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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.

### **Simon**

Simon has been tutoring Primary and Secondary School students in both Hong Kong and Australia for over 10 years. Since moving to Hong Kong, he has been teaching English and Drama related courses at various Primary and Secondary schools. Simon is not only certified as a Teacher of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), but also enjoys acting as a part-time career. He has performed in many stage musicals, plays and has appeared on several television commercials. His main teaching interests are in Public Speaking, Drama and helping students gain confidence in using and speaking the English language. Simon enjoys passing on his enthusiasm and excitement for learning to the younger generation of today.

### **Kevin**

Kevin is a Native English speaker from the United States with an undergraduate degree in Business from Boston College and a Masters Degree in Education from Long Island University. His international upbringing and career spans four continents.

Kevin began his teaching career in West Africa where he taught TEFL in a secondary school as a Peace Corps volunteer. There he discovered his passion for teaching and on return to the

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United States joined the New York City Teaching Fellows with which he earned his Masters, as well as ESL Certification and became a teacher in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York City.

Kevin spent the next 6 years assisting foreign students of all ages understand Mathematics. During that time Kevin adopted a style of instruction which builds confidence while constructing a classroom community which is both social and engaged in learning. His philosophy when teaching the subject is that “Math is easy”, and that every student can do it.

Kevin is currently pursuing his MBA degree part-time at Chinese University of Hong.

### **Alex**

Alex is a native English speaker from U.K. and graduated with a first class Master’s degree in Management from the University of St. Andrews. He holds a Trinity CertTESOL and has experience working for the Seibu and Harvey Nichols brands in Hong Kong as a Corporate English Language Trainer. In that capacity, he has also given presentations promoting the brands at numerous tertiary education institutions such as the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Chinese University.

Alex enjoys working with children to improve their English language abilities and believes in the communicative method of teaching. He loves meeting new people and learning about different cultures. He is currently pursuing a law degree in his spare time.