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Preparing our **COMMUNITY** for a
SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL FUTURE.

25th June 2026

Message from Head of School



Dear Parents and Students,

We have reached the end of what has been an incredibly positive academic year. The support from parents, students and staff has been outstanding. I would like to sincerely thank everybody in the Bangkok Prep Community. I am sure many of you will be travelling during the summer break and I hope you manage to spend quality time with family and friends.

The staff have been extremely busy preparing for the next academic year and we have some very exciting learning opportunities planned for the students at Bangkok Prep.

In August 2026, [we will have new expatriate teachers joining our school](#). This is a clear signal of high-quality international education and they will have a direct and profound impact on students' learning. I am delighted to include welcome messages (below) from some of the new staff who will be joining our school next year (in no particular order).

With mixed emotions, this is also the time of year where we need to say "Goodbye" and "Thank you" to some of our teachers who are moving onto the next exciting chapter in their professional careers. Without doubt, the school has grown in success and reputation during the years that these teachers have been at Bangkok Prep.

I am sure you will all join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to these colleagues for their incredible hard work and dedication to our students throughout their tenure. A sincere thank you to Martina Brady, Kellie Abley, Tim Cubitt, Kyle Fiddler, Laura Usher, Alex Manners, Jake McIntosh, Maria Perry, Steven Jones and Adelina Colucci.

Let's applaud them for their outstanding contributions to our school community and wish them the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.

Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you all safe and sound at the beginning of Term 1 2026 - 2027: **Thursday 20th August 2026** is the first day of the academic year.

Warmest regards

Duncan

Head of School



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welcome!



Charlotte will be joining Bangkok Prep as a Secondary Maths teacher.

Charlotte graduated with a BSc in Psychology from the University of Birmingham before completing a PGDE in Secondary Maths with Teach First. Since then, she has worked in a UK secondary school as a teacher and lead practitioner, and is currently working towards Chartered Teacher status.

Charlotte has this to say...

Hello everybody! I am delighted to be joining Bangkok Prep this summer and can't wait to start this next chapter.

As a maths teacher, I enjoy helping students develop their problem-solving skills and discover that maths is much more than finding the right answer. I love encouraging students to think logically, tackle tricky challenges and connect their maths to everyday life. Because of my psychology background, I find the cognitive science behind teaching and learning fascinating and I am passionate about applying this knowledge in the classroom.

When I am not in the classroom, I like to keep active and spend time exercising or playing sport. Music is another big interest of mine; I love discovering new artists, going to see live music and playing guitar - although my enthusiasm definitely outweighs my talent!

I enjoy travelling and experiencing new places, and one of my favourite ways to explore is through food. I am particularly excited to explore Bangkok's incredible food scene and discover some new favourite dishes along the way.

Looking forward to meeting you in August!



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Elodie will be joining Bangkok Prep as a Secondary English Teacher.

Elodie graduated from the University of Manchester with a BA in English before completing a PGDE through Teach First. She is currently completing an MA in Educational Leadership with Bath Spa University and has taught in UK secondary schools for four years.



Elodie has this to say...

Hello! I am so excited to be joining Bangkok Prep this summer and beginning a new adventure in Thailand.

My passion for English feeds into everything I do as a teacher. With every book, play or poem, my goal is for students to truly understand and appreciate what they read and be able to use their study of literature to articulate their own experiences in the world. I am particularly interested in how English can be used as a vehicle for self-expression and creativity, whether through writing, speech or drama.

Outside of school, I love to make the most of school holidays by travelling and experiencing different cultures. I try to stay active by long distance running - but given the heat in Bangkok, I'm definitely planning to give some other (hopefully air conditioned!) sports a try.

Looking forward to meeting you all in August and exploring everything Bangkok has to offer!



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Jemma Heckford will be joining Bangkok Prep as a Key Stage 2 teacher, bringing 14 years of teaching experience across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in the UK. She has extensive experience supporting EAL and SEND students and is passionate about creating an inclusive learning environment for all learners.

Jemma graduated from Roehampton University in 2012 with a degree in Primary Education and has since held a number of middle leadership roles, completing her NPQH qualification.

She has a particular passion for mathematics and has led the subject in her current school for several years, supporting high-quality teaching and learning across the school.

Jemma has this to say...

Hi everyone! My name is Jemma and I am really looking forward to joining Bangkok Prep as a Key Stage 2 teacher. I have been teaching in the UK for the past 14 years and am excited to begin a new adventure in Thailand with my family, while embracing a new culture and community.

I am passionate about creating engaging and inclusive classrooms where all children feel supported, challenged and inspired to learn. I particularly enjoy teaching maths and helping children grow in confidence and independence.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two boys. I am a big football fan and support AFC Bournemouth. I am also a real foodie who loves baking and I am very much looking forward to exploring Thai food and everything Bangkok has to offer.

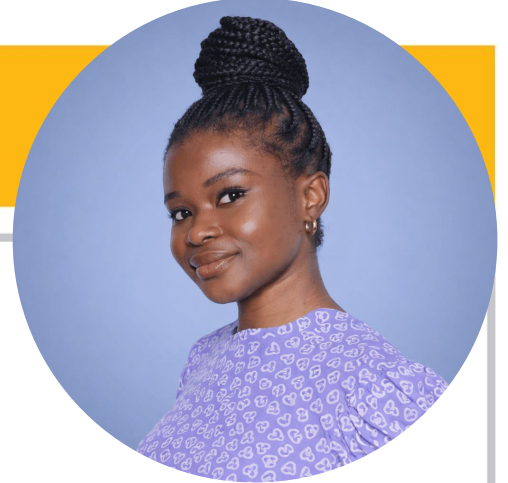
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Pam Chindipha will be joining Bangkok Prep's Learning Support team as an EAL/Learning Support Practitioner, bringing over 18 years of experience and a passion for inclusion.

Pam graduated from Kingston University with BA Honours in Sociology, before going on to complete her PGCE at Goldsmiths, University of London. She later completed her NASENCO award at the UCL Institute of Education and is currently training to become a dyscalculia assessor with the British Dyslexia Association.

Pam has extensive experience working as both a teacher and senior leader across schools in England, Portugal and currently in an international school in Thailand. She is currently working as a Learning Support Coordinator and Inclusion Manager in Bangkok,

Pam has this to say...

Hi everyone! My name is Pam and I am really looking forward to joining the Learning Support team at Bangkok Prep. Originally from London, I have always been passionate about inclusive education. I am particularly interested in helping children build confidence in their own way. I also love teaching maths and supporting pupils to feel more confident in their understanding.

I have been lucky enough to live in Bangkok over the last three years and have really grown to love the city and everything it has to offer. I love teaching through connection and creating engaging environments built on strong relationships and trust, where most importantly there is always a sense of fun. My approach is very hands on and multisensory, supporting all pupils to develop a love for learning, whatever their learning style.

Outside of school, I am a big reader and a food lover, always keen to try somewhere new. I also enjoy art, even if I am better at appreciating it than creating it. I love staying active and enjoy playing sports, especially badminton.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone and being part of the team.



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Simon Herbert will be joining Bangkok Prep as the Director of Sport.

Simon is an experienced international school leader with over 25 years of experience across Europe, China, Southeast Asia and the United States. He holds a PGCE in Physical Education from the University of Reading and a Postgraduate Diploma in Exercise & Nutrition Science and is currently completing a Master's in International Education.

Simon has held senior leadership roles at leading international schools, including NIST International School Bangkok, where he spent eight years as Director of Athletics & Activities. He is passionate about creating inclusive, high-quality sporting environments where all students can thrive.

Simon has this to say...

My family and I are absolutely delighted to be joining the Bangkok Prep community. Having previously spent eight wonderful years living and working in Bangkok, returning to Thailand truly feels like coming home. We have such fond memories of the people, culture, and energy of the city, and we are incredibly excited to be back.

I will be joining Bangkok Prep as Director of Sport, and I am really looking forward to working with students, staff and the wider community to continue developing a sport programme that is inclusive, ambitious, and centred around enjoyment, participation, and personal growth. I strongly believe in the power of sport to build character, resilience, teamwork, and confidence, and I am passionate about creating opportunities where every student can find their place and flourish.

My wife and I will be relocating with our two very active, sporty children, Will and Maisie, who will be joining the school in Years 9 and 7. They are incredibly excited to get involved in all aspects of school life.

Outside of school, I enjoy a wide range of sports including golf, tennis, football, and rugby, as well as travelling and spending time with family and friends.

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Amy Lygoe will be joining Bangkok Prep as a Key Stage 2 teacher.

Amy grew up in Essex, near London in the UK. She graduated from Canterbury Christ Church University with an undergraduate degree in Primary Education with QTS. Since graduating, she has taught in the UK for three years and two years in an International School in Bangkok. With experience both in EYFS and Key Stage 1, Amy is now excited to bring her enthusiasm and passion for teaching and learning into Key Stage 2.

Amy has this to say...

I am looking forward to join the Bangkok Prep community in August 2026.

I am excited to bring my strong foundation in early learning and child development into Key Stage 2, where I can support children to build on their skills and independence.

I particularly enjoy planning creative, hands-on learning opportunities that allow children to become fully engaged in their learning. My aim is to create a nurturing environment where children feel confident to be themselves, remain curious and flourish in all areas of their development.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy shopping and exploring new restaurants, and making the most of the vibrant lifestyle that Bangkok offers. I love travelling to new places and will often be found sunbathing on the beach with a good book. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends as well as keeping fit and healthy by going to the gym.

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Madeline Khaw will be joining Bangkok Prep's Music/Arts Team as a Music Teacher.

Madeline (Maddy) graduated from the University of London with a degree in Law, then went on to complete a Diploma in the Teaching of Violin at the London College of Music, and a PCGEi from Liverpool John Moores University. She is also an Orff Schulwerk-trained teacher, certified through the San Francisco Orff organization, which has given her great tools for bringing music, movement, and creativity together in the classroom. She has been teaching EYFS to KS3 students for 14 years, working with students from a wide range of nationalities and age groups in various international schools in Malaysia and Thailand.



Madeline has this to say...

Hi everyone! My name is Madeline and I am fondly known as Maddy. I'm really excited to be joining the Bangkok Prep community. I'm originally from Penang, Malaysia, and I'm passionate about teaching and helping students grow in confidence, creativity, and skills. I can't wait to meet all of you and see all the amazing things we can achieve together this year.

I have a professional background in education with experience teaching and leading extracurricular activities, particularly in music, dance, and performance. Over the years, I've worked with students across different age groups, helping them develop both their technical skills and self-confidence. I've also organized performances and showcases, giving students opportunities to express themselves and really shine on stage.

In my teaching, I focus on creating a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student feels valued and motivated. I enjoy using creative approaches to make learning fun and meaningful. Watching students grow, take risks, and achieve their goals is honestly the most rewarding part of what I do.

Outside the classroom, I love music, creative arts, and finding new ideas to bring into my teaching. I'm also passionate about staging drama and musical theatre plays with students as it's one of my favorite ways to combine creativity and teamwork.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy outdoor activities like travelling, hiking and snorkeling, and I also love cooking.



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Gemma Hartley will be joining Bangkok Prep as a Secondary English and Media Teacher and Secondary Year Leader.

Gemma graduated with a degree in Journalism before completing her PGCE in Secondary English. She brings nine years of teaching experience across the UK and Singapore, where she has held leadership roles including Head of English, EAL and Media. Gemma is a positive, organised and student-focused teacher who combines high expectations with strong support. She is known for building strong relationships with students and colleagues, and for creating calm, purposeful classroom environments where students feel confident to contribute, take risks and develop as independent thinkers.

Gemma has this to say...

I am really looking forward to joining the Bangkok Prep community in August. Originally from Manchester in the UK, I will be relocating with my husband, who is from New Zealand and our two sons, who will also be joining the school. We are all really excited to become part of the community.

I am a warm, engaging and student-centred teacher who believes in balancing high expectations with genuine support. I enjoy creating structured, purposeful lessons that are also interactive and enjoyable, where students feel motivated, challenged and confident to take part. For me, strong relationships are at the heart of everything — when students feel supported and understood, they are much more willing to take risks and grow in confidence.

What really stood out to me about Bangkok Prep is the energy of the school and the wide range of opportunities available to students. It feels like a place where both students and staff are encouraged to get involved, contribute and make the most of everything on offer, which really suits my approach. I enjoy being part of a busy, positive environment and I'm looking forward to contributing to that.

Outside of school, I love travelling with my family, staying active and going to the gym. I'm also a huge Oasis fan, so if there are any fellow fans in the community, I'm sure we'll get along just fine!

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Spike Strang will be joining Bangkok Prep as a Secondary Mathematics Teacher.

Spike graduated from Queens' College, University of Cambridge with an MA in Economics. He completed his PGCE through the Teach First Leadership Development Programme and has since built over thirteen years of teaching experience across the UK, Thailand, Brazil and Romania.

Spike has this to say...



I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the Bangkok Prep community. Thailand holds a very special place in my heart, having spent four wonderful years here previously, returning feels less like a move and more like coming home.

I will be making the journey over with my wife Nikki and our one-year-old son Roman, and we genuinely cannot wait. We are already dreaming of long weekends on Koh Samet, hunting down the spiciest somtam we can find, and rediscovering everything we love about Thai culture. Roman has got a lot to look forward to!

Mathematics has always been more than a subject to me — it is a way of thinking. I love the moment a student stops seeing maths as a set of rules to memorise and starts experiencing it as something genuinely powerful and elegant. My teaching philosophy centres on helping students experience genuine success, because I know that confidence and curiosity grow from those moments when something finally clicks. I am passionate about seeing students challenge themselves, develop real independence, and build the habits they will need long after they leave school.

Outside the classroom, I am a keen sportsman and have previously helped introduce rugby and cricket to students in international settings, something I hope to explore again here. When I'm not on a pitch or in the classroom, you'll find me on a golf course, in a great restaurant, or discovering new music.

I look forward to meeting you all in August!