

TAYLOR'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL KUALA LUMPUR

APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL

ABOUT THE ROLE AND HOW TO APPLY

Note: This outline of the role should be read in conjunction with the candidate information brochure available on the RSAcademics website.

There is a particular kind of school leadership role that looks straightforward on paper - clear KPIs, a respected brand, healthy enrolment - and yet, when you sit with it, reveals something far more compelling. Taylor's International School Kuala Lumpur (TISKL) is one of those roles. The new Principal will not be in a holding position, but joining in a moment of momentum.

TISKL is one of two Taylor's international school campuses, and the Kuala Lumpur school sits at the heart of the group's ambition. It is also the most distinctively grounded in its context. What began life as a highly regarded Malaysian national school has, over the past decade, transformed into a fully international, English-medium institution. That transition has been successfully delivered; what now lies ahead is the opportunity to elevate, refine and accelerate.

For 17 years, the current Principal has led the school through that journey with commitment and care. His departure marks a genuine change of chapter. There is deep respect for what has been achieved (a stable, popular, high-performing school) but also a clear sense of readiness for what comes next: sharper academic ambition, greater external profile and a confident step onto a broader stage.

The school itself is already a compelling place to lead. Situated close to the centre of Kuala Lumpur, it serves around 1,500 students with capacity for nearly 2,000, so growth is immediately achievable. The student body reflects both the city and the region: around 40% Malay, alongside an increasingly international mix of families from China, India, Korea, Japan and beyond. This is not a transient expatriate enclave; it is a vibrant, rooted, aspirational community with a genuinely global outlook.

TISKL offers the English National Curriculum through to IGCSE, with students typically progressing to Taylor's College or Taylor's University, both highly regarded within Malaysia and increasingly visible across the region. This creates a powerful and distinctive ecosystem. As Principal, you are not only leading a school but contributing to a wider educational pathway, from early years through to higher education, that is unusually coherent and full of possibility. There is real scope here for innovation: strengthening progression routes, exploring conditional offers, and shaping a student journey that families can immediately understand and value.

The academic platform is strong. IGCSE outcomes are consistently good, often very good, supported by a track record of high achievement and international recognition. Yet the opportunity to push further, to make excellence more consistent and more visible, is palpable. The professional culture reflects this trajectory. With around 90%

of teachers Malaysian, the school has invested heavily in high-quality internal professional development to align teaching practice with international expectations. What you inherit is a committed, capable staff body that knows its students well and is ready to be stretched.

Facilities will soon match that ambition. By 2027, the campus will have been significantly enhanced through a major development project, including a 50-metre swimming pool, new football pitch, upgraded sports halls and redesigned communal spaces. This positions TISKL in a powerful place within the Kuala Lumpur market: premium facilities offered at a mid-range price point. It is a combination that resonates strongly with families, and one that, under the right leadership, will drive both reputation and enrolment.

Leadership at Taylor's is not abstract. You will work within a sophisticated group structure, alongside colleagues across Taylor's Schools and the wider organisation, which includes higher education and a substantial property division. Commercial awareness matters. Enrolment growth, retention, parent satisfaction and financial sustainability sit alongside academic outcomes as measures of success. For the right leader, this is not a constraint but an opportunity: a chance to think entrepreneurially, to shape strategy, and to see ideas translate into tangible impact.

At its heart, though, the role remains deeply human. It calls for someone who can engage and inspire a largely local teaching body, understanding their context while introducing new ideas with clarity and respect. Someone who brings presence and who can represent the school with confidence to an increasingly international parent community, while also building trust in staffrooms and classrooms. Energy, empathy and credibility all matter here, in equal measure.

Kuala Lumpur provides a fitting backdrop: accessible, dynamic, culturally rich and exceptionally liveable. It is a city that rewards curiosity and offers a gateway to the wider region.

To lead TISKL now is to arrive at precisely the right moment: when strong foundations, new facilities and rising ambition converge. The next few years will shape the school's identity for the long term. For a leader with vision, pace and the ability to bring people with them, it is an unusually exciting proposition.

HOW TO APPLY

This recruitment process is being managed by RSAcademics Ltd on behalf of Taylor's International School. Unless stated otherwise, all communication about the appointments will be via RSAcademics.

Two members of the RSAcademics team are primarily engaged on this process:

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Interested candidates are invited to contact Hannah Green by email for an initial confidential conversation.

The deadline for the receipt of applications is Friday 24th July 2026 at 10:00 (UK) / 17:00 (Malaysia)

You should submit:

- A completed application form.
- A copy of your curriculum vitae/résumé.
- Data sharing consent form
- A covering letter, preferably of no more than two pages, addressed to Mr Chris Edwards, Senior Advisor (International) at RSAcademics. The letter should explain the attractions of the role, the relevance of your experience and your education philosophy to the requirements, and other information that can show your alignment with the role. Please make your letter as specific as you can. A letter that is largely generic may result in your application not being considered.

Applications should be made electronically to RSAcademics. Please apply at www.rsacademics.com via the Apply Now link accompanying the announcement of the position. You will be taken to an online portal where you will be able to download an application form. Please follow the instructions provided to complete and submit your application.

Should you have any queries relating to uploading your application documents, please contact Amy Murphy, Operations Administrator, at applications@rsacademics.com Amy can also be reached by calling +44 (0) 204 6269 791.

The recruitment process will proceed as follows:

- When you submit your application, you will receive an automated email from RSAcademics confirming that we have received it. If you have not received the automated email within two working days of submitting your application,

please email us at applications@rsacademics.com or contact us by telephone on +44 (0) 204 6269 791.

- Selected candidates will be invited to preliminary interviews with RSAcademics colleagues, which will take place by video conference. These may take place before the closing date for early applicants or in the week commencing 27th July 2026.
- Video interviews with members of the Taylor's International School team will take place in the week commencing 3rd August 2026.
- Final interviews will take place in Kuala Lumpur on 3rd and 4th September 2026. Any candidate who knows they will have difficulty travelling then should make this known at preliminary interview.
- RSAcademics will collect references for candidates invited to attend the final round interviews. No referees will be contacted until RSAcademics has received your express permission to do so.