

## Profiles of Principal, Heads and HODs



Rupa Chakravarty is the Principal of Suncity World School and a teacher of English, having experience of teaching CBSE and Cambridge A levels and IGCSE.

She has trained as the IB- Coordinator at Montezuma– Arizona, USA and for Handling of Adolescence in Worcester, USA. She is trained for ‘Leadership strategies’ at IIM- Ahmedabad. She has her identity woven closely with that of Suncity World School as the founder Principal. She has incorporated innovative ideas in the school such as the unique methodology encapsulated as an acronym ASK to ASK-U which is in the process of obtaining copyright/ patenting. It also incorporates the Multiple Intelligences and inter disciplinary aspects of learning into the curriculum. The school has got the copyright for the 1<sup>st</sup> Development centre on Multiple Intelligences, set up in the world.

The school is a part of the pilot project for implementing CBSE-i.

She has made presentations at various seminars, conclaves, conferences in India and abroad in countries ranging from Turkey, Srilanka, Mauritius, USA, Japan, Australia and UAE. She has been sponsored for various workshops/ seminars by renowned business houses/ institutions/ Embassies to different places in India and abroad.

She was one of the Principals who helped to constitute the handbook and manual for school quality assessment and accreditation (SQAA) of schools which is currently being implemented and has done an inspection in Tokyo, Japan of a CBSE-i school besides being an observer in India for CBSE i.

She has been an observer on behalf of CBSE numerous times for various examinations and programmes including SQAA. She has been the master trainer for most of the trainings imparted by CBSE – CCE, FA, Mentoring and monitoring SQAA, listening and speaking skills (ASL) and so on.

She is an ideator with the CBSE- international curriculum and she has been training Principals and teachers abroad for three years on behalf of CBSE to implement the CBSE international curriculum in CBSE schools abroad. For which the pilot project is presently being implemented in a few schools including SUNCITY. She is on the ‘Core committee’ of reforms being implemented by CBSE. The committees are –

- CBSE-i
- Open book examination
- ASL
- Bye laws of CBSE i
- SQAA

Ideator for -

- CBSE-i
- Road safety
- NCC
- Work education

She has won various awards for her work. Her ultimate aim is to help develop ‘Able and noble’ human beings.



**SIDNEY ROSE FRSA  
HEAD – INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIA  
ENGLISH AS FIRST LANGUAGE & ENGLISH LITERATURE**

B.A. Honours – Manchester Metropolitan University, UK  
P.G.C.E. – K-12 - Manchester Victoria University, UK  
M.Ed. – School Leadership - Michigan State University

Mr. Sidney Rose joined Suncity School in April 2016 as Head- International Academia and teaches IGCSE English as First Language and English Literature.

He has over three decades of experience in International Education in many countries and cultures – UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Sweden and India. He has served as the Founding Director of prestigious International Schools in Stockholm, Qatar and Pune and been a Consultant for a number of education organisations, Ministries of Education, Cambridge University and International Baccalaureate. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society (RSA) and served in The Committee of Education Consultants.

Mr Rose believes that students should be confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged and wants each student to fulfil their potential and make the most of their strengths and interests. He is a strong advocate of utilizing students' local context and culture in teaching and learning.

Physical fitness is a keen interest of Mr. Rose and he is a former marathon runner and rugby player. He still attends the gym regularly and runs. He is also a painter and poet.



SHEENA SETHI  
HEAD OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL  
HEAD OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
ISA COORDINATOR

B. Sc. (Pure Sciences), Government Science College, Jabalpur

M. Sc. (Animal Biochemistry), National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal (Topped Biochemistry Division for five semesters)

B. Ed. (Merit holder), Loyola College of Education, Jamshedpur

Postgraduate thesis on *Purification and Characterization of an Endo-1, 4- Glucanase from Ruminococcus albus A-23*, published in the journal MICROBIOLOGIE-ALIMENTS-NUTRITION 1998, Vol.16, 221-229.

Category 1 Certificate for IBDP (Biology programme)

Ms. Sheena Sethi joined Suncity in June 2013 as the school's Academic Supervisor and heads the Science Department. Under her stint as the ISA Coordinator, the school won the ISA award for three years, i.e., 2014 to 2017. She was appointed Head of Middle and High School in April 2015.

She served as Senior Academic Coordinator, Head of Primary and Middle School at Goldcrest High (ICSE), Vashi, Navi Mumbai and Valley View School (CBSE), Jamshedpur as PGT [Biological and Physical Sciences] from. She also developed and compiled ICSE physics textbooks for standards VI to VIII published by Pearl India Publishers, New Delhi. She was a Key Volunteer at the Junior Writer's Bug, Mumbai's first Literary Festival for children.

Ms. Sethi achieves the ideal of vanguard leadership through less of authority and more of equal partnership; less of critical judgment and more of expert mentoring. Besides her dedication, high performance and a strong sense of work ethics, she is also a Kathak graduate from Allahabad Prayag Samiti and has interest in dramatics, elocution, reading, music, trekking and sports. In fact, her *drive* led her to secure the tenth position in the Lavasa Women's Rally.



**PETER MORRIS**  
**IB COORDINATOR – INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIA**  
**IGCSE MATHEMATICS and CHEMISTRY**

B.Sc.Honours (Mathematics), Adelaide University, Australia  
Grad.Dip.Teaching, Adelaide University, Australia  
M.Ed. (Educational Management), Stockholm University, Sweden

Mr. Peter Morris joined Suncity School in July 2016 as the designated International Baccalaureate Diploma Coordinator (IBDPC). While the IBDP authorization process is in full swing Mr. Morris is teaching IGCSE Mathematics and coordinating the IGCSE pre-IB programme.

Mr. Morris has over 20 years' experience with IB establishing English language programmes in schools. He has coordinated and been teaching Mathematics, Chemistry and the Theory of Knowledge.

Prior to immigrating to Sweden in 1993 Mr. Morris taught for 17 years in a number of Australian high schools.

Mr. Morris' passion is for mathematics and he has published several articles in international journals of mathematics. He also regularly studies online courses called moocs (massive open online courses) most recently in differential equations and astronomy. He has a keen interest in sports and is a fan of cricket.



**KAVITA LAL**  
**HEAD, UPPER PRIMARY YEARS [PYP]**

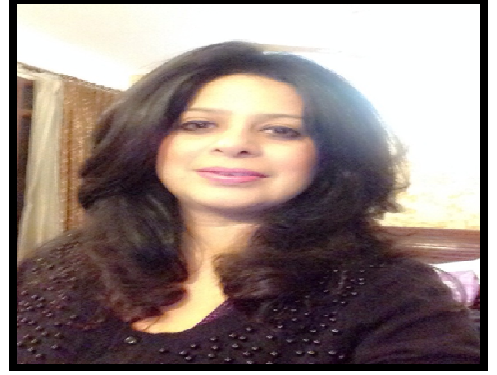
English [Hons.], Indraprastha College, Delhi University  
Diploma in Nursery and Primary Teaching  
Certified Tutor for ESL Teachers/Learners from Department of Education and Children's Services,  
Government of South Australia

Ms. Lal has eighteen years of experience of professional expertise in her role as a teacher with hands-on experience in national and international education systems, including curriculum and human resource development and has taught in some of the prominent CBSE and international schools which include Heritage School, Gurgaon, Delhi Public School, Gurgaon and The British School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

Besides her forte as an English teacher, Ms. Lal is an avid reader, writer and effective communicator, innovator and team builder.

Among her varied experiences, she successfully ran her own Play School at Bhopal and worked with the Times of India, Delhi.

She has also worked as Content Developer for CBSE-i for grades III and IV and was a Consultant for iDiscoveri Education Private Ltd.



NANDITA MATHUR  
HEAD, LOWER PRIMARY PROGRAMME

Ms Nandita Mathur completed her schooling from The Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi. She has done B. Sc. (Hons.) from Delhi University and a degree in Education, securing first division in both.

She has received training, in Mumbai, in a programme organized by the Cambridge University for teaching the PYP Curriculum.

Ms Mathur topped the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (an internationally accredited test administered by the Japan Foundation & the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services). She has also completed an English teaching training course conducted by the National Geographic Learning and Educational Testing Services and secured marks in the highest band, again topping the examination conducted at the end of the course.

Ms Mathur has worked as a content developer for CBSE-i. She has also attended numerous workshops and conferences related to teaching, during the course of her career.

She has diverse interests and is a keen swimmer and an avid reader.

Ms Mathur has over 17 years of experience of teaching primary classes in established schools of Delhi NCR.



**SANGEETA BAGCHI**  
**HEAD, EARLY YEAR PROGRAM [EYP]**

Bachelor of Education and Commerce (Hons.)  
Masters in Psychology

Ms. Sangeeta Bagchi has a teaching experience of 14 years. Before joining Suncity, she served as Senior Montessori Teacher Trainer at Amity Centre for Education, Research and Training, Gurgaon and Pushp Vihar, Delhi.

Besides being a qualified Early Childhood Educator, Ms. Bagchi has a rich background in haute couture as Fashion Designer at Grand Labels Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon; Senior Merchandiser at Himanshu Apparels, a Govt. recognized export house and Senior Fashion Coordinator at Shahi Export House, New Delhi.



**SANGEETA VARMA**  
**HEAD OF MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT**

BA (Hons.), Mathematical Statistics, Hindu College, Delhi University  
MA, Mathematical Statistics, Hindu College, Delhi University  
B. Ed, Annamalai University  
M. Ed, Himachal Pradesh University

Ms. Verma has twenty five years of teaching experience. She served as Head of Department at Vasant Valley School, New Delhi and was also Coordinator for grades XI and XII. She has taught mathematics to senior classes for a few years in Australia.

Besides developing content for mathematics portals, she is a consultant for Topper TV (Network 18) and HCL Learning and she is on the Recruitment Board of KR Mangalam and Scindia School, Gwalior.

Ms. Verma is an ardent student of Vedanta and has attended formal classes on the 'Bhagwad Gita' and Upnishad texts, which reinforces the fact that while there is a need to create possibilities for a new future, a few things must remain unchanged.





RAJESH DUTTA  
HEAD OF ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

MA [Sociology]

MA [English]

L.T. [Central Pedagogical Institute]

Certified by Cambridge University to teach ESL, FLE and AS and A LEVELS.

Mr. Rajesh Dutta has 27 years of teaching including eleven years at The Air Force School [TAFS], Subroto Park, Delhi Cantonment.

He is the Editor-in-Chief of Synergy, the annual school journal and writes and directs school plays. He conducts literary activities throughout the year which come to a head during the English Week.

He has published two grade VIII books for Rachna Sagar's *Together With* series.

He has also edited the Simplified Interactive Grammar book for grades IX and X, published by Madhuban.

Mr. Dutta is the author of two novels, *Death of a Robin*, and *Second Robin* published by Partridge, USA.



DEEPA GANDHI  
HEAD OF COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

- Graduate from Delhi College of Arts and Commerce
- M. C. A from IGNOU
- Higher Diploma in Computer Science
- Diploma in Multimedia – Apple Publishing
- Diploma in Computer concepts, Operations and programming
- Certified by Cambridge to teach computer science to IGCSE, AS/A Levels
- DOEACC Certified

Ms. Deepa Gandhi has 18 years of teaching experience. Besides teaching, she is the House Mistress of Arctic House and looks after the IT department also.

She inspires cooperation across staff and students to excel in co-curricular activities, House competitions and participation in clubs such as Robotronics, Movie-making and Photography.

She is spearheading the planning and execution of digitalization of classrooms through smart classes.

Her performance has been especially impressive in extra-curricular activities like choreographing of the grand finales for Saturnalia, the school's annual fiesta over the last four years.

Ms. Gandhi has written *Computer for IX-X [ICSE]*, published by Goyal Brothers.



DEEPALI BOSE  
HEAD OF ART DEPARTMENT

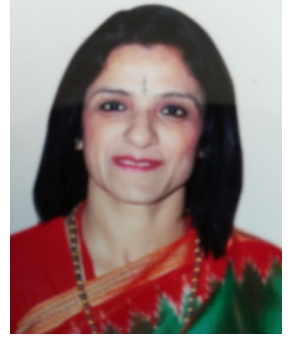
B.F.A., Lalit Kala, Delhi  
M.F.A., Shantiniketan, Bolpur

Ms. Bose has a rich experience of shaping young minds for a whopping twenty nine years.

She served for twenty three years at Spring Dales, Pusa Road under the able guidance of Mrs. Rajani Kumar.

She has attended various workshops by Indian and European Masters and has used the experience in the last so many years to encourage over 150 students to pursue Art and Design as a profession.

Under Ms. Bose's guidance, her department spares no effort in bringing the school to life with art and craft decorations throughout the year for every major or minor function. The paintings made by her students are a proof of the fact that the beginning of creativity is an inspired classroom.



**DEEPIKA MEHENDIRATA  
HEAD OF SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

Bachelor of Physical Education  
PG Diploma and Masters in Physical Education  
Currently pursuing PhD

Ms. Deepika Mehendirata has twenty three years of teaching experience. Before joining Suncity, she served at Spring Dales, Pusa Road and DAV, Gurgaon.

Besides looking after the discipline, she also takes care of the co-curricular, extra-curricular and major events like Vanity Fair, the school fete and junior and senior Sports Days.

Under Ms. Mehendirata's guidance, Suncity students have represented the school in Intra-School, Inter-School, District, State, National and International games and sports. Suncity's long haul of gold, silver and bronze medals is confirmation of her Department's sheer will and determination to be second to none, juxtaposed with the belief of every student that participation is an ongoing journey.