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## Teachers' Profiles

We have a team of **well-qualified and highly experienced teachers**. They are all Native English Teachers (**NETs**) with a **University Degree** and an internationally recognised qualification of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (**TEFL**).

### Principal

#### Deidre Scott M.Sc, B.Bus, PGDE (HKU) English

Deidre Scott is the founder and Principal of Abbey English Centre. She possesses over 10 years experience in Teaching, Curriculum Planning and Course Design in Hong Kong. She was awarded her M.Sc. Degree from the University of Manchester, UK and a B. Bus. Degree from Edith Cowan University in Western Australia. She also holds a Post Graduate Diploma of Education in English from the University of Hong Kong. Deidre was previously Head of Studies of Sara Beattie College, Hong Kong and Academic Director of Aston Institute, Hong Kong. She has taught at several institutions in Hong Kong, including the elite St. Paul's Convent School

Deidre is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher. She uses an interactive teaching approach which students find engaging and motivating. She has a vast experience in teaching all age groups, including primary and secondary school students, adults and corporate training.

Deidre also has experience in conducting teacher training workshops in local schools. She has undergone teacher training with the Faculty of Education at the University of Hong Kong. The focus of this training was on the new English electives that are being introduced with the New Secondary School English (NSS). She is completely familiar with all eight of the new English electives and has developed teacher training courses that enable the teachers to guide the students in the essential skills and techniques needed to be successful in these new electives.

### Carol

Carol is a native English speaker, born and educated in Scotland, UK. She has a Bachelor of Social Science degree from Edith Cowan University in Australia and also holds a TEFL qualification from the Royal Society of Arts in the UK. Carol is widely experienced in providing a range of EFL and professional skills training having taught in Hong Kong for over 12 years to many different age groups in a variety of environments. These have included primary and secondary schools, the YWCA, an International Hotel Group and also corporate settings.

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### **Stephanie**

Stephanie has been teaching English in Hong Kong for over 10 years. She has extensive experience teaching English at all levels in both schools and private English Language Centres. She loves teaching and possesses a passion for the English language and a real determination to impart this passion onto all her students!

Stephanie is also a radio presenter and producer on RTHK Radio 3. She has a weekly feature on a popular radio show covering events in and around Hong Kong. She has an extensive drama experience and she is now producing a school production called Oliver.

### **Sean**

Sean is a native English speaker, originally from the South East of England. Sean holds the Trinity College London Cert.TESOL, in addition to post graduate qualifications in TESOL from a U.K. University. He also has academic and professional qualifications in law.

His experience in teaching English covers the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors and he has extensive experience in providing academic instruction for local Hong Kong public examinations together with GCSE, IB, IELTS and LNAT.

Outside of test preparation and academic English, Sean provides instruction in public speaking and debating.

### **Chris**

Chris holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Salford in Manchester as well as a City and Guilds Teaching Certificate from Blackburn College, Lancashire. Previously a lecturer at Blackburn College, Chris is experienced in teaching a variety of age groups and class sizes in local schools and English Language Centres in Hong Kong.

Chris is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher. She uses an interactive teaching approach which motivates and engages students. She enjoys teaching all areas and recently put on a successful Reader's Theatre which the students performed for their parents.

### **Richard**

Richard comes from England. As a teacher of English, he has worked in three countries, including spending a year at a primary school in Hungary and five years at a language school in Japan. In addition to teaching English conversation at the latter, he also helped students with their preparations for the IELTS Test.

Since coming to Hong Kong in 2003, he has worked with a wide variety of students and taught a range of written and oral courses, including those designed for students taking the Cambridge Young Learners English Tests at 'Starters', 'Movers' and 'Flyers' level.

He believes that the secret to achieving this lies in maximising student participation and enjoyment, regardless of ability or previous experience.

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### **Melissa**

Melissa is a graduate of Massachusetts College of Art and Design with a degree in Interrelated Media as well as a degree in Film making from San Francisco Art Institute and a TEFL certificate.

She has tutored a wide age range of International students in Boston MA and San Francisco CA. Melissa's love of Art, literature and learning makes her a magnetic teacher for young children, she believes any topic can be fun and exciting.

Before relocating to Hong Kong, Melissa produced short films and videos, worked extensively on community events and festivals and published fiction in literary Journals.

### **Harry**

Harry is a native speaker of English who possesses a BS Degree, TEFL/TESOL Certification and over 5 ½ years of teaching experience. He mainly employs a communicative style of teaching, his techniques emphasize fluency and communication while improving accuracy.

Courses he has taught include General Purpose English, English for Study, Daily Tasks and Situations and Travel Situations. In the past, Harry has worked as a music producer, as a TV & Film talent agent and as an acting coach. Harry really cares about his students and is all about getting them to enjoy using English like a native speaker, not just seeing how many sentences they can make.

### **Beth**

Beth is from Vancouver, Canada, she obtained her BA Degree at the University of Victoria. She has over 15 years of experience delivering skills and language training to a wide range of students from a host of different countries and at a variety of schools and learning centres. Her training specialties include: Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Phonics and Trinity Spoken English Exam Preparation. Building a rapport with students comes naturally for her and she is keen to tailor learning and course materials to the particular classes that she facilitates.