

Bishkek International School

SPECIALIST TEACHING TEAM 2023/24

Head of Computer Science & Design



Tulay Yavuz

Ms Tulay studied at the department of Programming Languages before going on to complete a Bachelor of Computer Science and Instructional Technologies in the Middle East Technical University. During her studies she also went on an exchange program to University of Salerno, Italy. She has experience teaching students at all ages from kindergarten to high school. Her teaching style focuses on encouraging creativity and critical thinking in her students. In her free time, she enjoys designing illustrations, traveling, and outdoor sports. Ms Tulay joined BIS in summer 2022 and was promoted to Head of Computer Science and Design in summer 2023.

Computer Science Teacher



Nadia El Aoud

Ms Nadia has a Bachelor degree of Education in Computer Science and a University Technical Diploma (DUT) in Software Engineering from Rabat University in Morocco. Nadia worked as a computer science teacher in Moroccan high schools, and in software development as freelancer and in the Ministry of Economics and Finance in Morocco. Nadia enjoys sharing knowledge and developing the sense of creativity of her students. She can speak English, Arabic, French and is in the process of learning Korean. Ms Nadia joined BIS in summer 2022.

Primary ICT Teacher



Gulsana Niiazbek kyzy

Ms Gulsana has a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the International University of Central Asia. She has experience working with children in Poland and the Czech Republic in primary, middle and high school. She believes that bilingual education has a very positive influence on children's development. Ms Gulsana joined BIS in 2019 and specialized in teaching ICT in primary years from summer 2022.

Head of Math Department; Math & Theory of Knowledge Teacher



Toon Cavens

Mr Cavens is originally from Belgium, where he studied Mathematics and Economics. He has also studied Philosophy in Paris, and English Literature in London. He joined BIS in August 2016 to teach Mathematics and Theory of Knowledge. Mr Cavens hopes to instill in his students a life-long passion for learning, and to help them to develop their own ideas.

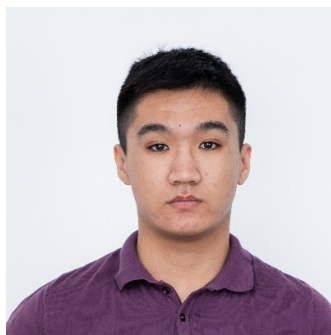
Math Teacher



Helene Fick

Ms Helene graduated from the University of South Africa with a Bachelor's in Education, specializing in Mathematics, English and Psychology. She also completed a Honours Degree in Education management. She is a dedicated educator who is passionate about guiding students to become critical thinkers who strive for growth. She inspires and motivates others to see and reach their own full potential. Ms Helene joined BIS in summer 2022.

Math Teacher



Alisher Kakenov

Mr Alisher has a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan, and taught in Kazakhstan prior to joining BIS in summer 2021. Not only a keen mathematician, Alisher has also tutored High School and University students in their development of physics and chemistry understanding. Alisher is excited to support our Middle and High School students and to continue developing high standards and enjoyment of mathematics among our students.

Math Teacher



Dannelle Dela Cruz

Ms Dannelle graduated from De La Salle University in the Philippines, with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with a major in Mathematics. She is currently completing her Master's degree. She has experience working with children in primary, middle, and high school. She was also involved in training students to compete in different local and international mathematics competitions. She is committed to developing active, motivated, confident, and enthusiastic math students. Ms. Dannelle joined BIS in summer 2022.

Math Teacher



Nazira Abakirova

Ms Nazira graduated with honors from the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University with a degree in Economics. While studying, she received a scholarship from the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan for conducting research on economic development in Kyrgyzstan. Ms. Nazira has a lot of experience in tutoring Math middle-school students and providing training for adults. She also holds MBA degree a Masters in the Art of Teaching from the American University of Central Asia. Ms Nazira joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

Math & ELA Teacher



Luke Dinon

Mr Luke was born and raised in Alaska. He graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a Bachelor's Degree in Russian Studies and Foreign Languages. He has two certifications in teaching English as a foreign language. He has been living and teaching in Bishkek since 2019. In addition to teaching, Luke has a passion for language acquisition. Mr Luke joined BIS in summer 2021.

Head of Individuals & Societies Department; Geography Teacher



Andrew Wheeler

Mr Andrew has a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Cross-Cultural Studies, and Peace Studies from Whitworth University, Washington State. Before joining the BIS team in August 2018, he served for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching English as a Foreign Language in Naryn, Kyrgyzstan. As well as teaching Geography, Mr Andrew also leads Eco-Bishkek, and leads the annual international educational visit for students.

History and Individuals & Societies Teacher



Ray Benton-Evans

Mr Ray obtained a bachelor's degree in Social Studies in Liverpool, and taught for several years in the United Kingdom before moving to the University of Alberta in Canada for postgraduate study. He has also taught in Turkey, Ghana and Kazakhstan. Mr Ray joined BIS in summer 2022.

Economics Teacher



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 at AUCA and has helped to write several mathematics textbooks for primary through to university level mathematics. Mr Azamat joined BIS in summer 2014 is also currently completing his PhD in Economics.

Individuals & Societies Teacher & MYP Coordinator



Nadine Lemoine

Ms Nadine holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies, a Master's in Geography and Planning and a B.Ed in Secondary Education. Prior to joining the BIS team, Ms. Nadine worked with various international environmental and human rights NGOs in Afghanistan, Cameroon and the Caribbean and worked in International Schools in China, South Korea, Albania and Romania. Ms. Nadine is also an IB examiner and has a keen interest in project and inquiry-based learning. In her spare time, Ms. Nadine enjoys rock climbing, mountain biking and studying yoga. Ms Nadine joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

Individuals & Societies Teacher, Business Studies & Spanish Teacher



Oscar Herrero Requena

After finishing his studies in Political Science at the University Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Mr Oscar attempted to break a Guinness World Record: he was trying to become the youngest person to visit every country in the world. He felt that would be a good opportunity to discover all the cultures and places on the planet. When he decided to stop the project, as it was no longer achievable, he had achieved 85 countries, amongst them North Korea and Afghanistan. In Bishkek he started teaching, and joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

Head of Performing Arts & Drama Teacher



Sarah Joy Hill

Ms Sarah has a degree in Music with Education from Cambridge University and a teaching career that has taken her from the UK to India, Nepal, South Korea and Malaysian Borneo. She has been teaching for over two decades and brings experience in leading Music and Performing Arts Departments, as well as producing numerous productions and concerts. Ms Sarah is passionate about providing all students with exciting opportunities to develop their confidence and creativity, both on and off the stage.

Music Teacher



Munara Korpotaeva

Ms Munara graduated from Kyrgyz National Conservatory as a pianist. In 2015 she finished her postgraduate studies in the class of Professor Tsokurenko. Currently she is also working in the National Conservatory as a pianist. She is the prize winner of national competitions and the scholarship holder of the KR President's scholarship "Altyn Shaty". Ms Munara joined BIS in summer 2019.

Music Teacher



Aziza Mamatnazar kyzy

Ms Aziza studied vocal music in the Korea National University of Arts (Seoul, South Korea), Kyrgyz national conservatory (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) and Kosygin state university (Moscow, Russia). She was a soloist at Kyrgyz national opera and ballet theatre named after A. Malydybaeva for 3 years, and is a laureate of international vocal competitions. Ms Aziza joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

Drama Teacher



Iliya Misyurin

Mr Iliya

Since 2016, Mr. Iliya has been studying at the "Republic of SHKID" theater studio. In 2017, he began teaching acting to children. In 2018, he wrote the play "Leningrad" and entered Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University at the Faculty of Philosophy. He worked in various creative companies and ventures before joining the BIS team in summer 2023.

Dance & PE Teacher



Sergey Zelenovsky

Mr Sergey graduated from Arabaeva University, then followed his passion for dance, working as a dancer from 1997, then as a dance teacher since 1998. He has worked as both dancer and dance teacher with leading groups and studios in Bishkek and spent six years in China as a Dancer and Choreographer in multiple cities. Mr Sergey joined the BIS team in summer 2021.

Head of Visual Arts; Art & Design Teacher



Moeeza Shuaib

Ms Moeeza obtained her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the National College of Arts, Pakistan, and Master's in Advanced Teaching from University of the People, USA. She also showcased her artworks in various art galleries around the globe. Her unique blend of creativity and pedagogy defines her expertise. She is a licensed art educator as well as a TESOL certified teacher with over 7 years of experience in international teaching. Her lasting impact is seen in the development of well-rounded individuals prepared to make a global difference. In the summer of 2023, Mrs. Moeeza joined the BIS team.

Art Teacher



Didi Wang

Ms Didi is a graduate of the Sheridan College Animation Program in Canada. She holds a second bachelor degree from the Beijing Film Academy. She finds her unique style of fine art by combining art, dance and animation, and constantly celebrates life through art and dance! Ms Didi has 6 years of experience teaching university students for portfolio preparation courses as well as teaching school children in both Canada and Kyrgyzstan. She believes it is vital to inspire students' passion and creativity, by constantly using art to brighten students' lives. Ms Didi joined the BIS team in March 2023

Art & Host Country Studies Teacher



Anna Balduk

Ms Anna studied at the 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 has encouraged wonderful art and built theatre stage sets as part of the BIS team since 2013.

Art & Host Country Studies Support Teacher



Aizhan Anarbek kyzy

Ms Aizhan graduated from the art school named after S.A. Chuikov in 2017, and graduated from the Academy of Arts named after T.S. Sadykov in 2022. She draws and paints on social topics and participates in exhibitions. Ms Aizhan joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

Head of Science; Biology & Science Teacher



Robert Fenn

Mr Robert has 17 years teaching experience including schools in Nepal, UAE and Malaysia where among many roles he has been Head of Science, Head of Secondary, and Head of the International School. He graduated with a degree in Botany from the University of Nottingham and has an MSc in Bio-Aeronautics from Cranfield University, a PGCE from Edinburgh, and a Diploma in Education from Bath. Before becoming a teacher, Mr Rob worked as a research scientist in Zimbabwe, Zambia and the UK and later on as an IT Manager for a medium sized company working in International Development. Mr Rob joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

Physics & Science Teacher



Alexander Sheyerman

Mr Alexander is a graduate of Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. He had been doing experimental research in Condensed Matter Physics for the last 10 years. During his doctoral studies at the University of British Columbia he was teaching undergraduate Physics and Engineering courses. In teaching Alexander emphasizes experimental nature of Sciences and focuses on the development of research skills. Alexander joined the BIS team in March 2023.

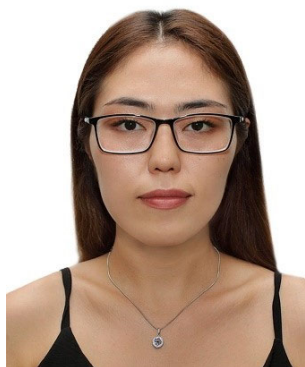
Chemistry & Science Teacher



Colin Mackay

Mr Colin has a Bachelor of Science Degree (Biology & Chemistry) from the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Prior to joining BIS in summer 2022, Mr Colin taught high school chemistry, biology and math in Russia for ten years, following several years teaching English for corporate managers. Prior to teaching, Mr Colin ran his own Executive Recruitment agency in Russia, following several years in Poland and the UK, working in the financial services sector. Mr Colin joined BIS in summer 2022.

Biology & Science Teacher



Meerim Moldokeeva

Ms Meerim graduated from the Middle East Technical University, where she studied Biological Sciences. She also holds a Master's Degree in Management. Meerim has been teaching IGCSE Biology for 5 years and is a dedicated and resourceful educator with a commitment to the social and academic growth and development of every child. Her aim is to develop inspiring hands-on lessons that will inspire a child's imagination and future success. Ms Meerim joined BIS in summer 2022.

Science Laboratory Technician; Science Teacher



Janyl Namazbekova

Ms Janyl graduated from Arbaev Kyrgyz State University as a Biology teacher, and has work as both a school teacher and research in the Agency for Geology. In this role she had an internship in the Natural Historical Museum in Oslo, Norway, to expand her knowledge and skills in paleontology, which contributed to her being part of team which discovered dinosaur fossils in Kyrgyzstan. Ms Janyl joined BIS in August 2021.

Science Laboratory Technician; Science Teacher

Aisuluu Asanova



Ms Aisuluu has a degree in Engineering from the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University. She has experience as a laboratory technician, researcher and working with university students. As a teacher Ms Aisuluu encourages and leads students to develop independent working skills. Ms Aisuluu joined the BIS team in August 2022.

Head of Physical Health Education; Athletics Director

Zeljko Jovetic



Mr Zeljko graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Sport from the University of Belgrade, and a Master's degree in Physical Education from University of Novi Sad, Serbia. He has worked as PE teacher and coach in schools and sports clubs in Serbia before working in athletics and PE teaching in an international school in the United Arab Emirates. He has school teaching licenses from both the Serbian and UAE ministries of education and is also a licensed basketball and swimming coach. Mr Zeljko joined the BIS team in August 2019.

PE Teacher

Anna Smirnova



Ms Anna has both Bachelor and Master degrees from the Kyrgyz State Academy of Physical Culture and Sports as a PE teacher. She is also a basketball referee with the Federation of Basketball of the Kyrgyz Republic. Ms Anna joined the BIS team in 2019 as a basketball coach, and as a full time PE teacher in August 2021.

PE Teacher

Jerid Robson



Mr Jerid graduated with a Bachelor's degree in History and Geography from Brock University in Ontario Canada, and another Bachelor's degree in Education from Memorial University in Newfoundland Canada. Mr Jerid then acquired his Physical Education additional qualification from York university in Ontario Canada. Mr. Jerid Started his educational career teaching History and Geography in China, Poland and Albania, before transitioning to PE. Mr Jerid then went on to teach PE in Albania, Kosovo and Poland, before joining the BIS team in August 2023.

PE Teacher



Diana Kasymova

Ms Diana graduated from the Kyrgyz-Turkish University Manas as a physical education teacher. She currently serves as a judge for the Kyrgyzstan Basketball Federation. Diana has been a member of the national basketball team since 2014. In 2022, she joined BIS as a basketball coach, and joined the BIS team as a PE teacher in summer 2023.

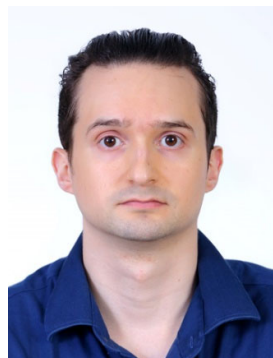
Head of English Department; English Language and Literature & Theory of Knowledge Teacher



Jan Scott

Mr Jan has a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Russian from the University of Florida and has taught in both universities and language schools before joining the BIS team in August 2018. Mr Jan became Head of the English Department in summer 2021, teaching English and Theory of Knowledge in the IB Diploma Programme, and leading English teaching throughout the school.

English Language and Literature Teacher



Daniel Webster Cullington

Mr Daniel has a Master degree in Education from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Language and Literature from Southern New Hampshire University. He holds two certificates in teaching English as a foreign language. He has previously taught English and coached basketball in the Czech Republic, Myanmar, and Vietnam. In his spare time, Daniel enjoys playing all sports with basketball being his favorite. Mr Daniel joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

English Language and Literature Teacher



Stephen Labanowich

Mr Stephen holds a Master's degree in Education from Niagara University (Lewiston, NY) and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Trent University (Peterborough, Ontario). He is a member of the Ontario College of Teachers and a JET Program alumnus (2016-2022). Before joining BIS in January of 2023, Stephen was teaching English in Japan and Korea.

English Language Teacher; English Language Acquisition Coordinator for Middle/High School, IGCSE Coordinator



Tom Clifton

Mr Tom has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Queen Mary University in London, as well as a Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge. He has worked in language schools and universities in countries such as Spain and Iraq, as well as working in the Kyrgyz Republic prior to joining BIS. Outside of the classroom, Mr Tom enjoys travelling around the region and documenting Kyrgyzstan through photography. He joined BIS in August 2020.

English Language Acquisition Teacher



Aigul Sakieva

Ms Aigul graduated from the Kyrgyz State University with a degree in English Language and Literature. She has 15 years of teaching experience in diverse educational institutions in Kyrgyzstan. Prior to embarking a teaching career, she was a part of scholarship program at Shriram Institute of Business and Information Technology School in New Delhi, 2005. Ms Aigul also studied at Indiana University, USA, under a Fulbright scholarship in 2014-15 and has CELTA and related certificates on teaching methodology for the English language. Ms Aigul joined the BIS team in summer 2021.

English & Russian Language Acquisition Teacher



Sagida Satysheva

Ms Sagida graduated from Bishkek Humanities University with a Bachelor's degree in English Philology. Ms. Sagida has experience teaching English to local students and Russian as a foreign language. She worked in various language schools in Bishkek, gaining experience working with different age groups of students. She joined the BIS team in the summer of 2023.

Head English of Language Acquisition in the PYP, ELA Teacher



Elvira Tonueva

Ms Elvira studied Linguistics and New Computer Technologies at Bishkek Humanities University, and also has a Masters in the Art of Teaching from the American University of Central Asia and Bard College, New York. Ms Elvira joined BIS in summer 2017 as a Co-Teacher before specializing in language teaching in the primary years programme in recent years.

English Language Acquisition Teacher



Tinatin Stambekova

Ms Tinatin graduated with a bachelor's degree from Tomsk State University in 2017 and followed her passion for teaching. At university, she studied linguistics, English, and Spanish languages. Over 5 years of teaching, she gained a solid grounding in English Teaching Methodology. Ms Tinatin joined BIS in summer 2021.

English Language Acquisition Teacher



Leonid Ranenko

Mr Leonid graduated from the International University of Central Asia, where he studied pedagogy. He has been teaching English for children and teenagers since 2020. He always does his best to create an environment where children are fully involved at the learning process. Mr Leonid joined BIS in summer 2022.

English & Russian Language Acquisition Teacher



Aisedep Syrgakova

Ms Aisedep graduated from Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University with a degree in International Relations with part of the course and internship completed in Turkey. She has worked as a tutor for both English and Turkish, as a language teacher for children in an education centre, and as English Teacher at a private preschool in Bishkek. Ms Aisedep joined BIS in August 2019 and recently completed her Masters in Education at the American University of Central Asia.

Head of Language Acquisition & Spanish Teacher



Marta Pascual Garcia

Ms Marta obtained a teaching degree in the UK in 2009 and has taught Spanish for more than 18 years in both primary and secondary school settings in the UK and New Zealand. She was responsible for developing the Spanish curriculum in her role as Head of the Modern Foreign Languages department in her previous teaching position in London. She gained TEFAL qualification in 2021. She loves travelling and cooking, and has run after-school clubs teaching Spanish cinema, cooking and literature. Ms Marta joined BIS in summer 2022.

French Language Teacher



Lailo Youssoup-Akhounova

Ms Lailo has extensive experience teaching both French and Russian languages, including at local universities, the Alliance Française and Embassies. She graduated in 1984 from the Kyrgyz National University. In addition to teaching, Ms Lailo is also a professional translator. Ms Lailo joined the BIS team in summer 2016.

French Language Teacher



Nurzhamal Alymova

Ms Nurzhamal graduated from the French Department of foreign languages at the Kyrgyz National University. Since graduating with a Master's Degree, she has worked as a French teacher at the National University, with Alliance Française and with international organizations. Ms Nurzhamal joined BIS in October 2019.

Spanish Language Teacher



Dixy Cardenas Beyra

Ms Dixy graduated from Central University "Marta Abreu" of Las Villas with a degree in accounting and finance. She also studied at the Pontifical University of Comillas in the Faculty of Theology. Ms Dixy had the great opportunity to attend the Cristóbal Colón University in Mexico to learn how to pay attention to people with disabilities, as well as several valuable pedagogical sessions at this university. My experience, especially in Cuba, with excellent results when applying interactive, dynamic classes and providing personalized attention to students according to their learning abilities. She worked at the Villa Clara Pedagogical University in Cuba. Ms. Dixy joined BIS in January 2024.

Spanish Language Teacher & LDI Specialist



Marc Garreta

Mr Marc graduated as a psychologist in the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain and also holds a Masters degree in Learning Difficulties and Disorders from Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. Mr. Marc has a wide variety of teaching experience in Spain, Indonesia and Kyrgyzstan. Mr Marc loves teaching his own language as well as working with schools to make them as inclusive as possible. He joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

German Language Teacher



Alvira Baisalova

Ms Alvira graduated from the Bishkek Humanitarian University and has a diploma in teaching German language and literature and a certificate as a German translator. After graduation, she worked in Germany for a year as an Au-Pair. Then she studied in Austria at the University of Vienna. She has 7 years of teaching experience with students and schoolchildren, she also worked for several years as a guide and translator for tourists from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Ms Alvira joined BIS in summer 2023.

German Language Teacher



Irina Golchikova

Ms Irina holds a Master degree from the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University, Faculty of International Relations. She spent more than ten years in Germany, working in a scientific research institute, and written articles for mass media in both Germany and Kyrgyzstan. Ms Irina publishes poetry in several languages, and has taught German language at the Kyrgyz National University, Kyrgyz European Faculty, Faculty of International Relations and Oriental Studies. Ms Irina joined BIS in October 2022.

Mandarin Language Teacher



Saikal Alamanova

Ms Saikal graduated from the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University with a bachelor degree in Public Relations. She then received a scholarship from the Confucius Institute to learn Mandarin at Beihang University in Beijing, followed by a scholarship to complete her Master's degree in teaching Chinese for speakers of other languages from Tongji University in Shanghai. Ms Saikal joined BIS in August 2019.

Mandarin and Russian Language Teacher



Erkeayim Zhekshenalieva

Ms Erkeayim has a Bachelor's degree from International University of Central Asia and has diverse experience working with children within the Kyrgyz Republic. She taught Mandarin and English in an orphanage in Tokmok and taught English to students of Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Ivanovka school. She also worked in a special school in Hong Kong with children who were addicted to drugs. Ms Erkeayim enjoys working with children as they are open to speaking their minds, being silly, and they make learning fun. She believes that the students she teaches now will one day be the people running the country. Ms Erkeayim joined BIS in October 2019.

Mandarin Language Teacher; ECA Coordinator



Nazira Verger

Ms Nazira has a Master's degree from Beijing International Business and Economics University and a Diploma from Beijing Language and Culture University. She has worked as a teacher and interpreter in China. Ms Nazira worked at BIS for several years before moving to Uganda to teach Mandarin at an international school there. She rejoined the BIS team in summer 2021.

Japanese Language Teacher, 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 UK Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and has experience teaching students ranging from elementary to high school level. 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.

Russian Language and Literature Teacher



Indira Bekkoenova

Ms Indira graduated from the Kyrgyz National University, where she studied Russian philology. She also has Master of Education degree from the University of People, USA. Ms Indira has extensive experience teaching Russian language and literature to school and university students. She joined the BIS team in 2013 and loves the warm and friendly environment.

Russian Language and Literature Teacher



Nazgul Kakelova

Ms Nazgul has a Degree in Teaching Russian Language from the Kyrgyz State National University and over 20 years teaching experience in schools in the Kyrgyz Republic. She is an "Excellence in Education of the Kyrgyz Republic" award winner. Ms Nazgul joined BIS in August 2016 as a Russian Language Teacher.

Russian Language and Literature Teacher



Gulgaaky Kadyrkulova

Ms Gulgaaky has a philologist linguist diploma from the Bishkek Humanitarian University (BSU) and has teaching and research experience in several educational institutions. She is currently working on her PhD thesis on the Theory and Methodology of Teaching at BSU and is also working full time at BIS. She enjoys teaching and helping students discover their abilities and talents. Ms. Gulgaaky joined BIS in 2021 and teaches Russian language and reading in elementary school.

Russian Language and Literature Teacher



Deniz Karybaeva

Ms Deniz graduated from the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, philology faculty, as teacher of Russian language and literature. She initially worked as Russian teacher in Novo-Pokrovka school and realized that teaching is very responsible and noble as the education and upbringing of the younger generation is a huge contribution to the development of both the country and all of humanity. Ms Deniz joined the BIS team in summer 2023.

Kyrgyz Language Teacher



Nazgul Sultakeeva

Ms Nazgul has a Postgraduate degree in Kyrgyz Philology from Arbaev Kyrgyz State University. She has over 10 years teaching experience in universities in the Kyrgyz Republic and joined BIS in August 2017 to teach Kyrgyz language.

Kyrgyz History & Host Country Studies teacher



Gulbara Akunova

Ms Gulbara has a Bachelor' degree of English Language Teacher from Bishkek Humanities University. During her study she experienced two exchange programs in the USA and China. From September 2019 to August 2020 Gulbara worked as a Reference and Instruction Specialist in the American University in Central Asia Library. Currently she is completing her post graduate study in the field of Central Asian region at The Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation in Moscow. Ms Gulbara joined BIS in November 2020.

Community Engagement Leader & Houses Coordinator



Aigul Kubatbekova

Ms Aigul is a graduate of Columbia College, Mo, USA with a major in Management. After graduating she spent a year in China learning Mandarin then travelled the world exploring many different countries and cultures. Apart from teaching English and Visual Arts at BIS, Ms Aigul works as a weekend ski instructor for children in winter. Ms Aigul loves working with students, and strongly believes that a child's early development is extremely important for their future endeavours.

Librarian



Irina Pak

Ms Irina has a Master's Degree in Russian Language and Literature from Kyrgyz National University. She has 19 years' experience in library services, first with the National Library of the Kyrgyz Republic as senior librarian in the computer technologies department, then with the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) as electronic service librarian. Ms Irina is also the Executive Director of the 'Library and Information Consortium of the Kyrgyz Republic' and country licensing coordinator of the project 'Electronic Information for Libraries - eIFL'. Ms Irina joined BIS in 2019.

Learning Resources Explorer and Guide



Aidana Oskonbaeva

Ms Aidana has a Bachelor degree in German Linguistics from Kyrgyz National University. While studying she received a DAAD- scholarship and participated in language courses for foreign students at the University of Aachen in Germany. She also has two years' experience of teaching English language in Bishkek. Ms Aidana joined BIS in September 2021 and works in the BIS Library. She is happy helping students to find all the resources they need to study.

Senior University and Careers Counselor & Alumni Officer



Nazira Tursalieva

Ms Nazira brings a wealth of experience of international schools and cultures and the ability to interact easily with both our local and international families. With two children who have already graduated from BIS she is also very aware of the transition process beyond school life and she knows many of our recent graduates. Ms Nazira builds the alumni community of the school from graduating students and families who have left the school to move abroad.

High School Counselor & University Counselor



Valeria Totolina

Ms Valeria graduated from the American University of Central Asia with a Master's Degree in Applied Psychology with a special focus on adolescents and adult counselling. Her work experience includes individual and group counselling sessions with adolescents and adults under the Psychological Health Institution, and providing individual career counselling and leading career-oriented lectures and events for adolescents. Ms Valeria joined BIS in June 2020 and is responsible for university and career counselling for High School students.

IB Diploma Programme Administrator & CAS Coordinator



Ainura Moldaliev

Ms Ainura graduated from Bishkek Humanities University, where she studied World Economics. She worked for the last 10 years in several positions from travel agent to manager of Helpdesk department. Ms Ainura joined the BIS team in October 2021.