

BLESSINGS BANDA

IB MYP & DP Visual Arts Educator

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About Me

I am an energetic, passionate, & creative arts educator. I aim to foster a joyful, inclusive learning environment where students can express themselves through art. I strive to nurture confident & curious artists while they explore their histories, cultures, & identities. Beyond the classroom, I love being an active member of the community, participating in various activities that boost school spirit & student well-being. I believe that building strong, supportive relationships with students, colleagues, & parents is essential to fostering impactful teaching and learning.

Skills

- Teaching & Curriculum Resource Development
- Inclusive and Engaging Teaching
- Department Leadership & Team Collaboration
- 2D, 3D & Lens-Based Art Practices
- Event Planning & Coordination
- Managebac & Toddle Proficient

Hobbies

Experience

Taipei European School (TES)
Taipei, Taiwan
2025-Present
- **Head of Secondary Visual Arts**
- **Teacher of MYP Middle School Visual Arts & DP Visual Arts**

Leading the transition from IGCSE to MYP Visual Arts | Curriculum Development & Mapping | MYP & DP Assessment Design | Staff Mentoring & Collaboration | Department documentation

Bishop Mackenzie International School (BMIS)
Lilongwe, Malawi
2016-2025
- **Head of Arts (Visual Art, Music & Theatre) - (2023-2025)**

Curriculum & Assessment Design | Department documentation | Standardization & Alignment across the Arts | Budget & Resource Management | Resource Development | Organising the MYP Arts Festival
- **Teacher of IB DP Visual Arts - (2023-2025)**
- **Teacher of MYP Middle School Visual Arts - (2016-2025)**
- **Teacher of PYP Early Years Art & Drama - (2018-2020)**

Education

- **The University Of Sunderland**

Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
Aug. 2017- June 2018

- **St Cloud State University**

Minnesota, USA
Bachelor Of Arts (Cum Laude)
Jan. 2013 to Dec 2015
Minor: Primary & Secondary Art Education

- **Tyler Junior College**

Texas, USA
Aug. 2010- May 2012
- **Major: Studio & Fine Arts**

Professional Development

- The Personal Project (Cat 2) - August 2026
- Educare: Child Protection for International Schools - Annual
- IB DP Visual Arts (Cat 2) - April 2026
- Educare: Child Protection: Body Dysmorphia Disorder - Sept 2024
- IB MYP Arts- Visual and Performing (Cat 2) - Oct 2022
- Inclusion & Diversity In the Classroom (Cat 3) - Oct 2021

Additional Responsibilities

- **Student Council Advisor**
  Developing students leadership skills | Event management
- **International Day Committee Lead**
  Organising whole school events/activities
- **Diversity & Inclusion Committee - 2024**
  Reviewing and drafting BMIS's DEIJ Poliicies
- **BMIS Mission Statement Committee - 2021**
  Helped draft the current BMIS School Mission

References

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