

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

We are excited to welcome students back to the campus!

Watch the video posted on the Matrix Global Schools Facebook page for school opening procedures

Finally, by 22nd July, every class in Matrix Global Schools will be back in school. We are very pleased to welcome them back after 4 months of MCO and look forward to helping them ease into the new normal following the SOP set by the Ministry of Education. In terms of their learning, the teachers will assess how much they have learnt during the 4 months of on-line lessons.

To help students get back into the swing of school life, our end of term has had to be adjusted. This adjustment will allow more contact time and learning for students to reinforce what has been covered over the last term.

The adjusted calendar is based on the following:

- extending the school days this term beyond the last day of school (21 July 2020 for MIS & 24 July 2020 for MPS).
- starting school later in September 2020 (for MIS/Early Years)
- shortening the mid term break in October 2020
- extending the end of the term from November to December 2020
- starting school later in January 2021

The new adjusted calendar for all the schools will be as follows :-

	MIS	EARLY YEARS	MPS
<i>Original Date for End of Term</i>	21 July 2020	21 July 2020	24 July 2020
<i>Extending end of term to August 2020</i>	7 August 2020	7 August 2020	7 August 2020
<i>New dates for school break</i>	10 August 2020 to 6 September 2020	10 August 2020 to 31 August 2020	21 August 2020 to 24 August 2020
<i>Shortening of mid term break (only for MIS)</i>	14 October 2020 to 16 October 2020	No mid term break	No mid term break
<i>Extending end of term to December 2020</i>	9 December 2020	-	11 December 2020
<i>Starting School later in 2021</i>	11 January 2021	11 January 2021	11 January 2021

With this new adjusted calendar, our schools will be giving extra school days to address the learning needs of all our students. We hope all parents and guardians will give us their support by ensuring that their child/ward are in school to benefit from these extra days of academic reinforcement.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes, but please rest assured that it has been made with the students' best interest in mind. Our MGS staff care about the wellbeing and development of our young people and we will continue to remain sensitive to requests and feedback from parents/guardians to improve our teaching and learning in school.

校长寄语

学校终于能在来临的7月22日迎来所有年级的复课日。本校衷心欢迎各位度过四个月行动管制令又重返学校的孩子，望孩子返校后可尽早一起适应由教育部定制的标准作业程序指南下的新常态。至于学习方面，老师们将会评估这四个月网课的学习成果。

为了让孩子能及早适应在实体学校上课的生活，本学期末也将有所调整。此次调整乃为了提供孩子更多面对面的学习时间以及巩固行管令期间的学习成果。

以下几项乃调整行政历的基准：

- 延长本学期的上课日（国际部原定的学期末为21/7/2020；私立部原定的学期末为24/7/2020）
- 延迟2020年9月的开学日（国际部与学前班）
- 缩短2020年10月的期中假
- 将2020年11月的学期末延至12月
- 延迟2021年1月的开学日

本校冀在这额外的上课日为学生提供更多的学习机会。盼诸位家长与监护人能全力配合并确保孩子到校学习。

本校为此次调整带来的不便致以万二分歉意，惟必须重申这些调整全以学生为先。本校全体同仁最在乎青少年的学习与发展，故本校诚心接受所有家长与监护人的反馈以促进孩子的学习进程。

调整后的行政历如下：

	国际部	学前班	私立部
原定的学期末	21/7/2020	21/7/2020	24/7/2020
延长2020年8月的上课日	7/8/2020	7/8/2020	7/8/2020
更改后的期末假	10/8/2020 - 6/9/2020	10/8/2020 - 31/8/2020	21/8/2020 - 24/8/2020
缩短后的期中假（仅限国际部）	14/10/2020 - 16/10/2020	无	无
延长学期末至2020年12月	9/12/2020	-	11/12/2020
延后2021年1月的开学日	11/1/2021	11/1/2021	11/1/2021

PESANAN PENGETUA KAMPUS

Pihak sekolah dan ibu bapa sering bertanya-tanya bilakah sekolah akan dibuka semula. Pelajar-pelajar pun sudah tidak sabar lagi hendak datang ke sekolah untuk meneruskan pembelajaran mereka seperti biasa, untuk bertemu semula dengan rakan-rakan serta guru-guru mereka. Akhirnya soalan tersebut telah terjawab apabila Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia (KPM) mengumumkan iaitu pada 22 Julai 2020 ini, semua pelajar sekolah rendah dan menengah termasuklah MGS akan bersekolah semula. Kami amat berbangga dan tidak sabar untuk menyambut semula pelajar-pelajar pada hari itu nanti. Selain pelaksanaan pembelajaran, semua pelajar juga akan dimaklumkan tentang norma baharu yang mereka perlu patuhi yang terdapat dalam SOP KPM. Ujian diagnostik untuk pelajar akan dilaksanakan bagi memastikan sejauh manakah mereka telah menguasai pembelajaran atas talian semasa pelaksanaan PKP empat bulan yang lalu.

Dengan memastikan bahawa pelajar dapat menyesuaikan diri semula dengan suasana persekolahan terkini, maka pihak sekolah telah membuat perubahan terhadap kalendar persekolahan bagi penggal ini. Perubahan ini membolehkan pelajar mempunyai masa yang mencukupi untuk melaksanakan dan mengukuhkan pembelajaran yang belum dikuasai sepenuhnya sebelum ini.

Perubahan kalendar persekolahan bagi penggal ini adalah dengan mengambil kira perkara-perkara seperti berikut:

- Melanjutkan hari persekolahan sehingga hari terakhir (21/7/2020 untuk MIS & 24/7/2020 untuk MPS).
- Persekolahan semula dalam bulan September 2020 (untuk MIS/Prasekolah)
- Memendekkan cuti pertengahan tahun pada bulan Oktober 2020
- Melanjutkan hari persekolahan hingga bulan Disember 2020
- Memulakan hari persekolahan selewatnya pada pertengahan bulan Januari 2021

Perubahan hari persekolahan yang baharu untuk MGS adalah seperti berikut:

	MIS	PRASEKOLAH	MPS
Tarikh asal hari akhir penggal	21/7/2020	21/7/2020	24/7/2020
Pindaan tarikh akhir penggal	7/8/2020	7/8/2020	7/8/2020
Tarikh baharu cuti persekolahan	10/8/2020 - 6/9/2020	10/8/2020 - 31/8/2020	21/8/2020 - 24/8/2020
Pindaan cuti pertengahan penggal (bagi MIS)	14/10/2020 - 16/10/2020	Tiada cuti	Tiada cuti
Pindaan tarikh akhir penggal ke Disember 2020	9/12/2020	-	11/12/2020
Tarikh mula persekolahan bagi tahun 2021	11/1/2021	11/1/2021	11/1/2021

Perubahan-perubahan yang berlaku pada hari persekolahan ini membolehkan pelajar-pelajar sekolah belajar dengan sepenuhnya. Kami mengharapkan ibu bapa / penjaga akan memberi sokongan padu kepada sekolah agar anak-anak tuan / puan akan mendapat faedah pembelajaran yang lebih bermanfaat dan berkesan.

Kami memohon maaf atas segala kesulitan ini tetapi semua yang kami lakukan adalah untuk kebaikan anak tuan/puan. Warga MGS sentiasa memberi keutamaan kepada kesejahteraan dan perkembangan anak tuan/puan. Kami akan sentiasa meneruskan perkhidmatan kami dengan mengambil kira segala maklum balas daripada tuan/puan demi meningkatkan kualiti pengajaran dan pembelajaran di sekolah.

MGS Boarders return to their 'Home away from Home'

The Boarding House is not merely an accommodation for students; it also serves as a conducive place for students to focus on their learning after school hours. Study time is scheduled, monitored and assisted by House Parents - an effort which is much appreciated by students especially those in their crucial examination year.



I returned to Boarding House on 23rd June 2020 and met all my Form 5 friends coming in at the same time. We had to wear a mask, and our temperature was taken.

Everyone was given his or her own room and we had to sleep alone. From this new arrangements I have learned to learned a new sense of independence and responsibility. We also had to follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Boarding House that has been set by the Ministry of Education (MOE). We have had to do social distancing all the way to school, to prevent coming into contact with others and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I am happy that all this is done by MGS to help us to be safe.

Nur Fatimah binti Zaini, Form 5



After MCO, my life in the boarding school is different. First, staying in the boarding house has changed for me because everyone needs to stay in one room to avoid contact with each other. Some boarders were not used to it at first but after one night, they felt much better. During prep time, everyone needs to sit at their own table. No one can sit together with their friends. It was very difficult but I have got used to it. So far that's how my life in the boarding house is after the MCO. We have to stay in the boarding house and practise social distancing because we don't want anyone getting the Covid-19 virus. It is safe to follow the SOP in the Boarding House as all of us want to study and finish our IGCSE in a safe environment.

Wan Nur Lina Aqilah (Year 10)



The biggest challenge for me after MCO is the meals in the Boarding House. There is no choice as it is all prepared and packed for us. Anyway I have to follow the SOP of the Boarding House for my safety. I

thank MGS as it has arranged our stay in the Boarding House according to the requirements stipulated by the MOE even though I feel lonely in my room at times.

Henry Tee Kang Yuan, Year 10



Ending MCO and starting life back in the Boarding House was something I have never imagined. The new rule of staying in your room alone accentuates the importance of social distancing. It also creates the experience of isolation for me and the other boarders thereby changing my life to be more independent. Therefore, I appreciate this social distancing in the Boarding House which safeguards me from the COVID-19 virus.

Lim Zheng Kai, Year 10



Celebrate the Matrix International School 2019/2020 Awards Day



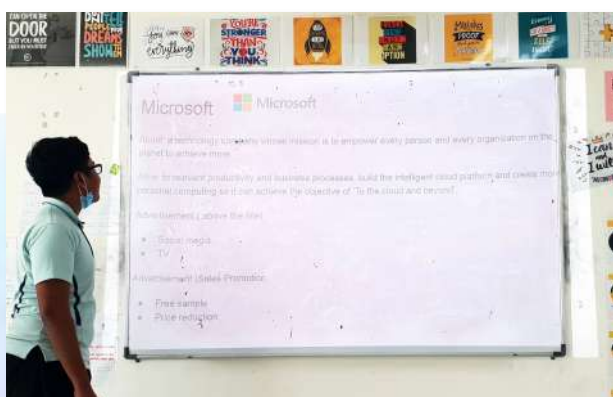
On 16th July, MIS Secondary will hold their virtual Awards Day for Year 7 to 10 via Google Meet, with individual invites and event link emailed to all parents. This will be followed by the Year 11 virtual Graduation which will be streamed live for parents.

There are always two ways of looking at a situation. One can say, it was truly unfortunate that MIS had to end their academic year during the MCO since they cannot have their prom and the usual graduation ceremony with families in the audience cheering for them. Or, one can look at it as - A virtual graduation in the middle of a global pandemic? What an experience!

Either way, we value the hard work put in by the students throughout the year and we could not be happier to celebrate their success.

MIS Secondary Business Studies on Digital Marketing

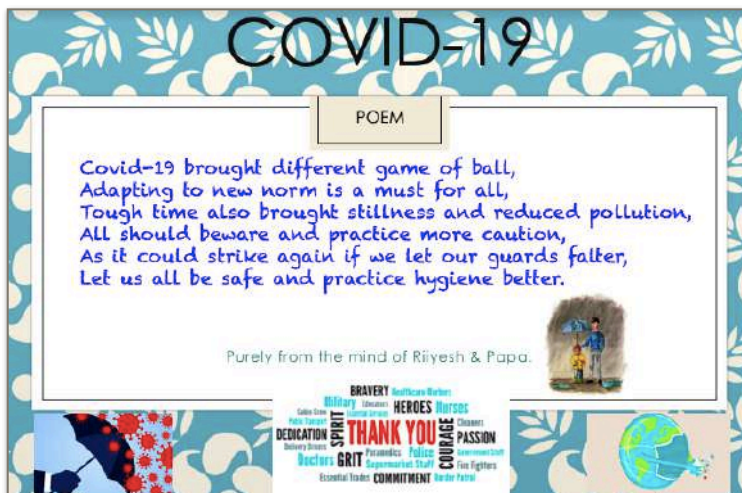
Learning current knowledge following the development in the subject field, while developing skills that are relevant to students' future career is the backbone of the IGCSE programme. Coming back to school after the long MCO school closure, Year 10 wasted no time to dive into a practical lesson in Business Studies relating to the use of technology in marketing. Students were assigned to do research on different ways businesses advertised their products and services online, looking into the variety of methods used including social media advertising, blogs and Search Engine Optimisation (SEO).



Students presenting their findings to the class.

MPS Get Lit! Expressing current events through poems

Like any form of arts, Language Art such as poems, songs, limericks, tongue twisters, and chants, has the same psychological benefits in helping us deal with stress due to confusing experiences. For that reason, the MPS Pastoral team has devised a creative self-expression activity encouraging students to write poems about the COVID-19 pandemic or their thoughts and feelings regarding MCO.



by Riyyesh Aaryavin , Standard 1



Watch Yassheka a/p Arumugam, Standard 4,
[recite her poem in this video.](#)



Here is Rehan Shanahann a/l Vinodh, Standard 2,
[reciting his poem about the Corona virus.](#)

What day is it?
Am I early or late?
A sleeping schedule I didn't commit,
I read my clock, it's nine past eight!

They say we are in the same boat,
but why is mine smaller?
I'm here stuck at home,
Is it just me or am I getting taller?

I want to say thank you,
for all the essential workers,
I know you have so many things-to-do,
but you messed up my order.

When the class came,
I don't take a shower.
To not feel shame,
I just turned off the camcorder.

Please don't go anywhere,
if you feel under the weather.
We must beware,
and remember we're all in this together!

by Aaqil bin Rosli , Standard 6

Covid, covid shoo, shoo, shoo,
Away you go, go, go,
You are not at all cool
We want to go to school.

Darren STD2M



by Dhia Sofea , Standard 1

Teacher's Insight: Importance of Keeping Fit

by Mr Ashish Netawat
MIS Primary PE Teacher



Our lives and priorities are all different. However, there are precious things in life that are pretty much universal. Family, friends, education, fun and fitness might be on your list of important things. We take care of the first four items on the list but some of us ignore "fitness" due to our hectic schedule.

Why is it important to keep fit?

It is very important to keep fit and stay healthy. A lot of people fail to acknowledge the numerous benefits of exercise routines and only begin to do so when health complications arise. Regular exercises will help you burn excess body fat and keep your body lean. A lot of overweight people struggle with issues of body image yet they are not willing to do anything about it. Sometimes you see very nice clothes and you can't fit into them because of your body size. Fitness exercises will help you develop a great physique by shedding excess fat and gaining a great body. Exercising will help you get rid of cellulite and have a flat tummy. Weightlifting, a part of fitness exercise routines, is ideal for gaining muscles and moulding a healthy physique.

Exercising keeps you sharp and alert at all times. It's very ideal for developing your mental strength and increasing your level of awareness. Keeping your body active also improves the functioning of the brain. There is a reason why most athletes are usually happy. Exercising improves clarity of mind and through the release of dopamine, it changes your mood for the better. Maybe the reason why you stay grumpy all the time is due to lack of exercise. Run around the blocks each morning, jog or lift weights and see how much good it does to your mind.

Fitness exercises are ideal for strength building. Regular exercise routines will build body muscles and improve your physical strength. They are also important in strengthening your back for good postures. People generally become less active as they grow older. Fitness routines will help you gain the much needed strength and agility to keep up with the youthful exuberance of your children. Exercising also slows down the aging process by tightening your skin and increasing your body's metabolic rate.

These are just some of the benefits of having a robust fitness routine. A lot of people ignore them only to start developing lifestyle diseases later in life. Exercising is very important and some of the consequences of not engaging in fitness routines are catastrophic. Having fitness goals that actually mean something to you will help you develop a disciplined fitness routine and achieve your desired result. Using fitness trackers, you can monitor your general physical activity and evaluate your progress.

Make sure you take the time to exercise every day for your own emotional, mental and physical wellbeing.

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