

Bishkek International School

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2019/20

MANAGEMENT BOARD

Head of School, Chair of the Management Board



David Grant

Dr Grant is a Co-Founder of BIS and has been involved in all aspects of school development. From 2011-13 he served as Chair of the Governing Board. From April 2014 to September 2015 he joined the school in a management role and rejoined staff in May 2016 as Development Director before serving as Head of School and Chair of the Management Board. Dr Grant has a PhD from the University of Edinburgh and MBA from Henley Management College. He has managed projects in many different sectors in Central Asia for both international development and major private sector investors. His teaching experience includes leading courses in development and economics at the University of Edinburgh and at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek.

Director of Studies



Krisha Gandhi

Ms Krisha graduated with a first-class degree from University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) where she studied Mandarin and History. She is a qualified Primary Teacher (PGCE) with teaching experience in the UK and China. Ms Krisha recently gained her Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy from University of Warwick. She joined BIS in August 2017 as a Primary 1 teacher and her proven skills led to her appointment as PYP Coordinator and Head of Languages from summer 2018 and Director of Studies from summer 2019. Ms Krisha is a dedicated teacher who is passionately believes that education has the power to create a better and more peaceful world.

Head of Administration



Mirzat Osmonova

Ms Mirzat graduated from the Kyrgyz National University with a Degree in English Linguistics and Intercultural Communications. She joined the BIS team in 2012 and worked in various roles before her appointment as Head of Administration in 2017. Ms Mirzat has broad responsibility for BIS facilities, operational systems, health, safety and security.

Assistant Head of School



Jacques Prinsloo

Mr Jacques has a PGCE in Secondary teaching from the University of South Africa, a Diploma in Investment Management from the University of South Africa, a Bachelors in Economics from the University of Pretoria, a Diploma in teaching English as an Additional Language and is currently completing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Illinois. Mr Jacques taught EAL in South Korea for several years before joining BIS in August 2017. Mr Jacques has taken on leadership roles in the school and is IGCSE Coordinator and teacher of Economics and Business Studies in IGCSE.

STUDENT WELFARE

Head of Student Welfare



Darren Simpson

Mr Darren has a teaching qualification and Master's Degree in education policy from the University of Glasgow. He joined BIS in summer 2019 following teaching in the UK and South Korea and three years at Wellington College, Shanghai, where he led the history department and worked in student welfare roles. He is very much looking forward to exploring Kyrgyzstan and the region, as well as getting to know everyone in the wider BIS community. Mr Darren is also the Individuals and Societies Department and History Teacher at BIS.

PROGRAM LEADERS

IB Diploma Programme (DP) Coordinator



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 ranging from elementary to high school level, and of teaching at publicly funded educational centers in South Korea. Ms Makiko joined BIS in summer 2014 and is a much-loved teacher with exceptional skills in education. Ms Makiko has been IB Diploma Programme Coordinator since 2017.

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Coordinator



Tim Johnson

Mr Tim has a first class honours degree in Modern Languages from the University of Oxford, and is a qualified teacher (University of Newcastle) with a Master's in Education from the University of Leeds. His work experience covers both NGO leadership and teaching in Austria, Portugal and the UK. Tim joined BIS in August 2019 as MYP Coordinator. He also teaches language acquisition and math. His hobbies include learning languages, traveling, cooking and playing the piano.

IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) Coordinator

Krishna Gandhi



Ms Krishna graduated with a first class degree from University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) where she studied Mandarin and History. She is a qualified Primary Teacher (PGCE) with teaching experience in the UK and China. Ms Krishna recently gained her Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy from University of Warwick. She joined BIS in August 2017 as a Primary 1 teacher and her proven skills led to her appointment as PYP Coordinator and Head of Languages from summer 2018 and Director of Studies from summer 2019. Ms Krishna is a dedicated teacher who is passionately believes that education has the power to create a better and more peaceful world.

Cambridge IGCSE Coordinator

Jacques Prinsloo



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Head of Preschool

Carmen Prinsloo



Ms Carmen graduated from the North West University of South Africa with a BA in Education in Foundation Phase learning, and is a certified teacher at the South African Council of Educators accredited to teach Foundation Phase. Ms Carmen has worked in international preschools in both South Africa and South Korea for four years prior to joining BIS in summer 2017.

National Curriculum Coordinator

Chynara Abdyraeva



Ms Chynara has a Doctorate in Education from Arabaev Kyrgyz State University. She worked for many years in the University sector, including work with the Ministry of Education and Science for curriculum accreditation. Ms Chynara is responsible for BIS accreditation with the Ministry in order for the school to hold national examinations at BIS for Grade 9 and Grade 11 students, enabling local students to graduate with a local High School certificate in addition to our internationally accredited programs.