



Let's welcome to our school community our Acting Campus Principal Mr. Loh Ghee Juan.

Mr Loh brings strong leadership skills along with his extensive background in education. He has served as Deputy Director of Educational Management and Leadership Training Centre with the Ministry of Education Malaysia and as Education Commissioner working with the Prime Minister's Department from 2009 to 2012.



Dear Families,

It is a privilege to be the Acting Campus Principal of Matrix Global Schools and to be leading the school's Transformation Team. Thank you for your welcome, enthusiasm and commitment to your children's education.

The Transformation Team has had two informative meet and greet sessions with parents on Saturday, which we've summarised in this newsletter for those unable to make it. Driving the continual improvement of teaching and learning is at the heart of what we do to provide the best possible opportunities for our young people to achieve their full potential. To ensure we truly our 'second to none', we will continually reflect and develop.

It's great to be back on campus with two types of school. Despite the differing curricula and two different calendar years, we share the same facilities and students have equal access to clubs and co-curriculars, so we are very much together.

This is a unique school, with strong values and the heartbeat of the community. We value the trust you have placed in our school and we will do our best to meet the expectations of parents and students.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. It's an exciting road ahead, and I'm proud to be part of it with you.

Sincerely,
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Friendly Reminder

2019 CAR STICKER COLLECTION

For security reasons, we encourage parents and guardians to replace their MGS car stickers to the 2019 version with our Admissions team before **31st January**. Kindly provide the serial number for your 2018 car sticker to ease collection process.

Admissions office hours: Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm



“ Meet the Parents ” session

We hosted a successful meet and greet session with parents to give a better understanding about the new developments happening in the school. Below is a summary of some of the questions raised.

Q : How long will the Transformation Team be in Matrix Global Schools and is this permanent?

A : This is a long-term collaboration between Matrix Global Education and Bonanza Educare. The Transformation Team has a reputation for educational excellence and has the required resources and operational expertise to support and guide MGS towards continued success.

The Transformation Team has been embedded into the school and is not acting as a separate consultancy. Leading the Transformation Team Mr Loh Ghee Juan will run the campus and both Heads of School, Mr Lee Harvey and Ms Felicia Wong, will report to him.

Q : What kind of improvements will the Transformation Team bring to MGS for the benefit of its students?

A : The Transformation Team will help to take the school forward to its next stage of development. We are delighted to be building on the tremendous work across the schools. We will build on existing best practice through our experience in running schools and will look at opportunities in terms of developing the learning environment.

The Transformation Team will ensure that there is only one school culture (MPS & MIS as one) and all students will be given opportunity to excel not just in the academic field but in sports, music and other skills according to their own potential.

Q : What is going to change and what is going to stay?

A : Developments will occur over time and at different stages, with due consideration and clear communication. As with all international schools, people may change but most importantly the system is set up and in place.

Matrix Global Schools brand will not change. The motto, Nulli Secunda, will not change and we will build on the children's sense of pride when they leave the school.

We seek to fully gain the trust of parents, to sustain teachers' passion for teaching and learning and to ignite the students' learning journey. We hope that the whole community will truly cherish this magnificent school.



Q : Will there be changes in the academic aspects of education?

A : The curriculum has already been set and no changes are expected. However, there will be changes to the timetable along with enhanced pedagogy across the schools. Changes are also anticipated for CCAs in order to provide a more holistic education. We are excited to share these plans with you in the near future.

The main concern is making sure that outstanding learning takes place. Critical feedback is welcome, if there is any specific concern regarding individual roles, then please raise the issues directly with Mr Loh. Everyone will be given the opportunity to be listened to.



Q : What action is being taken to prepare the students in the examination classes?

A : The Transformation Team is working closely with the Heads of School to boost the school results. This includes tracking results and performance of students to identify their areas of strength and concern. Teachers will use data to monitor the progress of students and intervention strategies will be prepared to address any concerns. In addition, revision classes will be held to reinforce and reassure the confidence of the students in their preparation for the major examinations.

Q : Will there be changes in the teaching faculty?

A : At this stage, structures have not been finalised or agreed upon and it is not yet clear what changes in staffing there may be. As is the nature of international schools, it is likely there will be changes; fixed term contracts will expire and staff will move on. We are looking into attrition rates and will work closely and constructively with staff to ensure we are meeting the needs of all our students. It is in the interest of the school to retain good staff.

Q : Is the idea now to localise the teaching faculty in MIS? Meaning that expat teaching staff will be reduced or phased out eventually?

A : No, expatriate teachers are needed to provide a valued international perspective. This approach is blended with good teachers and good teaching strategies. As the school continues to grow we will increase the level of good local teachers. The school has a very bright future which we are extremely confident about.

Q : Can WhatsApp be used as a communication channel between teachers and parents?

A : WhatsApp to teachers' private phone number is not encouraged. However, the school will ensure there is consistent communication through newsletters, email and coffee mornings.

Year 3 Exploring The Rainforest

Educational excursions are a big part of the learning experience in MGS. The thematic approach of IPC adopted by MIS Primary exposed students to out-of-class learning based on their given topics.

In Term 1, Year 3 explored the 'Rainforests' topic where they learned about different animals, plants, tall trees and rivers in different parts of the world. The highlight of the topic was a visit to a rainforest in Gombak, Kuala Lumpur.

Their learning activities include experimenting, planting, mask making and baking. Parents and pupils from other classes were invited to their Exit Point which showcased what the class achieved for the topic.



Check out the full National Geographic Kids series available at MGS library.

Darren Woo
PT3 2018
straight A's student

We would like to congratulate MPS student, Darren Woo, for his outstanding academic achievement in his PT3 examinations last year. The school is happy to award Darren with a bursary and we hope that his success would serve as an inspiration to others.



Question 1 :

Can you share with us your study schedule? How do you allocate your study time?

Answer 1 :

I normally try to study about 10 pages a day after dinner. My priority when allocating my study time is to make sure I have ample of time to spend with my family and my music as well. I've learned that a good balance in everything is the best.

Question 2 :

Who do you aspire to be? Do you have a role model?

Answer 2 :

My biggest role model is my father, because he worked his way up from when he was young and got to where he is today. I'm very proud to have him as a father who can teach and guide me through life and make me a better person.

Question 3 :

What is the most meaningful experience you've had in MGS?

Answer 3 :

The most meaningful experience I've had in MGS was last November 2018 when my bandmates and I got to perform in d'Tempat Country Club for the first time as a band. I had a great experience performing with my friends, and I'm also really thankful to the outstanding MGS music teachers for guiding us and helping us get to where we are now and prepare for our big performance. I hope that MGS will continue to nurture talents and allow every student to shine in their own potential.

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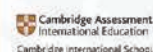


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