

# 2024/2025 Academic Year Primary School Counsellor

Somersfield Academy, an International Baccalaureate World School offering both the Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma Programmes (DP) following a Primary foundation of a fully recognised Montessori programme, is seeking a professionally dedicated and suitably qualified staff member.

## **Our Vision:**

We believe a Somersfield education is a student-centric journey that prepares learners to succeed with confidence, awareness and compassion. Our internationally recognised, future-ready education inspires our students to explore their unique potential and to positively impact local and global communities.

## **Our Mission:**

To inspire socially conscious, independent thinkers.

## **We Value:**

A diverse and inclusive learning community

Trust, independence and authentic responsibility

Growth and personal achievement

Respect for self and others

Intellectual curiosity

The strength and courage to stand for what is right

## **Key responsibilities:**

- Provide individual and group counselling sessions by using a working knowledge of counselling models, methods, and resources
- Deliver lessons, programmes & workshops on preventative education such as conflict resolution, bullying prevention, and mental health awareness within a variety of settings
- Respond to crises and emergencies providing immediate support for at-risk students with social-emotional challenges
- Offer lunchtime support groups for students and coordinate the Peer Mentoring Programme
- Be a member of the student support team
- Collaborate with parents, educators, administration, and other specialists to address student needs and develop plans to support
- Refer students to other support services and mental health professionals as needed

## **Education and Experience:**

- Master's degree in Counselling/Guidance, Education, or Social Work
- 5+ years of post-graduate experience as a School Counsellor
- Must be well versed in Bermuda laws and legislation as it relates to children ie The Children Act 1998
- Proven experience with restorative circles, mediation techniques, and crisis prevention
- Demonstrate initiative and be a strong advocate for students' social, academic, and personal needs
- Ability to remain calm in stressful situations, work in a team environment and independently
- Must be discreet and modest

Please submit a cover letter and resume along with two current letters of professional references by **May 15, 2024** to [hr@somersfield.bm](mailto:hr@somersfield.bm)