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## PROFILE

Experienced senior educator with extensive practical and executive experience of both British and International headships. An inspirational leader with excellent communication, interpersonal and nurturing skills that support and enable children, parents, and staff to strive for success, fulfilment and unity. In addition, a commercially aware school development and start-up specialist with a positive, inclusive can-do attitude and the vision and practical skills to motivate, create and deliver.

- Excellent Leadership skills
- Confident and assertive communicator
- Team builder
- Expert practitioner in Brain-Friendly Learning.
- Culturally and socially astute
- Practised marketeer and promoter
- Flexible, pro-active and adaptable
- Integrity in all things

## EXPERIENCE

### ***Foshan Eton House International School / Founding Principal 2016 – Current • Foshan, Guangdong, China***

A private, international, (2-18), British international school serving both international and Chinese families. Offering IB, PYP, and Cambridge accreditation with international boarding available. A purpose-built campus comprised of state-of-the-art classrooms, gym, swimming pool, library, dining room, track, football field, auditorium, boarding suites and more.

### ***G&M Educational Consultants / Principal 2013 – Current • Austin, Texas, USA***

Consulting for educational environments using a brain-friendly learning model, supported by the standards of the English National Curriculum and the outward looking global philosophy of the International Baccalaureate. Providing schools and educators with practical advice for rigorous academics with individualized, high quality, learning experiences in a low stress, safe environment.

### ***International School of Texas / Founding Headmistress • 2013 – 2015 • Hudson Bend, Texas, USA***

Founding Headmistress for International School encompassing ages 2 to 14. Responsible for all aspects of start-up from original business plan, to property construction, remodel and maintenance, curriculum development, staffing, marketing, state licensing, opening and on-going leadership and development. NOR 100, rapidly rising.

- Took from concept to opening in 90 days
- Achieved 100% growth in enrollment in first two years.
- Approached operational breakeven in Y3.

### ***Abercorn International / Founding Headmistress • 2010 – 2013 • Lakeway, Texas, USA***

Founding Headmistress for International School encompassing ages 2 to 11. Responsible for all aspects of start-up from property maintenance, curriculum development, staffing, marketing, state licensing, opening and on-going leadership and development. NOR 140.

- Took from concept to opening in 30 days
- Enrollment grew from eight to eighty in first year.
- School achieved Texas, COBIS and IB accreditations.

### ***BIK Korea / Managing Director • 2006 – 2010 • Seoul***

Responsible for all aspects of start-up and development of three schools in group. Research/implementation of development in-line with company plans regarding expansion including existing schools, new school possibilities, media coverage and government school bids

- BIK Hannam opened September 2006
- BIK Seocho opened September 2007
- Orbital Night School opened March 2009

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## EXPERIENCE *(continued from page one)*

### **British Schools of America (WCLS) / Headmistress-Regional Director • 2000 – 2006 • USA/Belgium**

- 2000--Founding Headmistress of British School of Houston, Houston, TX USA. Responsible for all aspects of start-up.
- 2002--Appointed as Regional Director for British Schools of America. Responsible for all aspects of development standards, staffing and curriculum across the group (new and existing) in North America.
- 2005—Responsible for first company European acquisition and eventual sale as Headmistress of British Primary, Tevuren, Brussels.

### **Brookland Junior School / Headmistress • 1994 – 2000 • London Borough of Barnet, UK**

- NOR 360, judged excellent/outstanding by OFSTED
- Seconded Headmistress to Grahame Park Junior School (7-11) NOR 360, May to Dec 1999.
- Charged with turn-around of failed school.
- Nominated to HRH Queen Elizabeth for outstanding services to education.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- B.Ed (Hons.) Art/Drama, 1983  
London University
- 3 'A' Levels, 1979, Oxbridge
- 9 'O' Levels, 1977, Oxbridge

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- IB Pedagogical Leadership 2015 (USA)
- COBIS Advanced Child Protection Training 2015 (UK)
- Texas Director's Certification 2010, 2014, (USA)
- Food Manager's License 2010, 2014 (USA)
- COBIS Safe Recruitment Practices. 2012 (UK)
- IB Training 2011/2013 (PYP/MYP) (USA)
- IPC Leader 2003 (UK)
- IB Training 2002/2003 (DP) (Canada)
- ECIS Qualified Accreditor 2002 (Holland)
- LPSH 2002 (UK)
- SEN Diploma 1999 – M.Ed 2nd module London Institute (UK)
- Educational Management, 1994, M.Ed 1st module, London Institute (UK)
- U.S. Teaching Certification 1990 NYU (USA)

## INTERESTS & PURSUITS

- Charity fund raising
  - Mokpo Schools (for disabled children and young adults). Cumulative total 97 million Won.
  - IVI – Education Advisor, lecturer and fund raiser – 15 million Won.
- Board Member
  - Edron International School, Mexico City, Mexico. Independent Education Advisor.
- Theatre, cinema and performing arts
- Art history
- Swimming, shooting and sailing
- Reading, travel and conversational French

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