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# SPOTLIGHT ON:

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The Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) shines as a beacon of educational excellence and innovation, embodying a unique ethos that prioritises connection, inspiration, and challenge.

We caught up with Dr. Marta Medved, who serves as both Head of School and CEO, to find out a bit more about how WAB both nurtures and prepares their learners to truly make a difference.



Dr. Marta Medved Krajnovic

Head of School and
Acting CEO, WAB



#### THE WAB DIFFERENCE

With an impressive 1:7 teacher to student ratio, WAB ensures personalised attention and a tailored learning experience for every student. This ratio allows for deeper engagement and a supportive educational journey, enriched by the seasoned expertise of its educators—65% of whom have over a decade of teaching experience.

This wealth of knowledge is imparted to a vibrant community of ~1,300 students and staff, representing 58 nationalities, making WAB one of the most culturally diverse schools in Beijing.

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Our diversity is not just about numbers; it's about the richness of perspectives, experiences, and ideas that each individual brings to our community. It creates a dynamic and inclusive atmosphere where every student can thrive.

Dr. Marta Medved Krajnovic

#### **GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS & ACCREDITATIONS**

WAB is actively engaged in global partnership work, maintaining memberships with the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS) and a number of other educational organizations.

It's also an authorised IB Continuum School, and is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). These affiliations not only enhance the quality of education at WAB, but also connect the school to a global network of educational excellence.



#### **CONNECT, INSPIRE, CHALLENGE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WAB DIFFERENCE AT THEIR BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE, #FOEN2025, ON 13-15 MARCH 2025. CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS



13 - 15 March 2025

A festival of learning

Western Academy of Beijing



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, WAB!**

WAB is embarking on a momentous year in 2024, celebrating its 30th anniversary with a vibrant series of events that honour its rich history and enduring mission to "Connect, Inspire, Challenge: Make a Difference."

In a true spirit of community, WAB has engaged students, parents, staff, and leaders to reflect on what makes this school unique.

The insights gathered will be showcased throughout the anniversary celebrations. Key aspects that were highlighted by respondents as making WAB special were 'innovative learning'; 'colourful and energetic'; 'diverse'; 'caring'; 'China connected'; and 'belonging'.











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#### THE WAB-ECIS JOURNEY

WAB and ECIS have a longstanding and evolving partnership. Founded in 1994, WAB became the second selfstanding, not-for-profit international school in Beijing, with a vision of creating a diverse educational environment. Recognising the value of external expertise, WAB invited ECIS to assist in setting up the school.

Over the years, the partnership between WAB and ECIS has grown and transformed. Today, WAB is officially recognised as an **ECIS Hub.** This designation allows WAB to collaborate closely with ECIS in offering training programmes for middle leaders and creating bespoke courses for visiting schools.

Through this dynamic partnership, WAB and ECIS continue to shape and elevate educational practices, benefiting not only their community but also the broader network of international schools they work with.





To find out more about ECIS' bespoke programmes, and how you can sign up for a course at the WAB Hub please contact <a href="https://example.cis.org">helen@ecis.org</a>



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