

### My experience in Mozambique – Bex

Being a GTA at Rapale International School was one of the best decisions I made. The staff and pupils are so welcoming and make you feel like a part of the big family environment that the school fosters. With such a small number of students, you get to know each of them well and are given the opportunity to work with them both in the larger classroom environment, as well as on a one-to-one basis.

As Mozambique is a Portuguese-speaking country, many of the students at Rapale are second language English speakers, making working at the school an invaluable opportunity to develop both language skills as well as encouraging you as a teacher to diversify your lessons to suit the individual needs of particular pupils.

The best thing about working at Rapale as a GTA was, for me, to have the opportunity to foster the skills that I am now using in my own teacher training. You are given the chance to do as much teaching as you feel comfortable with, or to only work in a teaching support role if that is what suits you.

Working in Nampula also gives you great opportunities to travel around other parts of Mozambique, to the coast, or even to other countries in Africa. While I was working at RIS I visited Cape Town, Pemba and Chocas on the coast. Rapale is a very special place, and my time there was unforgettable.

