

Leadership Posting

Head of Lower School
(Executive Leadership Team)
St Catherine's British School
Athens, Greece

Application Deadline: March 4, 2022

Start Date: September 1, 2022



ST. CATHERINE'S BRITISH SCHOOL
ATHENS, GREECE.

Seeks for September 1st 2022

**HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL
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St Catherine's British School in Athens is looking to appoint a new Head of Lower School from 1st September 2022. St Catherine's is an outstanding British International School set in the pleasant northern suburbs of the city. A not-for-profit co-educational day school with 1300 pupils from the Foundation Stage through to the IB in the Sixth Form, the school is a dynamic and exciting community with innovative teaching and learning practice at its core with a strong extra-curricular programme.

The successful candidate will join the Executive leadership Team of the school along with the Headteacher, Head of Upper School and School Business Director. This post offers an exciting opportunity for an inspiring and committed leader with energy, ambition and an international perspective.

St. Catherine's is a leading independent British international school that teaches 1300 pupils from 3 to 18 years of age. The school is a member of HMC, COBIS and is an IBO world school. It teaches the EYFS curriculum and the National Curriculum for England and Wales, as well as IGCSE and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Please apply through the TES online service <https://www.tes.com/jobs/> and further information regarding the school and details of the application procedure can be obtained from the school's website <http://www.stcatherines.gr/about-us/opportunities/>.

St Catherine's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the ACRO Criminal Records Office. Please include the names and contact details of three referees. Please note that any personal data collected will be used for recruitment purposes only and for unsuccessful candidates personal data will be destroyed on completion of the process.

St Catherine's is a Registered Charity No. 313909.

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About St. Catherine's British School

Staff are the beating heart of our vision for our children!

Who are we and what do we do?

St. Catherine's was established in 1956 in the grounds of the British Embassy in Athens. Although originally intended to provide education for children from Britain and the Commonwealth, it now teaches 1260 pupils, aged 3 to 18 years, from over 50 nationalities.

St Catherine's is a 'not for profit organisation.' It is, however, a private school and is registered at Companies House in the UK (reg. no. 860288). It is also registered as a charity with the UK Charities Commission (Charity No. 313909).

St. Catherine's endeavours to foster a love of learning through a well taught, appropriately challenging, clearly defined, broad and balanced curriculum. Our aim is to fully develop pupils' intellectual, social, physical, and creative potential, in anticipation that they will develop into sensitive, informed, decisive and capable global citizens of the future.

Character building and interpersonal skills are developed through a range of relevant educational experiences and extra-curricular activities. As a leading exponent of global citizenship, St Catherine's pupils are encouraged to develop problem-solving skills, conflict resolution skills, negotiation strategies and an understanding of multicultural, multi-faith, and multiracial concepts within the context of cultural pluralism. Pupils are expected to seek solutions to environmental and ecological problems and actively demonstrate responsibilities and sound practices for good global, European, and national citizenship, as well as having clear expectations of the relevance and benefits of personal, social and health strategies.

ISI INSPECTION NOVEMBER 2016

St Catherine's was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in November 2016 and received the highest rating of "excellent" in all categories:

- The quality of the pupil's achievements and their learning, attitudes, and skills*
- The contribution of curricular and extra-curricular provision (including community links of benefit to pupils)*
- The contribution of teaching*
- The spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of the pupils*
- The contribution of arrangements for welfare, health, and safety*
- The quality of governance*
- The quality of leadership and management*
- The quality of links with parents, carers, and guardians*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME AND ACCREDITATION

The school is divided into six stages, in line with legal requirements for England and Wales. These departments are:

- *Foundation Stage – Nursery and Reception (ages 3 – 5 years)*
- *Key Stage One - Years 1 and 2 (ages 5 – 7 years)*
- *Key Stage Two – Years 3 – 6 (ages 7 – 11 years)*
- *Key Stage Three – Years 7 – 9 (ages 11 – 14 years)*
- *Key Stage Four – Years 10 and 11 (ages 14 – 16 years) culminating in (I)GCSE examinations.*
- *International Baccalaureate – Years 12 and 13 (ages 16 – 18 years) culminating in the IB Diploma qualification.*

The school follows a curriculum that is closely based on the National Curriculum of England and Wales between the ages of 5 and 16 years, with all students being taught English, Mathematics, Science, ICT, Physical Education and one of four Modern Languages. In addition, there are a range of creative and humanities subjects delivered within the different Key Stages. For the final two years all students can study for the full IB Diploma and a range of subjects are available in the six Diploma subject groups.

The school is an HMC school as well as an Executive Member of the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) and is IBO World School 1370. It submits itself for the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) inspection on a three year cycle.

COMMUNITY

Every decision we make is with community in mind. We value people at St Catherine's

St Catherine's is situated within its own grounds in northern Athens, near the elegant suburb of Kifissia and have recently expanded into our superb new Upper School building adjacent to the Lower School expanding our facilities. The school currently has excellent teaching, sporting, and recreational facilities, including a large open-air swimming pool and two libraries. We are currently a Microsoft 'Incubator School' sporting the most up-to-date technology and all classrooms are fitted with interactive white board technology and Wi-Fi available throughout the school.

The school has a good balance of long term local (Greek) pupils and expatriate pupils from all over the world. Due to its academic excellence, St Catherine's is the first-choice school for most local and expatriate families, who want their children to gain a British education within an international context. The parents of St Catherine's come from a variety of businesses, governments and other professional backgrounds and are intricately linked to the school through the PTSA (Parents and Teachers Support Association) as well as many other parent – student links. We also launched our Community Digital Space in September [StCatsConnect](#), again with all our community staying connected at the heart of our thinking and vision.

St Catherine's takes every opportunity to benefit from the rich heritage of Greece and every class looks at a different aspect of Greek history or culture, usually supported by educational visits.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At St Catherine's we are firm believers in the ancient Greek maxim that "a healthy mind goes hand in hand with a healthy body."

To this end, our students are encouraged to take part in the extensive range of clubs and

societies that the school has to offer, which take place within the lunch hour and after school. Arts, sciences, and sports flourish at the school. The school participates in sports matches with other schools in Greece and abroad. Debating, oration and drama competitions at both national and international level, take place throughout the year.

Drama, dance, and music opportunities are on offer to all. Pupils can learn virtually any musical instrument of their choosing and can study for graded music examinations.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts' examinations in speech and drama are also open to pupils of the school. A strong feature of the school is its International Award / Duke of Edinburgh scheme. This links most appropriately to the CAS element of the IB diploma.

Overseas trips are a regular part of school life, as is the exploration and discovery of the history and geography of Greece. Inter-house activities and the elected School Council ensure pupil involvement in the commitment and delivery of school improvement at all levels.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Service opportunities are hand in hand with our social responsibility programme, giving students a chance to give back at every opportunity. Senior students have numerous opportunities to involve themselves in service projects both within Greece and further afield. especially within the IB CAS Programme. Beach clean-up, language teaching in local refugee centres, and a Sea Turtle rescue scheme are examples of local projects. Additionally, several students have embarked on international programmes in developing countries.

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

St Catherine's provides extensive college counselling and careers advice by specialists with considerable experience in US and UK admissions. In addition to the IGCSE and IB programmes, the school provides SAT preparation running from September to January every academic year.

Several events take place every year, including university visits, guest speakers and a careers and universities fair which encourages our alumni to come in and give back to our senior students, always a momentous day for teachers and alumni alike.

(I)GCSE Results 2021

96% of subject grades passed with A- C & 9-4*

69% of subject grades passed with A/A & 9-7*

IB Results 2021

100% of candidates passed the IB Diploma. (IBO World 2020: 85%)

The average Diploma score was 38.1 points. (IBO World 2019: 31.1)

42% of the cohort achieved more than 40 points. (IBO World 2020:13%)

[Upper School Virtual Tour](#)

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