

Bishkek International School

MANAGEMENT BOARD 2022/23

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 the 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.

Head of Administration, Deputy Head of School



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, events, health, safety and security.

High School Principal, Deputy 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 various leadership roles in the school and has recently completed the UK National Professional Qualification for Headship ((NPQH).

Middle School Principal



Laura Kircough

Ms Laura graduated from the Swansea Institute of Higher Education and has many years of experience teaching in different schools in the UK. In 2017 she moved to Sierra Leone where she volunteered as a Head Teacher at a local school for one year, before teaching at the American International School of Freetown, Sierra Leone, for two years. Ms Laura joined BIS in August 2020, initially as a Primary Homeroom Teacher, then as Head of Student Welfare and Community Engagement and now as Middle School Principal.

Primary School Principal



Gillian McGuigan

Ms Gill has a Postgraduate Certificate of Education and a Masters Degree in Education from the UK, and long term experience of teaching children in the UK, Russia, and Uzbekistan. Ms Gill joined the BIS team in summer 2021 very ably led Grade 1 teaching in 2021/22 as well as being curriculum lead for English and Math in Primary School. She believes in teaching children to be independent and resilient learners, who know that making mistakes is how we grow and learn. When not teaching, she loves making things, visiting museums and galleries and photographing old buildings.