



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 Design | Department documentation | Standardization & Alignment across the Arts | 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**

Additional Responsibilities

- **Personal Project & Extended Essay Supervisor**
Reviewing the school's policies on Inclusion & Diversity
- **Student Council Advisor**
Developing students' leadership skills | Event Management (Dances/Prom)
- **International Day Committee Lead**
Organising Whole School Events/Activities
- **Diversity & Inclusion Committee - 2024**
Reviewing and drafting BMIS's DEIJ Policies
- **BMIS Mission Statement Committee - 2021**
Helped draft the current BMIS school mission

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

References

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