



Teachers' Profiles

2020/2021





Vision

To provide an innovative international education that inspires learners to make a positive impact on the world.

Mission

To provide an inclusive learning community, embracing diversity by offering a challenging IB education which empowers its members to be caring, global citizens.

Senior Management Team



Anne Fowles

Head of School

*Qualification: M.B.A.(Ed. Mgt.); Adv. Dip. Tchg; Dip. Ed.
Nationality: New Zealander*

Mrs Fowles has over 20 years of diverse experience leading schools in New Zealand, China, Thailand, Mongolia, Fiji and Malaysia. She is experienced as a team chair for the Council of International Schools (CIS), the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation agencies, as well as being an IB team leader for school verification and evaluation, and an IB workshop leader, consultant, field representative and presenter at various conferences.

Mrs Fowles is a member of the Council of International Schools Board of Trustees and President of the Association of Malaysian IB Schools. Previously she has been Chair of the IB Heads Council, a member of the IB Board of Governors, a member of the IB Asia Pacific Regional Council, Chair of the Association of Chinese and Mongolian IB Schools (ACMIBS) and President of the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS).

IGB International School offers a premier International Baccalaureate experience to its students, provided by very experienced teachers in an exceptional school facility. Mrs Fowles is proud to be its Head of School.





Simon Millward

Elementary School Principal

Qualification: M.B.A. (Educational Management); B.A.(Hons.) Physical Education & Recreation; QTS (Primary Education)

Nationality: British

Mr Millward has been teaching abroad for over 20 years and has previously worked in schools in Kuwait, Germany, Thailand and Turkey. He has extensive training and experience teaching both the PYP and MYP IB programmes. He is a workshop leader in both the PYP and the MYP, and he is a PYP school visitor team leader and team member. He loves to coach football of all ages and has been known to MC and sing at school events.



Sandy van Nooten

Secondary School Principal

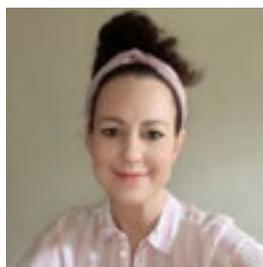
Qualification: Masters of Science & Educational Leadership; Graduate Diploma of Education (Science & Mathematics); Graduate Diploma of Technology; Bachelor of Science

Nationality: Australian

Sandy has worked in International Schools for over twenty years including IB schools in India, South Africa, Philippines, Colombia and China. She has considerable experience teaching MYP and DP Mathematics and has been a DP Math examiner and a DP Coordinator. As an administrator, Sandy has led several schools through Verification and Authorisation for both MYP and DP programs. She is passionate about learning and providing an environment where everyone is encouraged to take risks, to challenge themselves and to continue to grow.



Elementary School



Aga Chojnacka

PYP Coordinator

Qualification: M.A. Applied Linguistics (specialising in Teaching & Translation), B.A. (TEFL)

Nationality: Polish

Ms Chojnacka is an enthusiastic pedagogical leader and a lifelong learner. Over the past 14 years, she has grown from a homeroom teacher to a teacher trainer, and since 2008 she has been a PYP Coordinator and IB PYP workshop leader, visiting team leader and IB consultant. She holds a B.A. in teaching English to Young Learners and an M.A in Teaching & Translation. Ms Chojnacka has worked in international schools in Poland and China and has consulted for schools across Asia-Pacific. She lives in KL with her two daughters, Nina and Zoja. The family loves exploring the outdoors, yoga, cooking and music.



Alexandru Milescu

PYP Music Teacher

Qualification: B.A. in Music (Music Pedagogy); M.A. (Musicology), QTS

Nationality: Romanian

Before joining IGBIS in 2019, Mr Milescu was teaching the PYP at an international school in Portugal. What working with children aged 3 to 11 has taught him is that in-depth musical knowledge, endless patience, gentle humour, and a strong sense of empathy can bring down any barriers. Yes, leading a music class in the PYP can get quite noisy, but it is exactly this noise that brings Mr Milescu the greatest joy and satisfaction as it means that his students are engaged, enthusiastic and willing to take risks and experiment with their voices and other instruments. What he tries to keep in mind while teaching is that he is a student himself and a great deal can be learned from his students.



Caitlan Hurrell

PYP Teacher

Qualification: Dip. Teaching & Learning; B.Ed. endorsed with P.E.

Nationality: New Zealander

Before joining IGBIS in 2019, Ms Hurrell was previously worked within schools in New Zealand, as a classroom teacher. She is enthusiastic about children and their individual learning journeys. Ms. Hurrell's passions outside of the classroom setting can be seen through her love of the outdoors, coaching and playing water polo, and her love of travel.



Ella Leong

PYP Teacher

Qualification: MA Education; PGCEi; MACTE (Early Childhood Diploma); BA (Geography)

Nationality: Hong Konger

Ms Leong spent the past 18 years living abroad for school and for work. Previously, she worked at schools in Canada, China and Indonesia. She has extensive experience in Montessori, PYP and inquiry-based learning. She is passionate about creating a safe and warm environment to support children to become compassionate, open-minded and well-rounded individuals. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling, hiking, swimming, cooking, eating, handicraft and Pilates.



Elli Lawson

Elementary Visual Art Teacher

Qualification: B.A. Ed. (Hons) (Design Technology), QTS

Nationality: British

Ms Elli was both a Design Technology and Visual Art teacher for 10 years in Indonesia and the UK before moving to Malaysia. She has taught students in the full age range in both subject areas and thoroughly enjoys all aspects of the visual and creative world. She is passionate about technology and gadgets, good TV series and spending time with her family.



Ivy Tean-Cant

PYP Chinese Language Teacher

Qualification: Cert. TEFL

Nationality: Malaysian

Ms Ivy has taught in Malaysia, Singapore and Australia. During her career as a language teacher and tutor, she has cultivated an interest in the Reggio Emilia educational philosophy and continues to develop her passion for the rich and dynamic approach since becoming a parent herself. Ivy also founded a Mandarin Chinese language centre in Perth, Australia, where she and her family last resided. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, cooking, arts and crafts, and outdoor activities with her family and friends.





Jamie Kistler

PYP Teacher, Grades 3-5 Coordinator

Qualification: Teaching License (1-6) QTS; M.Ed. (Globalization in Education); B.A. (Theatre, Classics)
Nationality: American

Mr J has been teaching internationally for 8 years, five of those as a PYP teacher and coordinator at IB schools in Malaysia. He enjoys inquiring, making connections and creating with students based on their individual interests and needs. He deeply values personal reflection and believes we must all challenge ourselves to grow and achieve before we can truly believe in the potential of the people around us. Mr J spends most of his free time playing, exploring and eating with his wife, Michelle, and son, Charlie.



Jeanette Rowe

PYP Teacher

Qualification: BA.Hons (Health Studies) AMI Primary Diploma
Nationality: British

Ms Rowe is a passionate Early Years/KG educator who supports children to challenge themselves in pursuit of a deeper understanding of who they are, the world around them and the positive role they can play. She brings Montessori, PYP and Reggio Emilia experiences and has been able to successfully blend these approaches to allow for the scaffolding of a child's natural wonder and curiosity. She has worked in international schools in Japan and Korea teaching 3 to 6 years old children over the last 15 years. She is in KL with her two daughters, Zara and Nina, her son Jake, and her teaching husband Ken. The family loves playing games together, cooking, eating and exploring.



John Schuster

Elementary School Counsellor

Qualification: MS Guidance and Counseling, BS Sociology/Psychology
Nationality: American

Mr Schuster has worked as a school counsellor for 25 years in the USA, Singapore, Chile, Ukraine, Thailand and Switzerland in both the American and IB systems. He enjoys working with the students and helping them to learn life skills. He likes to keep fit and enjoys coaching softball and cross country. He loves to travel, experience different cultures and cooks. He is joined by his partner Janet who is a PE teacher and son Zak.



Kari Twedt

PYP Teacher

Qualification: M.Ed. (Teaching), B.A. (Elementary Education)
Nationality: American

Originally from the United States, Ms Twedt has been working and living overseas since 2001. She has spent the majority of that time teaching in Thailand and Singapore. She also taught in Portugal and has a wide range of PYP experience.



Katie Mariasine

PYP Teacher

Qualification: B.Ed, Primary/Junior, A.Q, middle years English
Nationality: Canadian

With almost 20 years of experience in education, Katie's comprehensive background in leading classrooms ranges from early years to lower secondary school. While teaching in both the MYP and PYP, she assumed the roles of homeroom teacher, specialist, and PYP coordinator in both English and French. Katie's career spans the globe, landing her in Japan, Honduras, France, Indonesia, and in a fly-in only Inuit community in the Canadian arctic. She has a keen interest in developing the fundamentals of number sense in the primary years, and she prioritizes social and emotional development in her approach to teaching and learning. When not in the classroom, Katie has begun exploring the art of Muay Thai.



Kenneth Rowe

PYP Teacher

Qualification: M.Ed (Curriculum and Instruction); B.A. (Sociology)
Nationality: American

Mr Rowe has spent most of his adult life working as an educator outside of his home country. He has worked with and learned from people of all ages in South Korea, Japan, Turkey and Thailand. In the classroom, he strives to nurture the students' questions and passions and to guide them to become compassionate, creative and kind individuals. At home, he loves to cook for his wife and three children, as well as read and play board games.





Lisa McClurg

PYP Teacher and ES Language Coordinator

Qualification: B.Ed.

Nationality: New Zealander

Ms McClurg has previously worked at schools in New Zealand, the UK and Australia as a classroom teacher, grade level coordinator and Reading Recovery specialist before joining IGBIS in 2015. She has always enjoyed teaching using an inquiry approach and is an experienced PYP educator. Swimming, health and fitness, travel and arts and crafts are a few of her interests.



Marshall Hudson

PYP Teacher

Qualification: M.A. (Elementary Education)

Nationality: American

Mr Hudson has taught upper elementary at international schools in Honduras, Colombia, South Korea and Hong Kong before joining IGBIS in 2015. He has extensive experience in the PYP setting and as a team leader. He enjoys living in Malaysia with his wife and two young children.



Megan Ngatai

PYP Teacher

Qualification: B.A. (Psychology); Dip. Tchg. & Learn. (Primary)

Nationality: New Zealander

Mrs Ngatai is an experienced PYP educator who has spent the past 12 years teaching at schools in New Zealand, Egypt and South Korea. Mrs Ngatai has a passion for literacy, in particular emergent readers and writers. Outside of professional interests, Mrs Ngatai enjoys travelling, reading, and staying fit.



Michelle Kistler

FF-KG Coordinator

Qualification: M.ED Early Childhood Education.

Nationality: British

Mrs Kistler has taught in the Republic of Georgia, South Korea and the last 5 years in IB Schools in Malaysia. Michelle brings experience as a PYP teacher as well as an Early Years Coordinator. She values children's curiosity and agency and strives to develop learning environments that encourage uninterrupted play and risky freedom. Her passion project is bridging the gap between PYP Early Years and Reggio Emilia Inspired Approaches. Michelle enjoys living in Malaysia and baking, art & crafts with her husband and young child.



Nadia Ghazali

Fireflies Teacher

Qualification: BA (Education)

Nationality: Malaysian

Ms Nadia earned her degree from the Universiti Industri Selangor (UNISEL) and is a highly experienced practitioner. She joined IGBIS in 2019 from another International school in Malaysia.



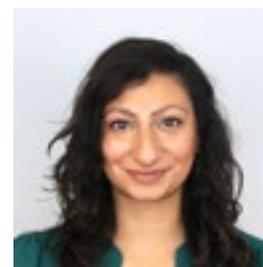
Nancy Fu

PYP Chinese Language Teacher

Qualification: M.S., B.Ed. (Primary), B.A. (English Literature & Language)

Nationality: Chinese

Mrs Fu has lived outside of China for more than 10 years. She has taught different age groups in elementary schools in Mexico and Indonesia. She has extensive training and teaching experience with the IB curriculum in Pre-Elementary and PYP and enjoys working with young children. Mrs Fu loves travelling and loves coaching drama and badminton. She lives in Malaysia with her husband, Marc, and her son, Rhys.



Natasha Panthakee

PYP Teacher

Qualification: B.Ed. (Elementary); B.A. (Sociology and Philosophy)

Nationality: Canadian

Ms Panthakee joined the IGBIS community in 2019 with a rich international background. She grew up in Indonesia and Singapore where she enjoyed a full IB education. After completing her tertiary study in Canada, she continued her international journey teaching different age groups in Ukraine and in the United Arab Emirates. Ms Panthakee is a passionate educator who creates an inclusive classroom by catering to her students' needs. Additionally, she incorporates age-appropriate social and emotional learning programmes into the classroom to help foster independent, empathetic and caring students. Outside of work, Ms Panthakee enjoys challenging herself by trying new activities, travelling and learning about different cultures.





Nikki Tapara

PYP Teacher

Qualification: BSocSc (Psychology and Sociology); DipT (Teaching); Reading Recovery

Nationality: New Zealander

Ms Tapara has been teaching for over 20 years in New Zealand, Vietnam and Ukraine. She has previously been an Assistant Principal, Team Leader, Tutor Teacher and Lead Teacher for Literacy and Mathematics. In the classroom, Miss Tapara is passionate about literacy teaching, and hooking children into new genres and different authors, particularly through poetry. Outside the classroom, she has a passion for exploring the world - both above ground and underwater, for animal conservation and environmental volunteering, for writing and she has a serious love for good coffee.



Rachel Bandelin

PYP Teacher

Qualification: B.A. (Elementary Education)

Nationality: American

Ms Bandelin is originally from the United States and has been teaching overseas for 16 years. She taught in Saipan, Germany, the Bahamas, Venezuela, China and the United States before joining us at IGBIS. She enjoys teaching students of all ages and strives to be a lifelong learner and inspire her students to be as well. Outside of school, she enjoys travelling, swimming and spending time with her family.



Sally Watters

PYP Teacher

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts / Languages, Dip.Ed.

Nationality: Australian

Mrs Watters is an experienced PYP teacher who spent 12 years working in schools in Australia, Colombia, Egypt and China before joining IGBIS in 2015. She has taught both Secondary and Elementary students and has worked as a classroom teacher, student support teacher, Grade Level Coordinator and Elementary Math Coach. Mrs Watters lives in Malaysia with her husband and two young daughters.



Sarah Lumley

PYP Teacher

Qualification: BA (Psychology and Geography); B Ed. (K-12); M Sped. (Special Education)

Nationality: Canadian

Ms Lumley has worked internationally in South Korea and China as a homeroom teacher. She has extensive experience in elementary teaching and PYP curriculum. She believes in an inclusive setting in which students feel cared for, supported and able to take risks in their learning. In her spare time, she enjoys swimming, yoga, and reading.



Tracy Macdonald

PYP Teacher

Qualification: B.A. in History and English, B.A. in Primary Education and M.ED. in Literary

Nationality: Canadian

Mrs MacDonald is an experienced PYP educator who has spent the past 26 years teaching at schools in Canada, Turkey, Singapore, and Brazil. Mrs MacDonald has a passion for literacy and believes in creating a safe, nurturing, fun, and enlightening environment, that children both learn in and look forward to entering every day. Outside of professional interests, Mrs MacDonald enjoys travelling, reading, and cooking.



Wei Jun Thong

PYP Physical Education Teacher

Qualifications: B.A. (Edu. in Teaching & Learning)

Nationality: Malaysian

Mr Wei Jun has taught at other international schools in Malaysia prior to joining IGBIS. He enjoys working with children and values the diversity and cultural experience that the international community has to offer. In his downtime, he enjoys music, participating in outdoor activities and watching movies.





Secondary School



Lennan MacDonald

MYP Coordinator

Qualification: BA; BEd Nationality

Nationality: Canadian

Mr MacDonald is a passionate educator. He is passionate about sports, music and the power of stories to move minds and hearts. He is a big fan of wellness and thinks learning should be a joyful endeavour. He is passionate about service work and thinks the key to happiness is doing things that make you like you better. He comes to IGB with over 25 years of middle school teaching experience, primarily overseas and primarily within the IB. He also comes to IGB with a wife, Tracy, who he thinks is the best teacher he knows. His daughters, Clancy and Maizy, attend university in Canada, where he grew up. He has spent the majority of his career in Singapore, where he worked as the MYP Coordinator and MS Lead Teacher at The Canadian International School, though he has also worked in Canada, Turkey and Brazil. He is an IB trainer and school visitor and is very excited about joining the IGB community and learning and growing alongside you and yours.



Magnus Drechsler

DP/CP Coordinator

Qualification: M.A. (IELC), B.Sc. (Medicinal Chemistry), PGCE

Nationality: German

Mr Drechsler is an innovative and enthusiastic educator, who is passionate about developing learners into successful, responsible global citizens. He is a British-trained teacher, who completed his degree in Medicinal Chemistry and his Postgraduate Certificate in Education at one of Britain's leading Russell Group universities. In his international teaching career, Mr Drechsler has taught all levels of MYP, IGCSE and DP and is an examiner for the IB. He also holds an M.A. in International Educational Leadership and was leading a variety of curriculum areas in his previous schools in the UK and China.

Before joining the team at IGB International School, Mr Drechsler was the IB Diploma Coordinator and Sustainability Leader in Shanghai, China. He was the creator of the annual multi-schools eco-explorer camp - an event that brings hundreds of students from schools across Asia together to learn about global sustainability issues, as well as to provide them with ideas and skills to implement sustainability actions at home and at school.





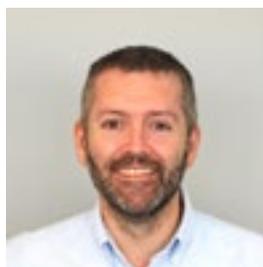
Abdul Rashid Mohd Amin

MYP Host Nation, PYP/MYP Malay Language and DP Malay A Teacher

Qualification: Certificate of Teaching Malaysia; Diploma in Mathematics Education.

Nationality: Malaysian

Mr Rashid is a Ministry of Education qualified teacher and holds a Diploma in Mathematics in Education from Maktab Perguruan Kedah. He has 22 years experience in teaching in a variety of contexts including in international schools to IGCSE level, government schools, a Smart School and corporate programmes. He has extensive training and teaching experience in the IGCSE programme and IB Curriculum in PYP and DP. Rashid is an experienced Scouter having achieved Level II Scout Malaysia leadership award, and being awarded the Royal Scout. He loves being a part of the IGBIS team and working with an amazing group of students and colleagues.



Adam Gagan

MYP Individuals and Societies and DP History, Subject Leader (Individuals & Societies)

Qualification: MA and BA Hons in Military History, PGCE History

Nationality: British

Mr Gagan taught in the United Kingdom, Egypt, South Korea, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates for 19 years before joining IGBIS. His focus is history, although he has had the opportunity to be both TOK and CAS coordinator, and teach geography and business. Mr Gagan believes strongly in making learning interesting and ensuring students take ownership of their studies. His passion is military history, an armed forces background predominantly the reason, but enjoys politics too. He originates from Manchester, England, so is obviously an avid Manchester United fan. Outside of the classroom, Mr Gagan enjoys reading, cricket and watching movies.



Allison Parratt

CAS/Service Learning Coordinator and MYP/DP Mathematics Teacher

Qualification: B.Sc. (Applied Mathematics/Physics) and B.Ed.

Nationality: Canadian

Ms Parratt was born and raised on the small island of Newfoundland Canada and has been teaching and travelling the world since 2006. She has taught in Canada, England and China and has been involved with various volunteer organizations within the local and global communities. Ms Parratt enjoys being in the Mathematics classroom and encouraging youth to build their personal character through CAS and Service-Learning opportunities.



Craig Morgan

MYP and DP Design Teacher

Qualification: BA Hons and PGCE in Design & Technology

Nationality: British

I grew up on the Isle of Man next to the sea. I am a keen sportsman and was very involved in swimming, rugby and basketball at school and university. I studied in York, England and then went on to teach at Barnard Castle School, Framlingham College and Vienna International School. I made a fifteen-year career move into software engineering before returning to teach Product and Digital Design at the Danube International School in Vienna. I am married to Maria Morgan and am looking forward to exploring Malaysia and beyond.



Darren Aherne

MYP Science, DP Biology Teacher

Qualification: M.Ed. (Secondary Education); B.Sc. (Aquatic Biology)

Nationality: American

Mr Aherne taught in schools in Indonesia and Taiwan before joining IGBIS in 2016. He teaches MYP sciences and DP biology and is an IBDP examiner. He has experience coaching teams in basketball, volleyball, and softball. He enjoys playing sports, eating delicious food, and travelling. When not teaching, Mr Aherne can usually be found with his two young children.



Dean Watters

MYP and DP Mathematics Teacher, Subject Leader (Mathematics)

Qualification: B.E.; Dip. Ed

Nationality: Australian

Mr Watters has previously worked at schools in Australia, Colombia, Egypt and China before joining IGBIS in 2015. He is experienced in both the MYP and DP and enjoys the openness the IB curriculum offers. He is an experienced swim coach and enjoys playing squash, golf, football and soccer.





Flavia Godja

MYP Language Acquisition & ESOL Teacher

Qualification: B.A. (International Relations and European Studies); CELTA certificate, TKT Modules 1-3, YL, CLIL
Nationality: Romanian

Ms Godja taught at an IB school in Portugal before joining IGBIS in 2019 and learnt enormously from her fellow colleagues and her students. She is naturally inquisitive and passionate about learning, and especially teaching languages. Every day, she strives to improve her daily practice and this makes her on the constant lookout for courses that might introduce her to new methods, approaches and techniques. What Ms Godja wants to foster more than anything in a classroom is the feeling that learning, mastering and using a language to connect with others brings about a special kind of thrill, excitement, and joy. After all, everybody knows that enthusiasm is highly contagious.



Hadewych Dujardin

MYP Music / DP Music, Instrumental Programme Coordinator

Qualification: B.A. Music (Music-Flute, Composition)
Nationality: Belgian

Ms Dujardin has worked in schools in Tanzania, Vietnam and Belgium before joining IGBIS in 2014 as one of the founding teachers.. She has extensive training and teaching experience in the IB Curriculum in MYP and PYP. She also has experience in music curriculum development. With her passion for music and drama, she enjoys teaching and musical productions at IGBIS.



Jamie Cant

MYP Performing Arts / DP Theatre

Qualification: BA (English); Dip Ed (Drama, English, Humanities)
Nationality: Australian

Mr Cant has worked for 26 years teaching and leading in government, independent Christian, and international secondary art education. Born and raised in rural Western Australia, he has worked in professional and community theatre and as an arts education consultant to theatre companies, charities and government agencies. Before joining IGBIS in 2018, Mr. Cant served as Head of The Arts and Creativity at an Anglican school in Perth, Western Australia, executing the school's strategic priority of The Arts, Creativity and Innovation as part of its strategic plan. For nine years prior to this, he was the head of Middle School Drama, GCSE Coordinator of Drama and teacher of IB Theatre at United World College of SEA, Singapore. Mr Cant has committed his career to the advancement of arts education and the building of the communication skills and confidence of young people. He strongly believes in the importance of maintaining a positive work/life balance and encourages his students (and his own children) to laugh hard, run fast and be kind.

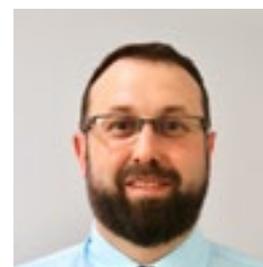


Jane Cheu

MYP and DP (Chinese B and Ab Initio) Teacher

Qualification: M.A. (Chinese Language and Literature); B.A. (Mass Communication)
Nationality: Singaporean

Ms Cheu has worked at schools in Singapore, Indonesia, Dubai and many other countries. She also has experience with online teaching. She has extensive training and teaching experience with the IB curriculum in MYP and DP and is also a Google Certified Educator. Ms Cheu enjoys reading, cooking, yoga, movies and all things technological.



Jason Spivey

DP Economics, Business & Management and MYP Individuals & Societies Teacher

Qualification: M.A. (International Education), B.A. (Secondary Education with an emphasis in Social Science)
Nationality: American

Mr Spivey comes from the 'Mile High City' of Denver, Colorado USA. He has spent the majority of his career teaching overseas including posts in South Korea, Myanmar, and two cities in China. Mr Spivey is an advocate of technology integration and was honoured, while in Korea, as an Apple Distinguished Educator for his innovative ideas in using technology within the classroom. He is excited to transfer both his knowledge and skills to IGBIS in order to help foster and maximise student growth. He enjoys 'working out' his mind by reading and adventure travel. He takes pleasure in playing team sports such as basketball and football/soccer. Most importantly, he is passionate about teaching and making a profound difference in individual lives.



Jenny Wencil

MYP and DP Mathematics Teacher

Qualification: M.A. (Differentiated Instruction); B.S. (Secondary Education)
Nationality: American

Ms Wencil has previously worked in IB schools in the United States and in Nigeria where she has been teaching secondary mathematics. Ms Wencil is looking forward to teaching at IGBIS. Outside of school, Ms Wencil enjoys travelling, learning to cook new foods, and reading.





John Moore

MYP Science DP Physics / Theory of Knowledge/ Subject Leader (Science)

*Qualification: MA (International Education); PGCE (Secondary); BSc (Physics)
Nationality: British*

Mr Moore has lived and worked in Azerbaijan, Brazil, Egypt, El Salvador, Malaysia and Vietnam. He is an experienced teacher of MYP Mathematics and Science and DP Physics and Theory of Knowledge. In his spare time, he enjoys travelling, outdoor activities, food and games of skill and chance. He and his family are enjoying living in Malaysia.



Karan Sondhi

MYP English Language and Literature Teacher

*Qualification: M.A.; B.A. (Honours); B.Ed
Nationality: Canadian*

Mr Sondhi has previously taught in Canada and the United Arab Emirates, working in both public and private education systems. In addition to high school English, he has experience teaching History/Social Science and ESL/ELL classes. When he has free time, Mr Sondhi loves reading about history, following the NBA, playing badminton, and planning his next travel adventure.



Lachlan Pye

English Language Acquisition

*Qualification: BA, Dip Ed
Nationality: Australian*

Mr Pye is an Australian who has taught in Australia, Vietnam and China. He brings his love of English language teaching to the IGB community, as well as a dedication to extracurricular activities, organising camps and meeting student pastoral needs. Mr Pye is an experienced English language specialist who has taught a large range of students with a large range of English proficiency and thoroughly enjoys doing so through the IBO inquiry model. In his spare time, you will often find him on the golf course or tasting the amazing range of food that this world has to offer.



Laura Hernandez

MYP/DP Spanish

*Qualification: BA (ELL); PGCE (Spanish)
Nationality: Spanish*

Ms Hernandez originally comes from the south-east of Spain. She has a PGCE (Spanish) from Goldsmiths College in London, with a B.A in English Language and Linguistics. She has worked in several countries including England, Vietnam and China. She fervently believes that to learn a language, you also need to understand and learn the culture of that country. She enjoys drinking coffee and movies. Her passion is dancing, especially Latin dance and Brazilian Zouk. Ms Hernandez is in Malaysia with her husband, a former professional football player.



Maheen Habib-Nayany

MYP/DP Mathematics, Grade Level Coordinator (Gr 7/8)

*Qualification: M.Ed (Specialization in Comparative International Education); B.Sc. (Honours Environmental Biology); B.Ed. (Intermediate and Secondary Math and Biology)
Nationality: Canadian*

Ms Habib-Nayany has completed her Masters of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto, Canada. Prior to this, she taught in an IB school in the United Arab Emirates as an MYP Math and Science teacher, a DP Biology teacher, and as Head of Grade 6/7. She loves travelling, trying new restaurants, and participating in outdoor activities. When not teaching, Ms Habib-Nayany can usually be found with a cup of tea and a book or trying out a new board game.



Marc Green

MYP/DP Individuals & Societies, Grade Level Coordinator (Gr 9/10)

*Qualification: BSc (Psych)
Nationality: British*

Originally from the United Kingdom, Marc Green holds a BSc in Psychology and came to IGBIS after three years teaching IB Psychology in the Czech Republic. Marc had also taught ESL for the previous four years and holds a Masters degree in TESOL from The College of New Jersey in the United States. Prior to this, Marc spent time working as a Volunteer Coordinator in Sri Lanka, teaching English and volunteering on psychiatric wards at the National Institute for Mental Health. Outside of the classroom, Marc's interests include most sports, but especially football and cricket, staying active and travelling.





Marc Koster

MYP and DP English Language and Literature Teacher, Subject Leader (English)

*Qualification: B. Ed., Dip. Tchg (Secondary)
Nationality: Australian*

Mr Koster has been an English/History and TOK teacher for many years, having worked in schools across Victoria and South Australia and in IB international schools in Thailand, Indonesia and Macau. He has a great deal of experience in teaching and assessment from ESL beginners to DP English Literature, as well as English department and Extended Essay leadership. Outside of school, Mr Koster loves his cricket and Aussie Rules football and is a passionate Adelaide Crows supporter. He enjoys being a part of the IGBIS community.



Marcus Wetherell

MYP Design, Subject Leader (Design)

*Qualification: B.Sc., QTS
Nationality: British*

Mr Wetherell started his teaching career in England and has taught at IB schools in Dubai, Thailand, and Singapore. He has experience across PYP, MYP and DP. Mr Wetherell has previously served as the head of technology, ICT coordinator, and digital coach. He is an Apple Distinguished Educator, Apple Foundations Trainer, and a Google Certified Innovator. A lifelong learner, Mr Wetherell's hobbies and interests include technology, history, gaming, film, pop culture, and reading.



María José Mora

MYP Design, Grade Level Coordinator (Grade 6)

*Qualification: BSc in Computer Science; Teacher Leadership Certificate; Learning Technologies Certificate
Nationality: Colombian*

Mrs Mora has worked in two different scenarios in the technology field: first in the corporate life and for the last 25 years in educational institutions. She has been in three international schools first in Colombia (American Curriculum), and then overseas in Uganda (IB Programme), and Sri Lanka (IB Programme), where she worked as Technology and Design teacher, ICT Coordinator, and Technology Coach for teachers and students from Preschool to Grade 12. Mrs Mora enjoys interacting with students, exploring, and tinkering with a range of tools and materials to support and develop their creativity skills. She likes colouring, knitting, cross-stitching, watching movies, cooking, travelling, photography, graphic design, yoga and meditation. Mrs Mora joins IGBIS with her husband, Hector Vargas, who is teaching PYP, MYP, and DP Spanish.



Maria Morgan

MYP and DP English Language and Literature Teacher

*Qualification: BA Hons, QTS
Nationality: British*

I have been an English teacher for many years and have spent most of my teaching career in the UK. I have worked in IB International schools in Spain and Austria. Over the last 4 years, I have been at Danube International School in Vienna, where I taught across MYP and DP. My teaching experience ranges from ESL beginners to DP English Language and Literature. At my last school, I also gained experience as a CAS coordinator and English department leader. I am married to Craig Morgan and am looking forward to moving to Malaysia. I love reading, travelling and kayaking.



Matthew Marshall

MYP Individuals & Societies, DP Geography

*Qualification: B.A. (History/Geography); B.Ed. (Secondary Social Studies); M.Ed. (International Education)
Nationality: Canadian*

Mr Marshall is a founding member of the IGBIS team and during 2014-16 was our IB Diploma Coordinator. He previously worked at schools in Canada, China, Norway and South Korea and has extensive training and teaching experience with the IB curriculum in MYP and DP. He enjoys ice hockey, basketball, hiking and spending time with his family.



Mu Rong

MYP and DP Chinese Language & Literature Teacher

*Qualification: M.B.A.; B.A. (English); Teacher Certificate (Secondary Chinese)
Nationality: Chinese*

Ms Mu is a founding teacher at IGBIS who has previously worked at international schools in China and has extensive training and teaching experience with IB curriculum in MYP and DP. She enjoys coaching badminton and helping in school musical productions.





Princess Barcega

MYP Science and DP Physics Teacher

*Qualification: Bachelor in Secondary Education (Physics); MAT Physics
Nationality: Filipino*

Ms Barcega earned her degree in Physics from Philippine Normal University, Manila and earned her Masters Degree in Teaching Physics in Technological University of the Philippines. She was awarded a Japanese Government Scholarship (Monbukagakusho Scholarship) Science Teacher Trainee from Tottori University, Japan. Ms. Barcega worked in an international school in Bahrain for six years as Science Coordinator and IB/IGCSE Physics Teacher before moving to Penang where she taught in The International School of Penang (Uplands) for five years. She has experience teaching the English National Curriculum (Key Stage 3 & 4), providing guidance to students under the Cambridge Exam Boards as well as in the IB Diploma.

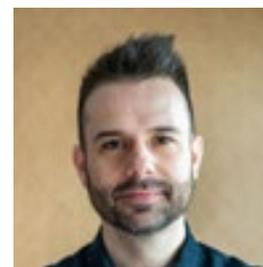


Steven Harvey

Whole School Technology Coach, PYP/MYP Teacher

*Qualification: Dip.Tchg.; Grad.Dip.Ed. (Computers in Education)
Nationality: Australian*

Mr Harvey has over 20 years of experience teaching elementary-aged children from grades 1 to 6. In this time he has worked as a classroom teacher and in administration in small and large schools across Australia, England and China. Before joining IGBIS as one of our founding teachers in 2014, Mr Harvey taught the PYP at an IB school in China. Working with the PYP curriculum has further expanded his repertoire of teaching tools. He enjoys integrating ICTs into the curriculum and working backstage with the audio-visual crew in school drama productions. Mr Harvey and his family enjoy living in Kuala Lumpur and being a part of the IGBIS family.



Tim Howe

Secondary School Counsellor 9-12

*Qualification: A.B. (History) Latin American Studies & Spanish;
MA Ed. Educational Leadership; Principal & Supervisor Licensure
& Ed.S. School Counseling
Nationality: American*

Originally from New Jersey, USA, Mr Howe has over 20 years experience in education in the United States, Spain and Malaysia. His postgraduate education in Educational Leadership and School Counseling has supported his approach to student learning, wellness and community building. As an experienced IB educator, Mr Howe is passionate about the power of internationally-minded learning. He is an active member of the International School Counselor Association and the International Association for College Admission Counseling. His past experience as an alumnus applicant interviewer for Princeton University has provided him valuable insight into the college counselling process and supporting students to develop their voice when communicating strengths, passions and future goals. Mr Howe is a theatre artist associated with ISTA (International Schools Theatre Association). He enjoys running, feeding stray animals and hunting for the best beef rendang in town.



Yuri Kim

MYP and DP Chinese B and DP Korean A Teacher, Languages Coordinator, Grade Level Coordinator (grades 11/12)

*Qualification: M.A. (TESOL, Foreign Language Teaching); B.A. (English Literature and Language)
Nationality: Korean*

Ms Kim is a founding staff member of IGBIS. She has previously worked at schools in China and Vietnam with extensive teaching experience with IGCSE and the IB curriculum in MYP and DP. She has been teaching ESL, Chinese and Korean to students from 5 to 18 years of age. She is also a DP Mandarin Ab Initio examiner and previously was an MYP Korean A moderator. She has had an article published in The Asian EFL Journal ("Students and Teachers Use of and Attitudes to L1 in the EFL Classroom"). She has helped organise events that promote the school and the IGBIS community including International Day and Chinese New Year assemblies, and parent workshops. She loves music and enjoys being involved with the school orchestra, productions and concerts.





Whole School

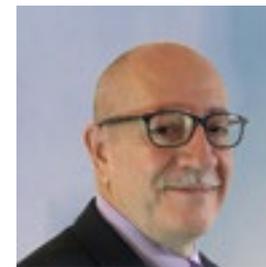


Adam Morris

ICT Coordinator & Computer Science Teacher

*Qualification: B.A. (Philosophy); PGCE (Secondary)
Nationality: American*

Mr Morris has previously worked at schools in China and Vietnam with extensive training and teaching experience with the IB curriculum in MYP and DP. He works closely with the IT Team to implement information and communication systems. He is a coffee enthusiast. He and his wife, Ms Kim, are proud to be members of the founding teaching staff at IGBIS.



Hector Vargas

PYP, MYP and DP Spanish B Teacher

*Qualification: BSc in Economics and Finances, Education Certificate, Certificate for Teaching Leadership, M.B.A. in Education (Globalization and Educational Change)
Nationality: Colombian*

Mr Vargas joined the educational world after a few years of working in the administrative and financial areas of multinational companies. He taught Humanities and Mathematics in Colombia and Spanish for both the MYP and DP Programmes in Uganda and Sri Lanka. Working overseas has enabled him to get to know diverse cultural traits and amazing landscapes from different parts of the world, acquire new pedagogical resources and improve his teaching strategies. He enjoys reading biographical books, as well as movies, cooking, photography and playing squash. Mr Vargas joins IGBIS with his wife María José Mora who is the Grade C6 Coordinator and teaches MYP Design.



Jane Finimore

PYP and MYP Visual Art Teacher

*Qualification: M.Ed (International Education IB), B.FA (Hons),(Painting), PgCert (IB PYP), Dip.T (Early Childhood)
Nationality: Australian*

Ms Finimore joined IGBIS after teaching both MYP and PYP Visual Art internationally for twelve years in China and Vietnam. She has also taught for many years in both Early Years and Primary levels in Australia. She has held a variety of teaching positions, has been involved in the arts as a practising artist since 2001 and has exhibited her work in China, Vietnam, Korea and Australia. As an art educator, she believes in the importance of the Arts and the opportunity she has to motivate students to truly explore art, think critically and creatively. Ms Finimore came to KL with her husband and two daughters and is looking forward to discovering Malaysian Culture and its Art scene.





Janet Powell

PYP and MYP PHE Teacher

Qualification: B.ED Hons in Physical Education

Nationality: British

Ms Powell has worked as a Head of PE and Athletic Director in the UK, Thailand, Ukraine and Switzerland. She has extensive experience in both the PYP and MYP and has been an IB moderator for the MYP. She is joined by her partner John who is a counsellor and son Zak. She enjoys all sports, particularly skiing and hiking and loves to travel.



Kerri Chan

Whole School Teacher Librarian

Qualification: BA (Liberal Studies); MS (Library Science and Information Technologies)

Nationality: American

Ms Chan has worked at schools in the United States, Philippines, Turkey, England, Italy, Venezuela, and Qatar. She enjoys cooking, travelling, and reading about the end of the world as we know it, aka dystopian fiction. Ms Chan is in KL with her husband, Rob, and her two children, Kian and Sofia. She enjoys being a part of the IGBIS family.



Mark Parratt

MYP PHE, Whole School Leader (PHE)

Qualification: Bachelor of Applied Science in Physical Education

Nationality: Australian

Hello! It is exciting for my family and me to be joining IGBIS from China where I have spent the last 9 years, with my amazing wife Allison, and my two children William (5) and Chloe (2). I am an IB MYP Workshop Leader and I love both the challenge and rewards of networking and learning from so many great people. I like to be physically active, enjoy golf and yoga, travel, socialising, good food, reading and good music. I'm pumped to be in the tropics and looking forward to helping IGBIS continue to grow, but also really keen to explore the beauty of the Malaysian people and the country.



Pei Yee Chai

PYP Chinese Language and Bahasa Malaysia Teacher, MYP Host Nation Teacher

Qualification: M.A. (Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages); B.A. (Chinese Language and Literature); B.A. (Business Administration)

Nationality: Malaysian

Ms Pei Yee has over seven years of experience in teaching Chinese to a wide range of learners with different backgrounds. Prior to IGBIS, she had been working in other international schools. She believes one of the key aspects of education is to look at children as an individual and understand their various characters and needs to acquire language skills. As she grows as a teacher, she expects there will be constant adjustments to her teaching style and philosophy. However, one thing will always remain the same: her passion and desire to maintain a high-quality, engaging, and student-centred classroom. In her spare time, Ms Pei Yee enjoys playing basketball, reading and travelling.



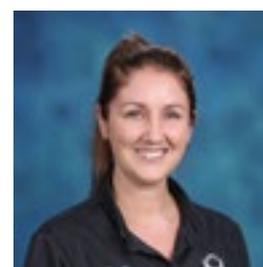
Rob Pendlebury

MYP Arts Teacher, PYP Arts. Subject Leader (Arts)

Qualification: MA; PGCE; B.A. (Hons)

Nationality: British

Mr Pendlebury has taught at schools in the United Kingdom, Italy, Venezuela and Qatar. He has been the head of PE, an athletics director and taught IB MYP and DP Film Studies, Visual and Performing Arts. He enjoys coaching football and rugby. His interests include art, filmmaking and sports.



Ruth Spracklan

MYP PHE, Athletics Coordinator

Qualification: M.Sc. (Multidisciplinary Studies in Education); B.Sc. (Sport and Exercise Sciences) PGCE (Physical Education)

Nationality: British

Ms Spracklan has taught Health and Physical Education in England and Qatar. She has a passion for sport, in particular netball and swimming. Apart from a love of sport, Ms Spracklan is a keen photographer and will spend many holidays travelling to new locations to find that perfect shot. She very much enjoys being part of the team of IGBIS.



Scott Ngatai

Whole School Activities Coordinator, PYP/MYP Physical Education Teacher

Qualification: B. Phys.Ed.; Dip. Tchg.

Nationality: New Zealander

Mr Ngatai has worked in schools throughout New Zealand, Egypt and South Korea before joining IGBIS in 2016. He enjoys working with different cultures within an international school with a passion for all sports and wellbeing. Mr Ngatai's wife, Megan teaches in the Elementary School and their two children, Grace and Jack attend the school. Mr Ngatai is the Activities Director.



Stacey Short

Head of Student Services, Learning Support

Qualification: M.A (Ed.Psych); M.A. (International Teaching); B.Ed.

Nationality: Canadian

Stacey Short is originally from Quebec, Canada. She has a B.Ed from McGill University (Canada), an M.Ed in International Teaching from Framingham State (USA) and an M.A in Educational Psychology from the University of Victoria (Canada). She has had an extensive career in education as a teacher, coach, Head of Department/Coordinator and Professional Development leader. Stacey's educational philosophy is grounded in the belief that relationships are essential to learning. She has worked in public and private schools in Canada, as well as international schools in Mexico, Thailand and Malaysia. Stacey is fluent in English, French and Spanish (and conversational Thai). Stacey is joining IGBIS as the Head of Student Services and looking forward to it!



Ting Drechsler (Chen)

Chinese Language Teacher

Qualification: M.A. (International Education); PGCE, M.Sc.; B.A. (Language)

Nationality: Chinese

Mrs Drechsler taught Chinese to a range of students, from beginner to advanced, in international schools in China for many years. She has taught in both primary and secondary schools and is familiar with English and Chinese national curricula, as well as the IB programmes. Besides her teaching role, Mrs Drechsler also coordinated community service at her previous schools and enjoyed assisting students to develop key life skills through serving the community and people in need around the globe. She been in Malaysia with her husband and twin boys for 2 years and enjoys travelling, Zumba, reading and musical drama.



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