



Prince of Wales Island International School

Balik Pulau, Penang, Malaysia

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Vacancy for the founding Director of Music

Music will be central to life at the Prince of Wales Island International School (POWIS). This is reflected by the School's outstanding facilities including a magnificent 500 seat natural acoustic auditorium, a multi-purpose hall and smaller performing spaces as well as music department classrooms, teaching rooms and practice rooms.

Penang has a strong tradition of youth and amateur orchestras, although facilities and performance opportunities are currently limited. Many children learn instruments, but often at home without the chance to play in ensembles. POWIS will be able to provide a focal point for learning, performance and appreciation of all types of music. There are significant opportunities for collaboration with existing orchestras and groups and the development of a coherent programme of music education. The School will also have a full drama department making joint productions a possibility. It is intended that singing should be a feature of assemblies and public occasions, underpinned by work with choirs and other community groups.

Suitable candidates for this post will have wide ranging experience, versatile musical skills, significant leadership qualities and the capacity for innovation.

Malaysian work permits are usually granted for two or three years. Contracts will therefore be fixed term, but continuity will be important for the School and so it is hoped that appointments will be seen as long term.

Attractive remuneration packages will make possible a good standard of living and future planning for families as well as single appointees. Packages will include health insurance, contributions to EPF (Employees Provident Fund) and subsidised education for children. To enable overseas nationals to transfer their package will include an overseas allowance, flights and housing or a housing allowance.

POWIS is a boarding school that offers a full range of extra-curricular activities. Staff will be encouraged to participate in the wider aspects of boarding school life.

The School

Opening in September 2011, the Prince of Wales Island International School (POWIS) will be a secondary school (Years 7-13) modelled on the best of British education. Pupils, both boys and girls, day and boarding, will generally follow the English National Curriculum, IGCSE and A level. A selective school drawing from Penang, the whole of Malaysia and other countries in the region, POWIS will initially recruit into Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 and will have pupils in every year group one year later. The eventual capacity is 800.

The outstanding buildings, already over 95% complete, are located in a new township in an attractive rural location, Balik Pulau, on the island of Penang. Facilities, including a substantial library and resources centre, a 500 seat natural acoustic auditorium, a multi-purpose sports hall, a 25 metre swimming pool, football and netball pitches, tennis courts, a fitness suite, art studios, a design technology centre and full wireless networking will be second to none in Penang and arguably so in Malaysia. The State Government plans an education hub in the locality.

The senior staff are from leading schools in the UK and wish to recruit able and visionary teachers interested in establishing appropriate standards and ethos in this new school. Along with the first pupils, these will be the pioneers who will develop a philosophy of education that borrows from the best of both the independent and state sectors in the UK, but which provides an interpretation appropriate to a core of Malaysian students but also those from ex-pat families and the international groups from further afield. The mix will contribute towards a rich experience as the students prepare for their futures at UK, US and Australian universities as well as careers in a wider international context.

Because of its beauty and gentle life-style, Penang is an attractive location for teachers at various stages of their careers. It is an excellent and safe place for families, but the comfortable standard of living and exotic travel opportunities will appeal to younger teachers as well as those at a more senior stage. The quality of life, for all, is very high not least because of the warmth and generous hospitality of Penangites.

The aim is to establish a secondary school with impressive academic credentials that is also concerned with the welfare of its pupils and staff, teaching a set of values exemplified by its motto Truth, Wisdom, Integrity and offering a wide educational experience that stresses the worth of activities well beyond the boundaries of exam syllabuses.

As a new school, POWIIS will be appointing for its opening approximately twenty teachers across the whole range of subjects as well as support staff. Applications will be welcome for positions in all areas.

- apply directly by e-mail to principal@powiis.edu.my by sending a completed application form together with a brief letter of application, preferably handwritten, and your CV