

# SPOTLIGHT ON:

## GHANA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Ghana  
International  
School

Motto: "Understanding of Each Other"

Established in 1955 with the motto "*Understanding of Each Other*," [Ghana International School \(GIS\)](#) stands as a beacon of quality education in Ghana.

Originally founded to offer international education during a time when such institutions were scarce, GIS has flourished over sixty years, catering to a diverse student body of both local and international backgrounds.



**LOCATION:** ACCRA, GHANA

**FOUNDED:** 1955

**STUDENTS:** 1,304

**NATIONALITIES:** 45



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## DR. MARY ASHUN, CEO

GIS is led by Dr. Mary Ashun, a visionary educator and leader, who is fully committed to providing an environment that stimulates and nurtures teacher growth and development.

Throughout her career in education, Dr. Ashun has recognised that (i) great educational outcomes for pupils start with great teaching, and that (ii) great teaching can only happen if teachers are provided with personalised development opportunities, and timely support. She recently delivered an inspirational keynote on this very subject at the 2023 ECIS Leadership Conference in Düsseldorf, where her vision and passion shone through.



## GIS AND ECIS MEMBERSHIP

As GIS have only been [a member of the ECIS community](#) for three academic years, there are still a number of membership benefits they can take advantage of. With this in mind, the GIS team recognises the vast potential for engagement in various other ECIS programmes, courses, and opportunities aimed at fostering growth and development.

However, one particular offering that initially drew their interest to ECIS was the opportunity for wholeschool training in child protection, leading to the award of the [ECIS Child Protection Certificate](#).

This comprehensive and highly regarded course holds recognition from several external accrediting bodies such as NEASC, MSA, and Cambridge Assessment International Education. It caters to a diverse audience, from teachers to support staff, governors, and owners, and is provided free of charge [across all ECIS membership tiers](#).



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The ECIS Child Protection course is designed for everyone. It's crucial for parents to trust that when they leave their precious jewels with us, they can feel confident in their safety.

**Stanley Ayerson**  
Head of Admissions &  
International Partnerships, GIS

# GIS VISITING EDUCATION PROGRAMME (VIE)

The GIS Visiting International Educator (VIE) programme offers a different way for teachers to gain experience from colleagues working in schools across the globe.

It's an exciting new addition to their regular recruitment programme, and offers international educators an alternative way of sharing inter-country expertise. Successful applicants spend two weeks at GIS, working with colleagues, in situ, to explore pedagogical approaches and practices.

[Becoming an ECIS Member](#) has helped GIS to publicise the benefits of taking part in their VIE programme. As a result of this, colleagues from GIS and a school in Lithuania are currently benefiting from the connections, and experiences a new partnership brings.

To find out more about how you can apply for a place on the GIS VIE programme, please contact: [prinoffice@gis.edu.gh](mailto:prinoffice@gis.edu.gh)



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*The whole experience was enriching and insightful!”*

**Zoey McFarlane**  
Participant  
February 2022

## INVESTING IN PEOPLE

For Dr. Mary Ashun and the wider senior leadership team, teachers are an asset, and investing in their development is a strategic priority. Consequently, the professional development opportunities on offer at GIS are rich and personalised. They are tailored to meet both the needs and interests of the teacher, and of the school.

Their in-house professional development programmes, offer colleagues a variety of 'teacher tracks' or pathways to opt for e.g., school leadership, pedagogical mastery, or teacher researcher. This has afforded GIS many benefits, from happier teachers to happier children; resulting in a stable staff who feel supported, and valued.

If you're interested in developing your own approach to teacher development, then ECIS can help you.

Find out more about the [bespoke training](#) we offer: *'where every bespoke piece of work begins with a conversation.'* Please contact [helen@ecis.org](mailto:helen@ecis.org) for a consultation meeting.



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