Open Testimonial for George Piacentini

I worked with George Piacentini from August 2000 to July 2002 in my capacity as Head of The British School of Caracas in Venzuela. The British School of Caracas in Venzuela is the premier English National Curriculum international school in Caracas, offering Key Stage 1 and 2 and has done so for 59 years. There are over 350 students from many different nationalities. At the time we worked together we were in the final processes of ECIS Accreditation. George was the chair of the steering committee. The school received accreditation in 2003. The school was also a member of the Latin American Heads Conference.

George joined The British School of Caracas as Head of Junior School in August 2000. The Junior School consisted of 8 classes from Year 3 to Year 6 with a total of 150 students. George also taught Language and Humanities to Year 6.

George's most obvious strengths are his personal energy, enthusiasm and positive drive. He used this in a variety of occasions to good effect and secured commitment from his teachers and parents. He was a member of the Senior Management Team and could be counted on to bring an objective view to what was best for The British School of Caracas not just the Junior School which he managed.

He is especially committed to the students in his charge and always considered decisions in light of their best interests.

He is a keen promoter of curriculum development and review and oversaw the implementation of the English National Curriculum SATs at Key Stage 2. The British School of Caracas now use these are their main external assessment at the end of Primary School.

I can recommend George to you as a person of considerable professional and overseas experience who has demonstrated during his time working with me, that he has the ability and energy to get good things out of people.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Gifford