New teachers for 2016-17

We are very fortunate to be able to welcome new teaching colleagues with a wide range of interests and experiences. I am sure they will enjoy working with your children at TBS and I know they will be able to rely on the support of the whole TBS community as they take up their new posts.

Congratulations to current TBS teachers who will take on new leadership roles in 2016-17

- Maifa Filion - Head of Early Years & Key Stage 1
- Jennifer Hinchly - Head of Science
- Steve Jones - Head of Primary Music
- William Rigby - Examinations Officer
- Veer Shah - Assessment coordinator (Secondary)
- Gary Wambeek - Head of Key Stage 4

Replacing colleagues who are moving on to new challenges

Justin Chamberlain - Primary teacher

After beginning his teaching career in the UK in 2004, Justin moved to Malaysia to work at Garden International School, Malaysia. He is currently teaching a mixed Foundation 1 and 2 class and he has been ICT coordinator since he moved to the Kuantan Campus in 2011. In his ICT coordinator role, Justin has overseen the introduction of a 1-to-1 iPad scheme and trained staff on the use of the ICT with their children. Justin will be joined in Kathmandu by his wife, Allison, and their children Catherine and Josephine.

Sasha Dalmonego - Primary teacher

Sasha is the Year 6 teacher and leader at the Taipei European School where she has worked since 2013. Her prior experience in the UK saw her teach across Key Stage 2 at Cuckmere House School in East Sussex as well as support children with Special Educational Needs at South Downs Special School. Her interests include yoga, running and writing and she recently cycled across Taiwan from North to South over 4 days. Sasha will be accompanied by her partner, Ashley, who has been appointed teacher of Music.

Bronwen Duffield - Primary teacher

After working at Dulwich College Beijing, Bronwen returned to teach in the UK and she currently teaches a Year 3 class at Newport Primary School. She is completing a Masters in Educational and Social Research and her particular interests include gaming in education, migrant education in China and digital anthropology. Bronwen has led a wide range of extra-curricular activities including Lego Robotics, Rummiklub, drama and orienteering.

Roberto Iannandrea - Director of Music

After gaining his teaching qualification in 2006, Roberto has taught in London and in various international schools with his most recent posting being at the newly established International School of Gabon - Ecole Ruban Vert. As well as being an experienced leader of Music and Performing Arts departments, Roberto has also held pastoral roles such as Head of House. He obtained a Master of Arts in Music Education in 2010 at the Institute of Education, UCL and is now working towards his doctorate. Roberto will relocate to Kathmandu with his wife Maria and 1 year old daughter Nefertiti Tiwonge.

Rohan Jayatilake - Physical Education teacher

After obtaining his BA (Education) and BSc (Health & PE) from Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia (where he was on the Honour roll for high achievement in both degrees!) he has worked in Australian schools for 5 years before successfully applying for the post at TBS. In addition to teaching PE across the age ranges, Rohan has taught Personal Health & Social Education and been heavily involved in a range of outdoor activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award as well as being a qualified Abseiling, Caving and Rock climbing instructor. Although he has expertise across the range of sports taught at TBS, Rohan is a Muay Thai Kickboxing coach and instructor and he trains and plays football for a local club.

Julie Lee - Chinese teacher

Having been born in China, Julie is trilingual (Chinese/ French/ English). She has a PGCE in MFL (French and Chinese) and is currently teaching Chinese to Year 9, GCSE and A Level students at Blundells School in the UK and GCSE and IB Chinese students at Taunton School. At both schools she is setting up school links and organising exchange trips in China. As well as Chinese and French, Julie can also teach ICT and her pre-teaching career was in ICT when she lived in Paris.
Alistair Paul - ICT Network Manager & Teacher of ICT
Alistair is currently ICT Network Manager and ICT teacher at the Vijay International School in the Seychelles. He has recent UK experience in Buckinghamshire and Manchester as well as working as an ICT technician and engineer in previous non-teaching roles. He has played a full role in extra-curricular clubs at all the schools he has worked at including being involved in drama productions, DJ clubs, and in various ICT activities. Alistair will travel to Kathmandu with his partner, Amy.

Dávid Simon - Physics & Science teacher
Dávid’s current post at the Pan American School of Bahia in Salvador, Brazil has seen him teach Integrated Science, Physics and Chemistry and he has a wealth of diverse experience having taught in New York, Beijing, Ho Chi Minh City and at Borden Grammar School in the UK. Dávid has been involved with a range of diverse extracurricular projects including leading a Gifted & Talented Science Club, supporting the coaching of swimming and cross country running, and outdoor pursuits. Dávid speaks fluent English, Hungarian, French and German, as well as developing his Chinese and Portuguese whilst in his most recent posts. He will be accompanied by his partner Noémi.

Anna Siuta - English/EAL teacher
Before taking a year out to improve her Spanish and explore South America, Anna worked at the Morley Academy in Leeds until July 2015 where she taught English at all secondary levels. In addition to her English teaching experience and support of students with Special Educational Needs, she also holds a Diploma in TESOL (Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages), has an MA in English language teaching and a distinction in a 2 year Spanish Studies course. In her school holidays, Anna has worked on voluntary international educational programmes in countries such as India, Kenya, Indonesia and Nepal.

New TBS posts due to the introduction of new subjects or growth in particular subject areas

Tyler Berrigan - Science teacher (part-time)
At Uralla Central School in Australia Tyler taught Science and Chemistry. He came to teaching after beginning his career in academic and commercial laboratory work. Tyler will work at TBS to support the department in teaching Key Stage 3 Science classes and we hope he will be able to bring his practical scientific expertise to bear in helping the department develop further. He lives in Kathmandu with his wife Penelope.

Ashley Bousfield - Music teacher
Ashley’s most recent post was at the Taipei European School where he was Secondary Music teacher and Director of Choral Studies. His previous post in the UK saw him also teach music technology and coordinate this element of the Music syllabus. Ashley’s specialities are piano, vocals, saxophone, guitar and music technology and, in his Director of Choral Studies role, has run a variety of choirs. Ashley will travel to Kathmandu with his partner Sasha who will work in the Primary section of the school.

Deborah Ettinger - Head of Drama/ English teacher
Deborah is the Head of Drama and English teacher at Dorothy Stringer School in Brighton and has taught there since 2001. A regular visitor to Nepal to teach and work with community projects, she is keen to develop Drama and contribute to TBS productions having worked with the National Youth Theatre, the school’s Shakespeare Festival and the Brighton Fringe Festival as well as producing school productions and working with her own youth theatre company. An experienced English teacher, Deborah will also work with the secondary English department and support all the public performances and productions across the school.

James Gray - Primary teacher
James has spent the last year teaching in Thailand as part of the Triadhos Three Generation Barge Program which facilitates historical, cultural and environmental educational trips for children aged 5-18. Prior to this James taught at two primary schools in Devon whilst completing his teacher training through the University of Plymouth after gaining a Geography degree at Reading University. He is a keen environmentalist who has volunteered for a number of UK wildlife organisations such as Camp Wild education camps and Dartmoor National Park schemes. James has also been involved with environmental projects in Hungary, Iceland and Indonesia and we hope to utilise some of his expertise in our environmental work at TBS.

Anna Griffin - Primary teacher in charge of Primary Modern Foreign Languages
Anna has worked at St. Andrews International School in Thailand since 2013. She leads the Key Stage 1 team, is the Modern Foreign Languages subject leader and she is qualified as a Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award Leader. Anna is also a qualified TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) teacher and she has taught
After completing her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at the La Trobe University in Melbourne where she also gained her primary teaching qualification. Before teaching, Lindsay worked in hospitality and we are sure her expertise in food and cooking will be useful in the classroom and as part of the clubs and activities programme. Lindsay travels to Kathmandu with her partner Marcel.

Monica Justice - French teacher (part-time)
Monica is an experienced teacher who has been in Kathmandu for a number of years, most recently teaching at Lincoln School and the American Language Center. She joins us to teach French to Key Stage 3 classes but she is also a trained Spanish teacher who has also taught a wide range of other subjects including English, History, project work and literacy. Outside of school Monica enjoys a range of sporting and artistic activities and we look forward to seeing her use her skills to further develop the opportunities in languages at TBS.

Hilary Knowles - Mathematics teacher
Hilary knows TBS and Kathmandu extremely well having been a parent here and we are very happy to welcome her back to teach Mathematics. After obtaining a First class honours degree in Mathematics, Hilary obtained her Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) at Glasgow University and taught in Scotland before working at Whitmore High School in Harrow. As well as her mathematics expertise, she is also a UK trained ‘Exercise to Music’ teacher and taught body conditioning classes when posted in Kathmandu between 2008-2012. Hilary will be joined in Kathmandu by her family and we also look forward to her son, Edward, joining us in Year 10.

Marie-José Da Silva Macedo - French teacher (part-time)
Marie-José, who comes to TBS through the Alliance Francaise de Kathmandou, will also support the teaching of French across the school and she will work primarily with native French speakers and alongside Mr. Huet in some secondary lessons. Marie-José has a Master Histoire degree from Amiens and has been teaching since she graduated in 2006. Before moving to Kathmandu Marie-José taught in Peru after establishing her career in France.

Jenny Pinder - Geography teacher (with other responsibilities)
Jenny currently teaches at Elstree School in Woolhampton, Reading where she is Assistant Director of Studies and Head of Geography. In previous schools she has been a Housemistress and an Outdoor Education teacher. At Elstree she has been involved in preparing the school for inspection, running the Eco Schools and Green Trees Schools programme, organising community and fundraising projects as well as overseeing a younger Elstree version of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Sumi Shakya Khadka - Nepali teacher
Sumi joins us from Ullens Kindergarten where she was a class teacher after starting her teaching career at Joy Bells International playgroup. She has a Masters degree from Tribhuvan University and has been teaching since 2005. She will work closely with Mr. Khatiwada to put in place the vision we have for an enhanced and more individualised Nepali curriculum across the school and she will focus on working with the younger children initially.

Chantelle Smith - Biology & Science teacher
Chantelle joins us from Greengates School in Mexico where she has taught Biology and Chemistry and led the development of the Key Stage 3 Science curriculum. After gaining her Biochemistry degree from King’s College London and her PGCE teaching qualification at Brunel University, she taught for a number of years in London and in Egypt before moving to Mexico. Chantelle has been involved in a wide range of extra curricular activities including supervising Year 12 & 13 students teaching English and Mathematics in the local community and she recently supported her students in a nationwide battery recycling competition collecting an extremely impressive 2,240kg of batteries!

Hannah Straw - Head of History
Currently working at the British School of Bucharest, Hannah teaches History across the age range as well as Geography, World Religions, Sociology and PSHE. She is also a Head of House and is responsible for community projects such as supporting her students in working with a local disabled children’s home. Hannah has an MA in History (Research) from the University of Nottingham and in her spare time she has completed marathons and ultra-marathons as well as being a keen hiker and mountaineer. She will travel to Kathmandu with her partner Sergiu.

Jonathan Alderson - English teacher
Jonathan graduated from the University of Nottingham with a first class degree and worked in educational media for ten years. He produced programmes on best practice in the UK and abroad, helping to establish an educational television network in Nigeria. He lived for several years in Ghana, West Africa where he worked for a national television broadcaster. On returning to the UK he decided to return to education, retraining as an English teacher. He is currently teaching English at Nova Hreod Academy in Swindon. Jonathan will be joined in Kathmandu by his wife Louisa who works in the field of international development.

Joining TBS in January
Sean Moore - English teacher
Sean is an experienced English teacher who joins us from Stoke Newington School where he has been Head of Media and Film Studies. He has been teaching since 1999 after graduating with a joint honours English and History degree from Keele University and gaining his PGCE teaching qualification at the Institute of Education in London. During his time at Stoke Newington he has overseen the rebuilding of their TV studio and his expertise in the use of ICT to support the teaching of English, Film and Media studies will be put to good use at TBS. Sean will join TBS from January 2017.