

## **Biography for Mr Stuart Bryan**

Mr Bryan is a highly experienced international educator and leader, who holds a MA (Hons) degree from the University of St Andrews, a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, and an Advanced Certificate in Educational Management from the University of Leicester. Mr Bryan was among the first international educational leaders to be awarded the National Professional Qualification in Executive Leadership (NPQEL) from University College London, which is the highest professional qualification certified by the UK Department for Education.

Mr Bryan has enjoyed a distinguished international career over the past 32 years. From starting as Assistant Director of Post 16 Studies in the UK, he has held senior educational positions around the world in international schools as Assistant Principal and Head of Senior School at Sha Tin College in Hong Kong, Senior Vice Principal and Head of Secondary School at the British School of Brussels, Belgium and Headmaster and Chief Executive Officer at Dulwich College Shanghai, China.

Moreover, Mr Bryan was for over 10 years the Principal and Chief Executive Officer of the Amman Bacculaureate School in Jordan, reporting directly to HRH Princess Sarvath El Hassan of Jordan, Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees. At the Amman Bacculaureate School, under his leadership, the school flourished and achieved new heights and successes, including becoming one of a select few International Bacculaureate (IB) four programme (PYP, MYP, DP and CP) World Continuum Schools. In addition, ABS became the first school worldwide to gain Athlete Friendly Education Centre status from the World Academy of Sport (WAoS) and was at the forefront of Round Square Discovery Framework initiatives. Mr Bryan also guided the school through the first-ever worldwide Council of International Schools (CIS) International Accreditation Evaluation, securing an outstanding report for the school.

For the past two-years, Mr Bryan has been the Vice President Education and Cluster Lead for GEMS Education, Egypt, where he holds the educational leadership responsibility for a group of expanding schools, including international schools, currently educating approximately 7,000 students. During this period, Mr Bryan has led, with the School Principals and Education Team, the adoption of a cogent and comprehensive cluster-wide strategic plan, resulting in a much greater focus on student achievement, pastoral wellbeing, enrichment, international accreditation (CIS and WAoS) and parent engagement, amongst many other areas.

In addition to his school leadership responsibilities, Mr Bryan is both a Consultant Educator for the IB Diploma programme, supporting many schools in the Middle East and Europe through the authorisation process, and an IB Diploma senior examiner, team leader and internal assessment moderator for History. Mr Bryan is also an Evaluation Team Chair for the Council of International Schools (CIS), leading the evaluation process (physically and virtually) of a large number of the most renowned international schools in Europe, Africa and Asia, including the CIS Preparatory Visit to ISM itself in March 2017. Moreover, he was elected in 2019 to the Business Committee, part of the governing body, of the University of St Andrews, one of the UK's top universities.

Mr Bryan, who will be officially taking up the role of Director of ISM in August 2021, will be joined in Monaco by his wife, Julia, who holds a MA (Hons) degree in Ancient History from the University of St Andrews, and who remains an enthusiast for Classical antiquity and a keen amateur Egyptologist. Mr and Mrs Bryan have two adult sons, Oliver and Alexander. Oliver, who recently gained a BA (Hons) degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from the University of Oxford, is currently completing a MRes (post-graduate) degree in Economics with the University of Bristol. Alexander is completing his MA (Hons) degree in Modern History at the University of St Andrews and has accepted an offer to read for a MLitt (post-graduate) degree in Modern History at the University of St Andrews for next academic year.