

Bishkek International School

DIVISION TEAM 2024/25

IB Diploma Programme (DP) and Cambridge IGCSE Coordinator: Grade 9-12



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 the 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.

High School Assistant Principal



Nurbek Chagataev

Mr Nurbek graduated from the Cyprus International University with a degree in International Relations. His work experience includes working in guest relations at the 'Warner Brothers World Abu Dhabi', and at the Republican Centre for Health Protection in the Kyrgyz Republic. His responsibilities in BIS include student reports, records, and transcripts, setting all timetables, setting and administering the Cambridge IGCSE examinations, Coordinating SAT exams, and Extended Essay Coordinator for the IB Diploma Programme. Mr Nurbek joined BIS in September 2020.

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Coordinator: Grades 6-8



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 BIS in summer 2023.

Middle School Assistant Principal



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

IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) Coordinator: Preschool to Grade 5

Maria Corbett



Ms Maria graduated from ISAE University of Panama, with a diploma in Primary Years Education. She has 15 years of teaching experience, 7 of which have been in International Baccalaureate schools. She has worked with diverse age groups and has experience as a first-grade and second-grade homeroom teacher, English Language Acquisition (EAL) teacher for early grades and middle school, and Spanish as an Additional Language (SAL) teacher for upper elementary. Her experience in education goes beyond classrooms as an IB Primary Years Programme librarian for 4 years. Ms. Maria joined the BIS team in summer 2022.

Primary School Assistant Principal

Elina Ignatova



Ms Elina graduated from the Faculty of Linguistics and Translation of Chelyabinsk State University, Russia, then worked in Bishkek as a private tutor with international students of different ages. Ms Elina joined BIS as a Co-Teacher in summer 2018 and worked for two years before taking maternity leave. She returned in later 2022 as Co-Teacher in Grade 5, before promotion to Primary School Assistant Principal in summer 2023. Ms Elina is currently studying for a Masters in Teaching.