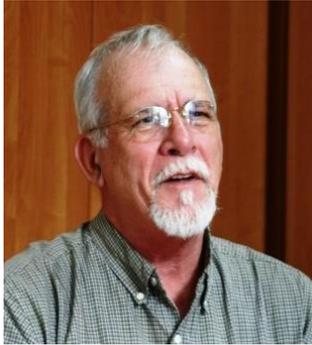


Bishkek International School

SPECIALIST TEACHING TEAM 2016/17

Teacher of World Literature, English, History and World Religions



Dr Lance Tillman

Dr Tillman has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a PhD in Humanities. He has a wealth of teaching experience in the US, from teaching in a Community College through to University level. In 2006 he joined AUCA in Bishkek, teaching undergraduate classes in American Literature, World Religions, Contemporary American Issues, American Popular Culture, Rhetoric of Contemporary America, and English Composition, as well as leading the American Studies Department for two years. Dr Tillman joined BIS in summer 2015 and he has been an inspiration to students in developing their critical thinking and improving English language writing and communication skills.

International Baccalaureate Service Learning and CAS Coordinator



Dr Marta Bobiatyńska

Dr Marta holds Masters and Doctoral degrees in Earth Sciences from the University of Warsaw as well as teaching qualifications from Poland, Netherlands and UK. Marta is also a certified IB school administrator (PYP, MYP, DP) and IB programme coordinator (MYP, DP) and certified IBDP workshop leader. From 2000 to 2014, Dr Marta taught Geography at IB schools in Poland and the Netherlands, where she was also the CAS Coordinator. Dr Marta joined BIS in summer 2015 and was instrumental in achieving accreditation as an IB World School.

Head of Science & Mathematics. Teacher of Science and Biology



Brian Totman

Mr Brian has a Master of Arts in Teaching, specializing in Secondary Science from the University of California in the United States and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from California State University, Long Beach. As well as teaching posts in California, Namibia, and the UAE, Mr Brian served as a public educator in marine biology for the Pacific Whale Foundation in Hawaii. Mr Brian joined the BIS team in August 2015. He continuously showcases his commitment to educating and exciting youth about biology and the natural world.

Science Laboratory Assistant



Kunduuz Chomonova

Ms Kunduz has a Diploma as a Biology Teacher from Jalal-Abad State University and has been a Teacher Assistant at ESCA - BIS since October 2011. She loves working with students and is delighted to now have a specialist role in science to ensure that our laboratory is always fully equipped and safe, as well as being able to work with students during science lessons.

Mathematics, TOK and English



Toon Cavens

Mr Toon is originally from Belgium where he studied Mathematics and Economics. Afterwards he studied Philosophy in Paris and English Literature in London. He is very excited that he will be teaching Mathematics, English and Theory of Knowledge at ESCA - BIS from summer 2016. Mr Toon hopes to instill in his students a life-long passion for learning, and to help them to develop their own ideas. Mr. Toon speaks English, Dutch and French.

Mathematics & Economics



Azamat Kasymov

Mr Azamat has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) where he also taught undergraduate level mathematics. He is a part-time research assistant and has helped to write several mathematics textbooks for primary through to university level mathematics. Mr Azamat enjoys teaching mathematics at ESCA-BIS with a special focus on our more advanced students. Mr Azamat is also currently completing his PhD in Economics.

Mathematics & Science



Alisher Arstanbek

Mr Alisher has a Specialist Degree in Engineering from the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University (KRSU) and has teaching and research experience at educational institutions. He is currently completing his PhD in Engineering at the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University while he works part-time at ESCA - BIS. He enjoys teaching and helping students discover their amazing abilities and talents.

Computer Science, Design & ICT



Thierry Taberna

Mr Thierry has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from University of Nantes and Master's Degree in Computing from University of Toulouse. He is also in the process of getting a Degree of Teaching French as a Second Language. He has previously worked as software engineer and software developer in various companies in France. Thierry joined ESCA - BIS in summer 2015 and has been very effective in inspiring a wide range of students to improve their ICT, design and coding skills.

Head of English, Teacher of English



Darren Mcquay

Mr Darren is an experienced English language teacher, originally from the UK who is joining the BIS team in August 2016. He has a Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons.) in Linguistics from Bangor University and a Post Graduate Certificate of Education from Edge Hill University. Mr Darren is a creative, inventive and passionate teacher of English. He is often praised for innovation in creating engagement in learners and utilizing new technologies in the classroom. Mr. Darren is always looking for new challenges and ways to improve his standard of teaching.

Coordinator and Teacher of English as an Additional Language



William Polan

Mr William attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee for undergraduate studies, then joined the US Peace Corps living and teaching in a rural community in Azerbaijan. Following this, he completed his Masters of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas and taught English Language and Literature at an international school in Baku. He joined ESCA-BIS in summer 2015 while also completing the Post Graduate Certification in International Education from Nottingham University, UK. Following a very successful year at ESCA - BIS, William is taking on a new role as the Deputy Head of Education and will also be Coordinator of the

English as Additional Language Programme.

Teacher of English as an Additional Language & Drama



Madeline Cohen

Ms Madeline will join BIS in August 2016. She graduated from Princeton University last spring with a major in Psychology and a minor in Teacher Preparation. Ms Madeline has experience teaching EAL in China, India, and Costa Rica, and ran activities including Singing Club, Literary Magazine, and Speech while at these schools. For extra curricular activities, Ms. Madeline is also a qualified swimming coach and has toured the United States with a college drama troupe.

History, Geography and Global Perspectives



Jason Lorenowicz

Mr Jay is from Manitoba, Canada and has a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Mr Jay has been teaching overseas for 25 years and comes to ESCA - BIS after teaching in Azerbaijan for the past three years. Mr Jay has spent 15 years in the Gulf States, including Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia. He has also taught in Malawi, Maldives and England, among other places. His interests include travel, music, photography and sports. Mr Jay will be teaching Geography, History and Global Perspectives and he is looking forward to joining the BIS team.

IB PYP Teacher – Librarian, and Kyrgyz National Curriculum Coordinator



Nurjan Sharshenalieva

Ms Nurjan graduated from the English Language Department of the Kyrgyz State University and is an experienced English language teacher. She has taught English as a Foreign Language in local schools and universities, as well as teaching Kyrgyz as a Foreign Language for the Peace Corps in the Kyrgyz Republic. She has also worked as a Foreign Language Assistant in the Department of Central Euro-Asian Studies of the Indiana University, USA. Nurjan joined ESCA-BIS in summer 2014 and is looking forward to her new role in the school as Teacher-Librarian and Coordinator for the Kyrgyz National Curriculum requirements for Kyrgyz citizens.

Teacher Assistant and Library Support



Elena Kharchenko

Ms Elena graduated from Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University and joined ESCA - BIS in May 2016 as a Teacher Assistant. Her flexibility and adaptability to a wide range of different situations make her the ideal support Teacher Assistant to cover for all other teachers who might be away for any reason, while also working with Nurjan Sharshenalieva as Library Support. The ESCA - BIS Library will see major developments in 2016/17 as it moves to a new location in the main building in early 2017 to provide a more comprehensive library and media centre and new library software is introduced from summer 2016.

East Asian Languages Teacher



Makiko Inaba

Ms Makiko has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Waseda University in Japan. Foreign languages and cultures have always been her passion and she has lived in the United States, South Korea, France, China and the Kyrgyz Republic in pursuit of that passion. She has experience tutoring students in Japan ranging from the elementary to high school level, and of teaching at publicly funded educational centers in South Korea. Makiko joined ESCA-BIS in summer 2014 and she is a much loved teacher with exceptional skills in education.

French Language Teacher



Pierre Grau

Mr Pierre has a degree in French Literature from Amiens University in France. Before his arrival to Bishkek, he worked for four years in a bilingual French-German kindergarten in Berlin and afterwards for one year in an international school in Lahore, Pakistan. Currently he teaches French language at the American University of Central Asia. He is also preparing for a Master's degree in teaching French as a foreign language.

French and Russian Language Teacher



Lailo Youssoup-Akhounova

Ms Lailo joined ESCA - BIS as a French language tutor in 2016. She has an extensive experience teaching both French and Russian languages, including local universities, the Alliance Francaise and Embassies. She has graduated in 1984 from the Kyrgyz National University. Apart from teaching, Ms. Lailo is a professional translator.

Russian Language Teacher



Indira Bekkoenova

Ms Indira graduated from Kyrgyz National University, where she studied Russian philology. She has wide experience teaching Russian language and literature to school and university students. She joined the ESCA - BIS team in 2013 and loves the warm and friendly environment. Ms Indira loves children and enjoys teaching them.

Kyrgyz Language Teacher



Mira Suiunova

Ms Mira has a Bachelor of Arts from the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University. Since graduating in 2007 she taught at the Kyrgyz-Turkish High School "Sema" in Osh, and the "Umut - Nadezhda" Children's Rehabilitation Center in Bishkek, before joining ESCA in 2013. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Pedagogy from the KyrgyzTurkish Manas University. At ESCA - BIS she appreciates the range of international teaching methods and collegial cooperation.

Art and Design Teacher



Lidia Chmielewska

Ms Lidia studied painting & murals at Nicolaus Copernicus University and has a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Academy of Fine Arts in Wroclaw, Poland. She has always been determined and happy to teach children and share her knowledge with them. After an amazing teaching experience in a Slovakian forest kindergarten, she decided to get involved with alternative ways of education. Lidia has been teaching at ESCA - BIS since 2015, and is currently completing her additional postgraduate teaching diploma in Poland.

Art Teacher



Anna Balduk

Ms Anna has studied at Children's Art School and graduated from the Kyrgyz State Art School in 1991 with a degree in Teaching Art. She has over 20 years' experience in teaching art to children of various ages and joined ESCA - BIS team in 2013.

Music Teacher



Anara Baisalova

Ms Anara has over 10 years of experience in teaching piano to students of different ages and is a certified accompanist for chamber musicians and voice/ballet artists. She has accompanied various artists and performances, and has taught Piano as a Musical Performance Art in Kyrgyzstan and in South Korea. Anara joined ESCA - BIS in winter 2015.

Dance Teacher



Aidai Kadyralieva

Ms Aidai studied piano and vocal in Children's Art School and continued her education in Anthropology at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) and Bard College, New York. She has experience in working in various organizations, including the Continuing Education Centre under AUCA. She has also been a choreographer at AUCA since 2013. Aidai joined ESCA-BIS in January 2016.

PE, Sport and Health Education



Lilia Toktarova

Ms Lilia has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the American University of Central Asia and later graduated from the Kyrgyz Academy of Physical Culture and Sports Track & Field Department with a Master of Arts in the theory of physical culture & sports. Lilia joined ESCA – BIS as full time PE Teacher in 2013.

PE and Sports Teacher



Seweryn Pędziński

Mr Sev will join the ESCA - BIS team from August 2016. He is a certified FIFA football coach holding UEFA diploma. As a teacher he strives to motivate students in finding their inner strengths and abilities and discovering what truly inspires them. His goal is to inspire and serve as a role model to students. For those who aspire to be professional footballers, he leads by example as he was previously a professional football player in many clubs, for instance in the 1st division FC Orlen Plock in Poland. In addition to football experience Mr Sev holds master's degrees in journalism and international relations. His professional experience is very wide and related to his studies' areas, as well as to public relations.

Inclusive Education Coordinator



Leanne Bowler

Ms Leanne joined the ESCA - BIS team as Inclusive Education Coordinator after moving from United Kingdom where she worked where she worked as a Speech and Language Therapist in schools, preschools, clinics and children's centers in the UK with children with a range of needs including speech, language, social interaction and complex needs. Leanne works with other teachers to develop Individual Education Plans as required and provides teachers with resources to implement these plans.

Vacant Teaching Positions – to be filled in July/August 2016

Although our teaching team is almost complete for the 2016/17 academic year, we are still recruiting for qualified teachers for: Kyrgyz language; Russian language; advanced Mandarin; and English as an Additional Language. We expect these positions to be filled in August 2016.