



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to let you know that as part of our **strategic plan** over the **next 5 years**, we intend to continue to **strengthen our staff and leadership capacity**. To this end I want to inform you of four appointments we have initiated in Early Years, Primary and Secondary.

I would like to announce the replacement for Ms. Gill, **Mr. Phil Yates (Head of Primary)**. Phil comes from a small town in the North East of England and has worked in the field of education for over 14 years. He has spent the last 8 years working in leadership roles in Abu Dhabi, most recently as Head of Primary of an English National Curriculum FS1-Y11 school. Phil has a Bachelor of Education Degree and a Masters in Educational Leadership.

Ms. Sabrina Grange has been appointed as **Deputy Head of Primary** and will be working with Mr. Phil. Sabrina is a strong team member, with high aspirations to ensure that both students and colleagues reach their full potential. Sabrina has been in education for 15 years with a Bachelor of Education Degree in Primary Education and a specialty in special needs. Sabrina has been an Assistant Head for 6 years in the UK and a Deputy Head for two years.

Ms. Kirstie Clark has been appointed as **Deputy Head of Early Years** and will be working with Ms. Lindsey. Kirstie has been in leadership roles in the UK for 10 years, ranging from subject leader, Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Head of School. Kirstie has a BA, PGCE and NPQSL. She truly believes that all children should have the opportunity to learn and succeed no matter what barriers they may face.

At CIS, we offer 5 BTEC qualifications that cover various subjects such as Media, Performing Arts, Science ICT and Business. To further **expand the curriculum options** for students, we are now approved to teach BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary **Diploma in Sport and BTEC** International Level 3 Certificate in Sport. We are pleased to welcome **Mr. David Inc**, who has a Physical Education PGCE and a BSc (Hons) in Sport Science and PE. David has been teaching in the UK for over 15 years to pupils in all key stages, including examination classes at GCSE, A Level and BTEC Sport Level 3.

All of these positions will be starting officially in August and we look forward to their future contribution to Cambridge International School.

Finally, this week **CIS celebrates another fantastic achievement**. In my first newsletter this term I let the community know of how Cambridge had received the **OPTIMUS Wellbeing Award** from the UK. In this newsletter, I am excited to announce that we have now been awarded the **OPTIMUS SENDIA Award** from the UK, which is based on **OFSTED inspection** criteria. This is a whole-school award that has led us through a process of self-evaluation, action planning and evidence collection before verification and accreditation over the last 12 months. The award has a focus on 'impact and outcomes' for our diverse learners so that we are able to demonstrate specific and wider impacts on our policies and interventions. I would like to thank Mr. Alex and Ms. Geetanjali and their teams for their hard work and perseverance in ensuring that Cambridge continues to excel.

Sincerely,

Lachlan MacKinnon
CEO/Principal