

# OVERSEAS RECRUITMENT INFORMATION PACK

Jerudong International School  
Brunei



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are delighted that you are considering joining the community of staff at Jerudong International School (JIS).

We welcome applications from passionate, hard-working teachers from all backgrounds.

Currently, there are 180 full time members of the teaching staff which includes colleagues who have taught in the UK, and those who have taught internationally.

JIS is a wonderful school with world-class facilities in a unique tropical environment. We hope you take the time to use this recruitment information pack, alongside our website and social media to find out more about working at JIS and living in Brunei.

We hope that you will consider joining the JIS team and look forward to receiving an application from you.

Nicholas Sheehan  
Principal



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## JERUDONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN BRIEF

JIS founded in 1997 is in the small, beautiful country of Brunei Darussalam, on the island of Borneo. It is a large, thriving Day and Boarding School with over 1600 students, from 2 to 18, offering a broad, liberal education in the best traditions of British Independent schools. Students come from 51 different countries adding to the vibrant cultural mix of the school. Students are prepared for I/GCSEs, A Levels and IBDP.

A strong emphasis is placed upon academic work and many students have been successful in gaining places in top universities overseas. The school is divided into three main areas: Junior School; Middle Years and Senior School.



The Boarding community caters for students from China and Malaysia, and whose families are employed in the British Forces, the Oil Industry, both in Brunei and over the border in Miri, Malaysia. The School operates an extensive Co-Curricular Activities programme between around 100 activities each term.

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## OUR FACILITIES

The facilities at JIS are truly exceptional. The purpose built networked School occupies over 300 acres on a single campus in Jerudong, near the coast – a short 15-minute drive to the capital city. In addition to impressive conventional facilities such as Boarding Houses, traditional classrooms, Science laboratories, Sports facilities (e.g. Olympic-size pools), Libraries, etc, we have an exceptional, huge Arts Centre, containing a 725-seat main auditorium; a 250-seat Studio Theatre; a state-of-the-art Music School (including Recording Studio and iMac Music Suite); a Dance Studio; Art Gallery; a complex for Upper Years Students which includes a Learning Resource/e-learning Centre, a Higher Education Hub, a 250-seat Lecture Theatre, 10 specialist IB/A Level Science Laboratories, a stunning Design and Technology Centre, and countless ICT suites, Art Studios, general classrooms and communal areas, including a dedicated Upper Years Canteen; and countless rehearsal/teaching rooms. Boarding facilities are purpose designed and built for the weekly boarding community of around 300 students.



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## BENEFITS OF WORKING AT JIS

- Competitive tax free salary
- End of contract and re-signing gratuity
- Furnished accommodation
- Very good medical insurance
- Relocation allowance at the beginning (and end) of service
- Inbound and leaving flights for staff and eligible dependents
- Annual flights allowance for staff and eligible dependents
- School fees
- Opportunities to teach amazing, interesting and hard working students, be part of a supportive and forward thinking team and get involved in Co-Curricular Activities and Enrichment Programme



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### LIVING IN BRUNEI

Brunei Darussalam is a relatively small country located on the northern shore of the island of Borneo, which it shares with parts of Malaysia and Indonesia.

The official language of Brunei is Bahasa Melayu which is a simple language to understand and learn.

Brunei is an excellent choice for those who are looking for a chance to make a difference. A tax free environment - cost of living is less cheaper compared to other wealthy countries. The price of petrol is cheap. Electricity and water bills are less expensive. Expats have more budget to spend on their basic needs and leisure such as regular travel during school holidays.

#### 2022 Cost of Living City Ranking

1	Hong Kong	Hong Kong (SAR)
8	Singapore	Singapore
15	London	United Kingdom
67	Melbourne	Australia
106	Bangkok	Thailand
<b>179</b>	<b>Bandar Seri Begawan</b>	<b>Brunei</b>

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#### AVERAGE COSTS IN BRUNEI

Restaurants	
A meal at an inexpensive restaurant	£3.69 (B\$6.00)
A three-course meal for two at a mid-range restaurant	£30.71 (B\$50.00)
A cup of coffee (regular)	£2.82 (B\$4.58)
A can of soft drink (0.33ℓ)	62p (B\$1.00)

#### Utilities (Monthly) and Transportation

Basic Utilities	£79.77 (B\$130)
1 min. of Prepaid Mobile Tariff Local (No Discounts or Plans)	12p (B\$0.20)
Gasoline (1ℓ)	32p (B\$0.53)

#### Markets

Milk (1ℓ)	£1.84 (B\$ 3.00)
Fresh white bread (500g)	£1.53 (B\$2.50)
Rice (1kg)	£1.07 (B\$1.73)
Eggs (12)	£1.79 (B\$2.90)
Chicken Fillets (1kg)	£4.41 (B\$7.16)
Banana (1kg)	£1.85 (B\$3.00)

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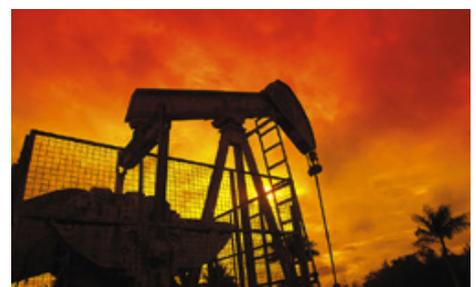
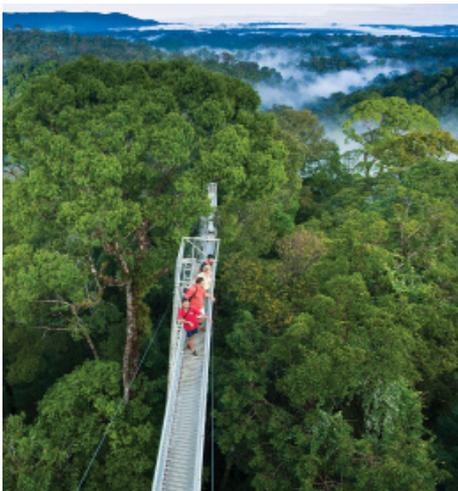
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A safe, stable and secure country governed by the longest serving family monarchy in the world, there are no typhoons, earthquakes, or severe flooding to contend with. The climate is warm, stable and constant without the extremes of heat that are common in some parts of the world. Rainfall is typically heavy and brief. With rain brings unspoiled natural rainforests with an abundance of untamed wilderness coupled with some beautiful iconic, white sandy beaches.

The pace of life is much slower and more relaxed than in many Western countries. Though this can take newcomers some time to get used to, most people find that it soon becomes addictive and much more pleasant than the hustle and bustle of some other places. The people of Brunei Darussalam are welcoming of expatriates and very friendly.



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## FROM OUR STAFF

"JIS is a very welcoming school for both students, staff and parents. The school has a very positive and caring ethos. Members of our team thoroughly enjoy the wonderful working environment and facilities at school. The students are wonderful to teach and always enjoy learning. Coming to school everyday is a pleasure and the sun is always shining!"

***Justin Harris, Director of Enrichment & Operations***

"World class facilities, friendly and conscientious colleagues, wonderful students, fascinating part of the world!"

***Jonathan Barton, Senior Science Laboratory Technician***

"I joined the JIS community in August 2017 with my husband and two children. The relocation from a European country to a South East Asian country went really smoothly. This is down to the communication, from the HR department and my line manager, in the months leading up to our move. We had lots of support with completing documents, for ourselves as teachers and our children as students, for JIS. Any questions we had were answered quickly and support given when needed.

Once we arrived in Brunei we were well looked after; met at the airport, taken to our new home (which had some supplies to keep us going for the first day or two) and transport was provided for the initial induction period. Settling in has continued to be smooth, the staff are welcoming (everyone remembers their first weeks and what they wish they had known) and have a wealth of local knowledge.

My children are thoroughly enjoying being part of the JIS student body, and there are many opportunities here for them to enhance their learning, and myself and my husband both enjoy teaching in a culturally diverse environment, which has great facilities and an educational ethos that matches our own."

***Salma Margerison, Junior School Teacher***

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"I moved to Brunei and joined JIS in August 2017 with my husband and two children. The whole of the transition of moving home and school was very calm and smooth, because of the excellent support we received from school. First of all, we arrived at the airport to a large group of staff who were waiting to welcome us! This included the Headmaster, the deputy Headmaster and lots of other teaching and supporting staff. We were warmly greeted, given our mobile phone cards and welcome packs, and helped to get to our new home. Although I have just started to work as a learning support assistant two months ago, I have been well looked after by our gorgeous admin team who set up everything for me. The teaching staff are very helpful here too, everyone is kind and supportive. The community is easy to mix in and there are many activities to do both for us and the children. Our girls are happy to come to school every day as if they have always been schooled here. We are genuinely content in JIS and hope that our experience will be a good guide to any new comers who are joining JIS in the near future. "

**Julia Ma, Part time Chinese Teacher**

"After initially signing on for 18 months I am still here after 15 years. JIS is a wonderful community of students who are actively engaged in learning, parents who are supportive and encouraging and staff who are innovative and offer so much. Being part of the JIS community provides opportunities to share your skills and talents but also to see our students actively developing their skills. From lunchtime concerts to lunchtime lectures to the Outdoor Discovery Centre to the students led Polio Points initiative to the House Cup. There are so many opportunities to witness our students in action. JIS is a vibrant and dynamic school community. You are welcome to join us. See you here soon."

**Brian Doolan, Maths teacher/Community Liaison Officer**

