

Bishkek International School

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION TEAM 2019/20

Inclusive education is a core commitment of BIS, with all staff involved in supporting the diverse needs of individual students, and several staff with specific skills and experience in meeting different needs. Leading this approach we also have a dedicated inclusive education team to ensure that all needs are met.

Inclusive Education Coordinator



Hollis Magee

Ms Hollis Ms. Hollis graduated from Portland State University with a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology, with a focus on supporting bilingual students. Her Bachelor of Arts was in Communication Sciences and Disorders together with Spanish from Temple University in Philadelphia. Hollis' experience in special education and speech pathology includes Ecuador, Mexico, and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Hollis joined BIS in summer 2018 as our Inclusive Education Specialist and her proven skills led to her appointment as Inclusive Education Coordinator from summer 2018. Hollis is passionate about inclusivity and outdoor educational opportunities. She is co-organizer of BIS Ski Club.

School Counselor



Aleksandra Savidge

Ms Alexandra (Ms Ali) graduated from Florida State University with a Master's degree in Social Work with a special focus on clinical practice, play therapy, and expressive arts therapy. Ms Ali is licensed in the USA for clinical social work and has 15 years experience providing psychosocial counseling to children and families. She has worked in nonprofit health clinics, as well as in schools and private practice, including a year volunteering with orphaned youth in Nepal. Ali is child-centered in her engagement with children, school teams, and parents in the counseling process. Ali is also a yoga instructor and practitioner and enjoys incorporating relaxation exercises in her work with children and adults.

Occupational Therapist



Shannon Coppock

Ms Shannon graduated from McMaster University with a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy and from Canadian Union College with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. Ms. Shannon has taught Primary School in Yemen, the UK, and Canada. She is also a registered Occupational Therapist and has worked for several years in this role which has given her further experience of working with children and supporting their development. Ms. Shannon joined the BIS staff team in February 2019.

Inclusive Education Support Teacher



Aijan Omurbekova

Ms Aijan has a Bachelor in Arts in English Language and Literature from Ala-Too International University and completed Teaching Certification. After graduation, Ms Aijan taught English and writing at the Ala-Too International University for five years and became a writer for the university newspaper and web site. Aijan joined BIS in summer 2019 and works half time as an ELA teacher and half time providing inclusive education support.

Individual Education Plan (IEP) Support Teacher



Erkinai Abdiakhat kyzy

Ms Erkinay graduated as an English Teacher from Bishkek Humanities University, faculty of European civilization. She will be joining the Inclusive Education team at BIS to provide specialized 1:1 support.