

## Secondary School

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Dear parents,

### Humanities Department

A warm welcome back to all. I hope you had a good summer and that you are as excited as I am about the new term. I love the feeling of a fresh start and renewed commitment that we get every September.



I am Sue Williamson, Head of the Humanities department. I have been at BISI for 5 years now and it has been very interesting to see the positive changes over that time. The growth of the school has created opportunities to improve and expand throughout the school. For the humanities department it has led to the introduction of two new courses, making us the largest department in the school.

My other role within the department is teaching the ever-popular Business Studies. We have two groups at year 10 this year, which I hope will lead to some exciting rivalry to become the best business group. I plan to use many “hands on” activities that will allow students to show their business acumen.

We have two newcomers to the department this year.

The first is Jacques Marais. In addition to his role of key stage coordinator, he will be teaching Geography and Drama to Key stage 3 students. Jacques has 19 years of teaching experience teaching General Science, Geography and Drama in South Africa, the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany. He has made an enthusiastic and inspiring start to the year, and shows a great understanding of our students.



Jacques Marais



James O'Hara

The second addition to our team is James O'Hara. Previously teaching in the UK this is his first overseas position. He teaches Sociology and Psychology in keys stages 4 and 5. James has settled into the team well and is creating a stir among students who are excited by the subjects and inspired by his lessons. Year 12 students are all very busy trying to analyse each other and their teachers.

Trevor Cole teaches Geography in key stages 4 and 5. His students have consistently performed well in examinations. This, I think, is down to his excellent teaching and his vast experience, Trevor has taught in Scotland, Kuwait, Togo and Tanzania, before joining us here 4 years ago. In addition to his teaching Trevor is the mastermind of activities, organizing staff and students into the many extra-curriculum activities on offer after school and on Friday afternoons.



Trevor Cole



Amy Sozer

Amy Sozer joined us last year and has made valuable contributions to our key stage 3 delivery. This year she is extending her expertise to IGCSE History alongside Rob Somers. Amy has taught in the UK and in Turkey.



Rob Somers

Rob Somers taught in a state school in Hertfordshire, UK and lived in Bulgaria for four years before joining us a year ago. He teaches history at IGCSE level and IB level.



John Bosman

John Bosman recently designated as Key Stage 5 coordinator is our Economics Guru. He has taught in the UK, Netherlands and Turkey. He has enjoyed excellent exam success and is looking forward to a busy year with his usual optimism.

As a department team, we are committed to inspired teaching and the improvement of student performance in all our subjects, and we are all looking forward to an exciting year of growth and progress.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Williamson

