



Damian Addington – Damian will be teaching English Language and Literature MYP and DP. He is presently Head of Secondary English at Changchun International School. He has an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from South Eastern Oklahoma State University and a B.A. in Journalism from University of Arkansas, USA. He has previously worked in schools in Shanghai, Xiamen, and Marrakesh Morocco. He will join us with his wife and their newly born son. Damian is a US citizen.

Shaqeel Baksh – Shaqeel will be teaching Physics MYP and DP. He is presently teaching AP Physics and STEM at Olive Tree International School, Hangzhou. He has a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from University of West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago where he also qualified as a teacher. He has previously worked in schools in Yantai, China and Trinidad and Tobago. He is single. Shaqeel is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago.

Jade Bennett – Jade will be our new IB MYP Coordinator as well as teaching English Language and Literature MYP. She is presently Grade Level lead at Canadian International School of Beijing where she has been both PYP and MYP coordinator during her 15 years at the school. She has a B.Ed. from University of New Brunswick and a B.A. in English Language from Cape Breton University, Canada. She has previously worked in schools in Canada. She will join us with her husband Adam and their two children. Jade is Canadian.

Sue Suhyun Chun – Sue will be a lower Primary School Counsellor. She is presently the Primary Counsellor at Shanghai United International School. She has a M.A. in Teaching specialising in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and a B.Sc. in teacher Education from Columbia International University, South Carolina, USA. She also has a Certificate in International School Counselling from Counsellor Training Center (CTC). She has previously taught in Beijing. She will be joining her soon to be husband here at NIS. Sue is Korean.

Anita Claasz – Anita will be a MYP English and Humanities teacher. She is presently a senior teacher at Gympie State High School, Queensland, Australia. She has an M.Ed. in Teacher Librarianship from Charles Sturt University, and a B.Ed. from Deakin University, Australia. She has previously worked as a teacher or teacher librarian in Beijing, Nanjing, England, and Australia. She will be joining her husband, Ken Brady. They have two children; one is here in G9 at NIS and the other will come with Anita. Anita is Australian.

Ginna Daza – Ginna will be a Learning Support teacher in Primary. She is presently IB PYP Co-ordinator at Beanstalk International Bilingual School, Beijing. She has a B.Ed. with specialisation in Special Education from National Pedagogical University, Bogotá, Colombia and Post Grad Diploma in Learning from Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain. She has previously worked in IB schools in her native Colombia. She will be joined by her husband Hernan. She is Colombian.

Tanya Farrol – Tanya will be a Learning Support teacher in Secondary. She is presently at home in Canada having been stranded outside China during COVID restrictions. She was Middle School Learning Support teacher at Beijing City International School and Head of High School Learning Support at Western Academy Beijing. She has a M.Ed. in Special Education from Open University, UK, and a B.Ed. and B.A. from Queens University, Canada. She has previously worked in Haiti, Egypt, England, and Venezuela. She will be joined by her husband Phil who will teach at NIS and their son. She is Canadian.

Phil Farrol – Phil will be an MYP PE teacher. He is presently at home in Canada having been stranded outside China during COVID restrictions. He was PE Teacher and CAS Coordinator at Keystone Academy School and PE teacher at Western Academy, Beijing. He has a B.Ed. from University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education from University of Toronto, Canada. He has previously worked in Haiti, Egypt, England, and Venezuela. He will be joined by his wife Tanya who will teach at NIS and their son. He is Canadian.



Andrew Friedle – Andrew will be an IBDP Economics, Business and MYP Humanities teacher. He is presently Director of International Teaching & Learning at Thomas School, Hefei. He has an M.Ed. in Secondary Education from The College of New Jersey, M.A. in Economics from West Virginia University, and a B.A. in Economics from Penn State University. He has previously taught Economics, Business and Mathematics at Hefei, No.1 American High School. He will be joining his wife and son, Kevin. Andrew is a US citizen.

Santiago Gonzalez Gomez – Santiago will be a PYP homeroom teacher. He is presently founder and language acquisition English and Spanish teacher at Happy Rocket English in Nanjing. He has a Master's in Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language from International College of Barcelona UNIBA, Master of Economics in International Trade from Southeast University Nanjing and a Bachelor's in Law from University of Costa Rica, San Jose. Santiago is married and is about to become a father. Santiago is Costa Rican.

Adam Harrold – Adam will be teaching MYP Humanities. He is presently the Individuals and Societies Department Head at Canadian International School of Beijing where he also teaches MYP Individuals and Societies. He has an M.Ed. B.Ed. and B.A. from University of New Brunswick, Canada. He has previously worked in other schools in Beijing. He will join us with his wife Jade and their two children. Adam is Canadian.

Hansoo Jang – Hansoo will be a PYP homeroom teacher. She is presently a PYP Teacher at Chadwick International School, Korea. She has a PostGrad Diploma in Early Childhood Education from Hong Kong Baptist University, a B.Sc. from Hong Kong Polytechnic University and is presently studying for her M.Ed. She has previously taught in Hong Kong and her native Korea. Hansoo is single. Hansoo is Korean.

Quinnesian Joyner – Q will be the Primary School Counsellor. She is presently Dean of Students at BASIS Nanjing. She has an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Northcentral University, Arizona, an Ed.S. in School Counselling from Georgia Southern University, M.Ed. in Counselling Education from Georgia Southern University, and a B.S. in Sociology from Savannah State University, Georgia, USA. She has previously held leadership and Counselling positions in her native USA. She will be joining her husband Ruben and their two children here at NIS. Quinnesian is a US citizen.

Alexia Lastchenko – Alexia will be a PYP ELL teacher. She is presently a Primary homeroom teacher at Overseas Chinese Academy of Chiway, which is an IB school in Suzhou. She has a PGCEi from University of Nottingham and B.A. Modern Languages and European Studies from University of Bath, UK. She has previously worked in schools in France and Spain. She is single. Alexia is Belgian.

Edith Mbalaga – Edith will be a PYP homeroom teacher. She is presently a Primary ELL teacher at Overseas Chinese Academy of Chiway, which is an IB school in Suzhou. She has a B.Ed. (Arts) from Kenyatta University, Kenya. She has previously worked in a schools in her native Kenya. She is single. Edith is Kenyan.

Jacqui Patrick – Jacqui will be the new Primary Principal. She is presently Elementary Principal at Beanstalk International Bilingual School, Beijing. She has a Master of Teaching and a B.A. in Sociology both from the University of Sydney. She has previously worked in IB schools in Suzhou, Nanjing, and Indonesia. She will be joined by her partner Jamie who will teach at NIS. We are delighted to have Jacqui back at NIS. She is Australian.

Jamie Watson – Jamie will be a PYP homeroom teacher. He is presently a PYP teacher at Beanstalk International Bilingual School, Beijing. He has a B.Sc. in Geography and Environmental Studies from University of Derby, England and a Grad Diploma of Teaching and Learning (Primary) from Christchurch College of Education, New Zealand. He has previously taught in IB schools in Suzhou, Nanjing, and Indonesia. He will be joined by his partner Jacqui. We are delighted to have Jamie back at NIS. He is a dual UK and New Zealand citizen.



Shane Wu Yuxuan – Shane will be teaching Biology MYP and DP. He is presently an IB MYP and DP Biology teacher at Qingdao Amerasia International School. He has a B.Sc. (hons) in Biology from University of Bath and a Post Grad Certificate in Education from Durham University, UK. He did his teaching practicums at International Schools of Lausanne and Geneva. He is an IB graduate from a school in Texas, USA. Shane is single. He is Singaporean.