



Year 1 Primary Class Teachers



Jennifer Rowland, Primary Class Teacher

“I began my teaching career at South Parade Primary School in Wakefield, West Yorkshire where I taught in Key Stage 2 for 3 years. Following that I moved to Larkrise Primary School in Chelmsford, Essex where I have taught both Key Stage 1 and Early Years for the past 4 years. Here I also took on further whole school responsibility for Literacy and School Improvement.

I enjoy travelling to new places and I am really looking forward to moving to Hong Kong and the opportunities this will bring.”



Gillian Johnson, Primary Class Teacher

“I began my teaching career at St Pius X Catholic Primary School in Chelmsford, Essex in 2010 teaching Year 1 for two years. I am passionate about teaching and travelling so after my time here I embarked on a voluntary teaching project which took me to the Amazon Rainforest in Ecuador. Currently, I am the Key Stage 1 teacher at Quadring Cowley and Brown’s Primary School, which is based in the Lincolnshire countryside. Here I have responsibility for phonics and languages.

I am committed to making learning fun and challenging, aiming high and helping children to become the best they can be! I cannot wait to get started on this exciting adventure at NAIS and I look forward to meeting you all in September.”

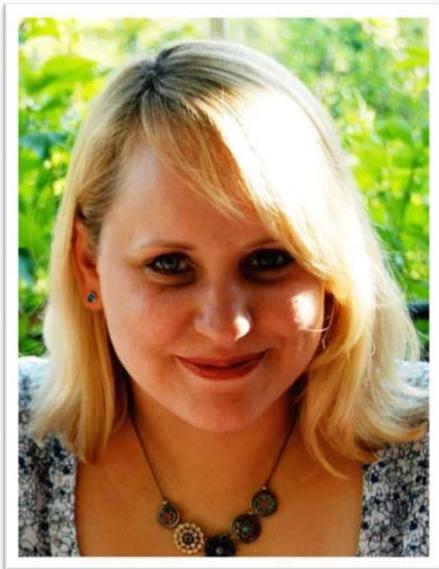


Patsy Morgan, Primary Class Teacher

Before moving to Thailand, Patsy was an acting head and deputy head of a primary school in Hampshire, UK and is currently at The Regent's International School in Bangkok, Thailand.

"I am just finishing 7 years teaching at The Regent's International School in Bangkok so if any of you have any Thai family and friends in Hong Kong then come and say 'Sawadee ka!' My teaching style tends to lean towards the colourful, creative and artistic side of learning supported by an infectious sense of humour and happy disposition.

I can't wait to come to Hong Kong and meet all my colleagues, parents and children in my lovely new class."



Hannah Rogers, Primary Class Teacher

Hannah has a PGCE from the University of Brighton and graduated from the University of Plymouth with a degree in Social Justice and International Relations in 2006.

"Since qualifying as a teacher I have worked in a fantastic infant school just outside Brighton as a KS1 teacher. I also currently hold the role of Art and Design Technology subject leader. I share my passion for learning with the children I teach and see it as my role to give children the skills to become lifelong learners.

As a key stage 1 teacher I think its vitally important to focus on whole child development and strive to make my class room a calm and nurturing environment where children feel able to push their boundaries and realise their potential.

In my spare time to love to travel and explore new places and can't wait live in Asia again! I'm very excited to move to Hong Kong and join NAIS and I'm looking forward to meeting my new colleagues, parents and of course the children!"



Year 2 Primary Class Teacher



Jessica Howard, Primary Class Teacher

“As part of my university placement at Trinity & All Saints College in Leeds, I taught in Valladolid, Spain. This is an experience that has stayed with me and gave me a taste of teaching in an international school.

During my teaching career, I have taught in two schools in the Leeds area; I have coordinated English and most recently, I have taken on the role of supporting my school’s Special Educational Needs Coordinator. This has been a fantastic experience for me and I’m now really excited to be joining the team at NAIS. I look forward to meeting you all soon in September.”

Year 3 Primary Class Teacher



Stephen Holt, Primary Class Teacher

Stephen holds an MA in Education and PGCE with Modern Languages Specialism from the University of Hull as well as a BA Hons in Russian from Exeter University. He is currently a Year 5 teacher and EAL Coordinator in Hull, England.

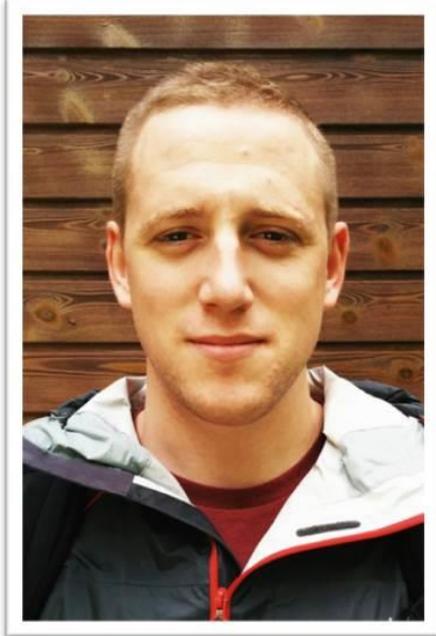
“I love teaching and have the highest expectations of myself and my pupils. I endeavour to encourage independent, globally-minded pupils who are equipped to make a difference. Having taught in Russia, China and England, I am very excited by the prospect of teaching at NAIS.

Outside of school, I am married with three children who keep me very busy. I enjoy most sports especially triathlons, outdoor pursuits and travel.”



Year 4 Primary Class Teacher

Tom Handley, Primary Class Teacher



“After completing my teaching degree in 2010, I moved to Norway to begin my career in teaching at the Kongsberg International School.

I enjoyed a great year and then returned to England to gain experience and complete my ‘Newly Qualified Teacher’ year at Altofts Junior School in Wakefield, Yorkshire. During this time, I was responsible for ICT and also coordinated the School Council.

I am now really looking forward to returning to international education and can’t wait to get started at NAIS. I look forward to meeting you all in September!”



Year 6 Primary Class Teacher



Naima Charlier, Primary Class Teacher

“I began my teaching career in London in 1998 and during my 16 years in education I have taught all age groups both in the UK and the USA. I have spent the last 10 years at an independent British School in Bucharest where I have held a variety of posts including Head Teacher. I am currently working as a Year 6 Teacher while I complete my MBA at the Institute of Education in London. I am looking forward to moving to Hong Kong with my husband and two young children and I am very keen to meet my new class at NAIS.”

David Gadsby, Primary Class Teacher



David’s professional qualifications include a BA (Hons) degree in Law, a BSc (First class) in Psychology and a PGCE from Leicester University.

“I qualified in 1993 and have taught all across Key Stage 2 as well as teaching psychology at IB level. I also spent 2 years in Peru teaching EAL and citizenship. During my career I have had a variety of subject responsibilities including English, Maths, PE, ICT and have also led Year 6. I have worked in both the independent and state sector in the UK and most recently at the British International School in Shanghai. I am delighted to be coming to NAIS in what will be an exciting first year. My hobbies include most sports (especially football and tennis), playing acoustic guitar and writing songs.”



Specialist Teachers

David Robinson, English & History Teacher



David has an MA from the University of Glasgow in English Language and Literature with Politics, a PGDE and a CELTA ESL qualification. He has been teaching a mixture of English, Humanities and ESL at the Nord Anglia British School of Beijing for the last seven years.

“I have worked in several schools in Scotland, China, Japan and Australia and now I am very excited about being part of the team for the fantastic new school in Hong Kong.

I have visited Hong Kong on several occasions and found its distinct mixture of Chinese culture with a global perspective truly fascinating and hope to forge links between my English and History lessons and the world beyond the classroom.

I am happily married with two small and very cute children who have been keeping me very busy and very happy of late. When I get the chance, I love hill walking and the outdoors generally, snowboarding, live music and travel. I love reading and books generally with special interests in literary non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels.”

Adam Cross, Geography Teacher



Adam has a BA Hons in Economics and Geography from Lancaster University.

“After completing my degree, I began pursuing a dream career that linked both travel and working with young people. I spent the summer of 2010 in the Soweto township of South Africa working with orphaned children before returning to the UK to gain my PGCE in Secondary Geography from the University of Cumbria. Upon qualifying I have taught Geography for 3 years in a large 11-16 school in Greater Manchester, holding a number of leadership roles and responsibilities.”



Scott MacKinnon, Science Teacher

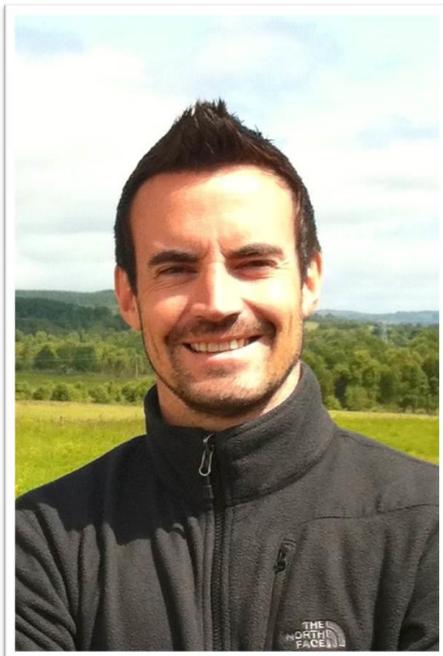


Scott's professional qualifications include MSc (Management), BSc (Hons) (Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry) and a PGDE from the University of Glasgow.

"I am from Scotland originally, where I started teaching in a school in Glasgow. I then moved to a fantastic school in Essex, England before deciding to relocate overseas. Since 2011, I have worked at Al Yasmina International School in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Al Yasmina has BSME status and is regarded as one of the best British Schools in Abu Dhabi. Within Al Yasmina I have worked as a Head of Year and Head of Chemistry.

In my spare time I love all things sporty, namely football, squash and golf. I am excited about relocating to Hong Kong, and in particular pursuing my interest in trekking and hill walking – a hobby that is quite limited when you reside in a desert!"

Martin Pate, PE Teacher



Martin graduated from Edinburgh University with a BEd (Hons) in Physical Education. He also gained a post graduate certificate from Strathclyde University in Management in Education. He has been a Principal Teacher of Guidance and is currently a Deputy Head teacher at a school in Glasgow.

"I have taught Physical Education for 14 years and am passionate about competitive sports. Having competed for Great Britain in athletics as a teenager I see the benefits of setting yourself challenging but realistic targets and striving to achieve them. I am thoroughly excited by the opportunity to teach at NAIS and I am looking forward to supporting the pupils in achieving their potential."



Sarah-Jane Pate, Art Teacher

Sarah-Jane's professional qualifications include a BDes (Hons) in Printed Textile Design and a PGCE Art & Design from Strathclyde University. Since 2002 she has taught in Scottish Secondary schools undertaking various curriculum responsibilities including Enterprise as well as Art & Design. She is currently the Principal Teacher of Art & Design at Bearsden Academy and is a marker for the Scottish Qualifications Awarding body for Photography.

"I am an extremely passionate Art & Design practitioner and enjoy teaching a diverse range of skills and subject matter in order to develop a creative and independent learner. I am excited

to be taking up the position of Art Teacher at NAIS Hong Kong and getting to know the pupils and their families whilst immersing myself in the life of the school. I am particularly looking forward to moving to Hong Kong to take inspiration from the local environment, culture and heritage to support and inspire innovative, engaging and exciting lessons. "



Deri Reid, PE Teacher

Deri graduated from Canterbury Christchurch University with a BSc in Sport and Exercise Science, receiving recognition for Excellence in Sports Psychology. He is currently Head of PE in a Sports College on the outskirts of London.

"For me, PE plays a pivotal role and is the heart beat of the school in shaping young people's lives. I'm extremely passionate about my subject and I thoroughly enjoy teaching PE and educating students in the values of leading a healthy and active lifestyle.

The prospect of teaching at NAIS is extremely exciting and I cannot wait to arrive and meet the parents and their children.

Outside of school, I am the proud father of two boys who keep me on my toes. I enjoy most sports, probably classifying myself as a bit of thrill seeker and love the outdoor lifestyle which I am looking forward to embracing in Hong Kong."



Simone Reid, Mathematics Teacher

Simone began her teaching career in 2005 and is presently teaching secondary mathematics at an academy in South-East England. During her time at this school she has mentored trainee teachers and is currently Head of Statistics.

“I came to teaching having spent ten years in finance and immediately loved the challenge and variety that working with children offers.

I am passionate about making mathematics enjoyable whilst inspiring pupils to develop a love of numbers and cannot wait to bring the subject to life at NAIS. I'm moving to Hong Kong with my husband and two young children, the four of us will all be starting at NAIS together and we are really excited about the school and what the future holds for us.”

Alex Lopes, Spanish Teacher



Alex is currently the Head of Modern Languages teaching Spanish and German at the University Technical College Plymouth in Devon, UK. Previously he taught at a British School in Bangkok in Thailand and in Nottingham, UK for 4 years teaching Spanish, German and French. Alex has a MA in Modern Foreign Languages.

“I come from Sweden/Britain/Portugal - I grew up in many different countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Sweden, Germany, Britain, Portugal and Spain. I speak 6 languages and I am trying to learn Cantonese.

I consider myself to be innovative, inspirational and very enthusiastic about all aspects of language teaching/learning. I have a genuine passion for language learning which complements my zeal for travel, enabling me to keep my lessons fresh, relevant and highly topical.

My main hobbies are mountain-biking, trekking, hiking, and diving. I also love cookery, watching TV, reading, writing and meditation. I have been to Hong Kong several times and I am very excited about meeting you all in September.”