

Language Assistant Apprentice Position

The British School of Brussels is a non-selective independent, fee-paying international school with 1,350 students from approximately 70 countries. The school offers a holistic curriculum which aspires to educate the whole child. Examination results are important but our school is interested in the process by which they get there and the kind of person they become and what they aspire to be in the world beyond school.

Students follow a British-based curriculum up to age 16. Post-16 they have a choice of three internationally recognised pre-university examination courses: English A Levels, International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or BTEC. There is an Early Learning & Development Centre (Kindercrib) for children aged 1-3. BSB has outstanding facilities and an excellent record of academic achievement.

At BSB, learning is a partnership, something which is not done *to* students but *with* them. 'Learning Together, Inspiring Success' is a philosophy which we don't just believe in but live, on a daily basis, as we work together to create the conditions in which our students can respect one another, understand the changing world around them in all its complications and aspire to be the best they can be.

What kind of person are we looking for?

First and foremost, we are looking for someone who shares and will embrace the philosophy above. Practically, the successful applicant will be a dual linguist with very good levels of French and at least one of the other languages taught in the department (Spanish, German or Dutch). As English is the working language of the school, he / she will need to be proficient in English. The position will particularly suit somebody who is keen to pursue a future career in teaching. It would be ideal preparation for a person intending to complete a PGCE after finishing their current qualification.

The ideal candidate will have a passion for languages and working with children. He / she will be an accomplished linguist currently enrolled in a Higher Education course and, as such, he / she will serve as a role-model for our students, showing how success in languages can benefit them in later life, and inspiring them to be more ambitious in their language use.

Language Assistant responsibilities will include:

- Working with small groups of Secondary School children to improve their spoken fluency and their ability to communicate their beliefs and opinions
- Working with students on a one-to-one basis to prepare them for oral examinations
- Liaising with the language captains (senior students responsible for promoting languages)
- Supporting school language trips
- Assisting with lunchtime clubs and activities
- Supporting the creation / updating of resources and displays
- Other supportive roles in the department and school

In return, the school will offer the opportunity to work in a large, vibrant languages department alongside experienced colleagues from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. The successful candidate will experience life in the heart of Europe, working in a British international school whose student body is made up of 70+ different nationalities with many of our students speaking one or more further languages, in addition to English, French and their second modern language choice.

The appointed apprentice will receive a generous student package including a monthly allowance of €796 gross, paid travel to the UK, furnished accommodation and utilities, lunch in the school canteen, a bus pass and school holidays.

Brussels – and more widely Belgium – is a fascinating place for a linguist. It is a country both defined, and divided by, its languages. Flemish (Dutch) is spoken by approximately 59% of the population, French by 40% and German by 1%. French is widely spoken in Brussels, though the school lies on the eastern fringe, towards the medieval university city of Leuven, an area where Flemish predominates. As such, many of our students speak French and/or Dutch at a high level.

The appointment will be confirmed following a police record check and the receipt of appropriate references.

Please do look at our school through the website and, if you are interested in applying, please send us your CV and letter of application to jobs-studentlanguageassistant@britishschool.be . Names of two referees who would be willing to support your application would also need to be provided.

Thank you for your interest in the post and we look forward to hearing from you.

Closing date for application: Applications to be submitted as soon as possible

Dates of employment for successful candidate: Monday 26 August 2019 – Friday, 26 June 2020.

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