

Graeme Boyd Employment Reference

Wellspring Learning Community School in Lebanon is an independent coeducational school which follows the International Baccalaureate programs (PYP accredited and MYP/DP candidate) as well as the local Lebanese curriculum. Graeme started at the school at the beginning of July 2013 in the position of Head Librarian.

Part of his remit was to oversee the tender of a new library management system (including ebooks) for the school - which was successfully launched in September 2013. Graeme arranged webinars with representatives from Follett (Destiny), Softlink (Oliver), Microlib (Eclipse), Overdrive and Follett Shelf with senior management at the school in order to show the scope and variety of current library services available.

He oversees both school libraries (in separate locations) including staff management, appraisal and budget. He redesigned the PYP library to offer better accessibility and ease of access for staff and students and started the MYP/DP library from an empty space (without one book) to its current state as a fully-stocked, vibrant and busy learning hub. He has experience in plagiarism software, academic honesty and information literacy.

Unlike the majority of school librarians I have encountered, Graeme has a wealth of experience in almost every library setting. This experience has given him an edge in school libraries as he can use this experience of working in public, private and university libraries to his advantage - especially setting up or redesigning libraries from scratch, which few librarians have experience of.

Graeme is an active member of the International Association of School Librarians and is regularly seen at conferences, workshops and commenting on forums. He recently completed an online IB workshop entitled: 'Inquiry and the librarian across the three programmes' - which I know, he enjoyed and was an active part of.

Graeme is young and ambitious and has traveled and worked far and wide. He fits in easily and well to new surroundings and has been a pleasure to work with since his arrival here in Beirut.

He is definitely seen as a role model to students and as a great resource to staff and parents.

I would have no hesitation in recommending him for employment in an IB school or a school which followed any other curriculum.



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