



## **Letter from the Principal**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

Please allow me to introduce myself as Mr John P Birch; I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Principal here at Mutiara International Grammar School. I relish the opportunity to lead, shape and continue to develop the school with a clear vision and mission.

Following my interview in July this year I have been in contact, visited the school and been enthused by the atmosphere and the warm welcome I have received. There has been much progress at the school in recent years via the hard work of our staff and students and the continued support of parents.

My experience of education is from a truly international perspective, spending over twenty years across schools in Europe, Asia, The Middle East and even Bermuda! These experiences have led me to truly understand how much our students gain from going to school with peers from around the world.

I have a strong commitment to academic excellence, whilst also encouraging the development of all students' potential and nurture of various talents, in a supportive international community. My leadership experience involves various curriculum frameworks, however; I remain a firm advocate of the IGCSE and A level programmes, ensuring both academic rigour and a proven pathway to further studies.

During my international experience I have had the privilege of living and working in numerous countries and feel I have an understanding of the diverse culture and needs of the students in the region. I firmly believe in, and have consistently made active contributions to school life within the curriculum and wider community. My personal interests have led to positive links with, students, staff and parents alike. I am really looking forward to returning to a region I particularly enjoy.

Mutiara International Grammar School possesses truly great potential; I am extremely enthusiastic about the future of the school. I am ambitious about what we can achieve together as a community, providing the greatest opportunities for our students to learn and succeed in all areas of school life. Over the coming term I will take time to share this vision with you, raising our expectations and our future success.

I feel it is important that we work together to make sure our school serves the needs of our community and our young people. I hope that as many of you as possible will become involved in the life of the school. Working collaboratively, we can ensure your sons and daughters enjoy school and develop the skills and knowledge they need to build successful, enjoyable experiences that we can celebrate together.

I would encourage all our students to take every opportunity, accept every challenge, build firm and lasting friendships, be engaged in their education, and believe in themselves and to achieve their full potential in all their endeavours.

We certainly have some exciting times ahead. I believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential to our future success and trust that I can count on your continued support as we move into the next phase of our development.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming months and please do not hesitate to visit the school whenever you have time.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP Birch', written in a cursive style.

**Mr John P Birch**  
Principal

29<sup>th</sup> August 2019