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About Me

I am an energetic, driven, & creative educator. I aim to create 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.

Hobbies



Skills

- Student-centred teaching & learning
- Inclusive lessons and planning
- Building engaging inquiry-based units
- Managebac Proficient
- 2D Art | 3D Art | Lens Based Art
- Art Exhibition planning and curating
- Event Planning/Organizing

Experience

Bishop Mackenzie International School

Lilongwe, Malawi

2016-present

- Head of Secondary Arts (Art, Music & Drama) **(2023-present)**
Managing Arts budget | Department documentation | Leading weekly meetings, Organising the MYP Arts Festival & MYP/DP Art Exhibition
- Teacher of IB DP Visual Arts **(2023-present)**
- Teacher of MYP Middle School Visual Arts **(2016-present)**
- Learning Support **(2019-2021)**
- Teacher of PYP Early Years Art & Drama **(2016-2018)**

Lincoln Elementary School

Minnesota, USA

2014

- Elementary Art Assistant (Intern)

Talahi Community Elementary School

Minnesota, USA

2013

- Elementary Art Assistant (Intern)

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

- Student Council Advisor 2016- 2024

Developing students' leadership skills | Event Management (Dances/Prom)

- BMIS 80th Anniversary Committee 2024

Committee Chairperson responsible for organisation of the 80th Anniversary celebrations, mobilising alumni and logistics

- Book Week & International Day Committee 2024

Organising Whole School events and activities

- Diversity & Inclusion Committee 2023

Reviewing the school's policies on inclusion and diversity

- BMIS Mission Statement Committee 2021

Helped draft the current BMIS school mission

Extra Curricular Activities

Set Design | Outdoor Mural | Art Club | Volleyball

Professional Development

- Educare: Child Protection: Body Dysmorphia Disorder **Sept 2024**
- Inthinking IB DP Visual Arts (Cat 2) **June 2024**
- Educare: Child Protection for International Schools **(Annual Refresher)**
- MYP Arts- Visual and Performing (Cat 2) **Oct 2021**
- Inclusion & Diversity In the Classroom (Cat 3) **Oct 2021**
- Making the PYP Happen (Cat 2) **Oct 2019**
- ATL Continuum (Cat 3) **Aug 2018**

References

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