeting wonderful, friendly people and trying new foods.