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This month is full of helpful hints to assist you to transition smoothly into the British School System

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WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL!



When you arrive at a school for the first time, ideally you can expect to:

- Be greeted by the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or your Line Manager (e.g. Head of Department or Key Stage Coordinator)
- Receive your timetable and a map of the school
- Be shown the staffroom
- Receive or be shown a copy of the Staff Handbook listing the school's policies on, for example, discipline, health, and safety and equal opportunities
- Secondary teachers should also receive their Department's Handbook, setting out the procedures for their own subject
- Receive general information on e.g. timings, assembly, registration, breaks and lunchtimes
- Be told procedures for you to obtain coffee and lunch
- Be shown where resources are kept and how the photocopier works
- Be taken through the emergency procedures
- Be given useful contacts, such as the administrative staff and Nurse, as well as where to find them
- Receive information on students with special needs
- If you are a primary teacher, check if your class will need to be collected at the start of each lesson and then taken elsewhere at the end of the lesson, e.g. the dining room or playground. Find out how to get to these places!

"You learn something every day if you pay attention."

~Ray LeBlond

Do not be afraid to ask for any of this information!



Skills you will gain while teaching in the UK:



1. Working within a new curriculum model offers you new skills and experiences to bring back with you on your return.
2. Excellent access to New Technology in the classroom
3. New Resources and the ability to access places of interest for excursions and use of different primary Sources
4. The opportunity to teach students from myriad backgrounds and with many stories .Strong Classroom Management Skills and a 'can do' attitude.
5. Travel opportunities. You will be able to travel during the 13 weeks of schools holidays which will provide cultural capital to enhance your entire career.
6. Connections with UK teachers' who you can continue to collaborate and share ideas with throughout your career.
7. Excellent pay and the ability to increase your starting salary on your return.

**“ A bad day
in London is
still better
than a good
day
anywhere
else!”**

UK Teaching Terminology Explained

Here are some more common Educational terms you will need to know when you work in a British School.

ICT-Information and Communication Technology - Computer technology.

JMI-Junior, Middle and Infant For 4 -11 year olds.

Key Stages– Curriculum Stages

key stage 1 = infants

key stage 2 = juniors

key stage 3 = lower secondary school

key stage 4 = GCSE

LEA-Local Education Authority now replaced by the Children Services Authority or commonly known as local authority

Middle School-State schools taking pupils aged 8-12 or 9-13.

National Curriculum– Outlines what children should be taught from their first days in school to the onset of GCSE courses, with tests at 7,11 and 14. Compulsory subjects are English, Welsh (in Wales), math's, science, design and technology, information technology, history, geography, art, music, physical education and in secondary schools a modern foreign language.

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