

FROM THE MGS MANAGEMENT TEAM



The new term for both MPS (Term 3) and MIS (Term 1) marks a new beginning of a great journey and teamwork, as both schools are working hand in hand to become MGS as a whole.

At MGS, our priority is the students. They are our future; they are the ones who will rule the world someday and of course, they are the nation's pillars. For that, we want a conducive atmosphere for our students to learn and grow. As such, changes may come and go, but our main goal is to produce students who are ever ready to face the outside world and to achieve greater heights in future.

“ **ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY.** ”

“ In order to achieve this, teachers and parents must work together as a team to mould our students. That being said, examinations play a big part in students' lives and our main focus for this term in MPS will be the UPSR, PT3, SPM and Year-End examinations. As a school, we are working hard to prepare our students to sit the examinations by providing extra classes to train students to answer examination questions and encourage a positive attitude to their learning. Nevertheless, I am grateful to all the parents for helping us in ensuring that students are always present and punctual for a smooth learning process.

Furthermore, as the saying goes “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy”, we want our students to have a balance between their academic learning and having fun doing it at the same time. We will continue to have exciting activities, celebrations, trips and Awards Day to celebrate our students' achievements and contributions.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing what Term 3 will bring us and hope and pray that MGS would flourish and stand strong with great support from its stakeholders to become “Nulli Secunda”.

Datin Norlela Meon,
Acting Head of Matrix Private School

School Handbook Version 2019

The revised and updated MGS Student - Parent Handbook (version 2019) has been uploaded on the website at matrixschools.edu.my/MGSHandbook.pdf for your information and attention. We wish to draw your attention to a few rules and regulations that we would like parents and students to be more mindful of in school:-

1. School Hours

School starts from 8.00 am to 3.15 pm. Late comers will register at the reception counter to get a late-slip to enter class. All parents of absentees will be called up to verify their absence from school after 8.30 am.

2. School Uniform

Full school uniform is expected at the school assembly or when representing the school for any event/activity. At other times, students are allowed to be dressed in a long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt with a school tie but without a waistcoat if they feel warm or uncomfortable wearing it.

3. PE Attire

We would like all students to be properly attired during PE lessons i.e. with House T-shirts and proper sports shoes. Students must change out of their PE attire after their PE lessons to be fresh and clean for their lessons in class. We are allowing a one-year transition period from Sept 2019 - July 2020 for proper PE attire to be fully implemented.

Please read through the Handbook carefully and we seek your support and co-operation to ensure that our students abide by the guidelines provided in order to optimise their learning opportunities in school.

Reminders

A gentle reminder to all parents regarding the following:-

1. Change of entity forms to be signed and returned to the school by 13th September 2019.
2. New parents' tags (with photographs) to be collected before 17th September as the old tags will be disabled by then.

CHANGES IN CCA FOR THE NEW TERM

New CCA for Primary

1. Chinese Cultural Club
2. English Language Society
3. Music Club
4. Tamil Cultural Club
5. Malay Cultural Club
6. Needlework Club
7. Chess Club
8. Science Club

New CCA for Secondary

1. English Language Society
2. Drama Club
3. Music Club
4. Malay Cultural Club
5. Chinese Cultural Club
6. Needlework Club
7. Chess Club
8. Multimedia Club
9. Sudoku Club
10. Guided Reading Club

New CCA for MGS

1. Choir

“...insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results.”

Albert Einstein

WELCOME ON BOARD!

INTRODUCING NEW TEACHERS IN MIS

MIS just started their new academic year this week and it is a perfect time for us to introduce the new academic members joining the MGS team.



Mr James Butter (Humanities)

My name is James Butter and I am from a small town called Pitlochry in the Highlands of Scotland. I studied for two years at Edinburgh Napier University and for four years at Stirling University. I have taught for the last three years in Glasgow. This is my first time in Malaysia and I am loving it more and more every day. I am looking forward to exploring the country. My interests are sports, especially football, rugby and swimming, and I also enjoy music and travelling.

My dream for my time at MGS is for my students to leave the school with a lifelong love for the world we live in and the different people and cultures within it. I hope my students leave school with an open and inquisitive mind. I hope to make all my students smile and laugh as well as enjoy the learning in Geography.

I am looking forward to meeting all the students and working with them to realise their potential so that they are better able to contribute to the classroom, wider school, and community.

Mr Erik Kong (Japanese Language)

Konnichiwa everyone! I am Erik Kong, a Malaysian currently based in Kuala Lumpur. I have lived in Tokyo, Japan for about 15 years; having studied Japanese language for 2 years, getting my degree from a Japanese university for 4 years and worked in a Japanese company for 8 years.

Now, I am sharing my experiences in Japan and teaching the Japanese language in MGS. My motto for work is 'Get things done and never stop looking for every possibility'.

I hope to create a stress-free environment for students to master and enjoy the Japanese language and culture. 宜しくお願いします。(yoroshiku onegaishimasu)



Mr Ruel Abbarow (Science)

I am Ruel from Seremban. I was born and raised in Ipoh. I have been teaching all Sciences and Mathematics as a full-time tutor. Currently I am teaching Combined Science in MIS. As a Science teacher, my biggest hope is to peak curiosity among the students, spark a strong desire to understand why, and expect mutual respect from everyone in the classroom.



MPS STUDENTS AS SEMIFINALIST IN SCIENCE DISCOVERY CHALLENGE



5TH ANNIVERSARY
2019
SCIENCE
DISCOVERY
CHALLENGE



Science stream students, (from left) Chung Kai Hong, Vireen Harjai and Lim Tung En emerged as semifinalists in the 5th International Medical University Science Discovery Challenge 2019 held on 20 July at the university's campus in Bukit Jalil.

Though it was their first time participating in the competition, they managed to be ranked among the top 10% of participants from all over the country. The team was accompanied and coached by MPS teacher, Ms. Tan Pek Chin.

Participation in the event has opened their eyes to new experiences and challenges in the world of Science. The school will continue to support the students in their quest to emerge stronger for the next challenge!

MGS BAND PERFORMED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MATRIX 61ST AGONG CUP NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN KUALA LUMPUR

Our students did us proud by giving a superb performance at the opening ceremony of the 61st MABA/Matrix Agong Cup National Basketball Championship 2019 at MABA Stadium, Kuala Lumpur on 25th August. Their performance was aired live on Astro Arena and streamed on the Malaysian Basketball Association Facebook page.

The MPS band, Crimson Cadence, started the event with gusto by playing 2 songs as the basketball teams from each state walked into the arena for the opening ceremony.

This was then followed by a dikir barat performance from the students, bringing a local touch to the national event.

MGS finished off strong with another song from the band. They sang the hit song by local indie band Bunkface called 'Malam ini Kita Punya' (The Night is Ours) while engaging with the crowd like seasoned professional performers. We were not the only ones moved by their performance as attested by the numerous comments received asking about the band on MABA's social media page.

Special thanks must be given to Ms. Carmen, Mr. Dave and Ms. Erika for coaching and supporting the students.



Getting ready to rock the arena (from left: Darren Voo, Christopher Lee Yeong Soom, Puteri Nurliyana Syamimi, Chung Kai Hong, Rania Syarina and Ng Ryu Shen)

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We had butterflies in our stomachs as we walked into the MABA stadium. But this didn't stop us doing our best and giving the spectators a good Dikir Barat show! We should always strive to give our best so we can show the world that MGS is number 1!! - Harin Ravandaran, Form 4

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We had an amazing experience, performing for our first huge public audience, LIVE! This experience has brought us all closer as a band, as well as taught us a few things about managing professional performances. We look forward to representing Matrix Global Schools in upcoming events, to show that we are truly Nulli Secunda - Darren Voo, Form 4

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AMEESHENRAJ FEATURED AS AIRASIA ATHLETE

Our star squash player, Ameeshenraj (Year 11), has been endorsed as an AirAsia athlete and we couldn't be more proud!

He was recently featured sharing his achievements and having fun with the hosts in a YouTube series produced by Air Asia. You can watch the video for yourself at this link <https://youtu.be/OBPD7ayPKUc>



BADMINTON WORLD FEDERATION (BWF) COACHING COURSE IN MATRIX GLOBAL SCHOOLS

The BWF Level 1 Coaching Course is one of the four levels in the Coach Education framework designed by Badminton World Federation that develops a deep insight into the complexities of coaching. The 7-day course held from 27th August - 2nd September 2019 is hosted by Negeri Sembilan Badminton Association (NSBA) and supported by MGS.

The course is conducted by 2 tutors appointed by Badminton Asia and attended by 16 coaches from around Malaysia among whom are the prominent Mohd Rasif Bin Abd Rahman and Teo Kok Seng who have represented Malaysia in many world Badminton championships. MGS students now have a chance to rub shoulders with these Malaysian badminton giants.

Moving forward, NSBA is planning to organise a BWF Shuttle Time in collaboration with MGS in 2020 as part of their Badminton Project for schools. They are keen to make badminton as one of the world's most popular school sport. MGS students will benefit from the long-term coaching session to be offered by NSBA. Who knows that the next world badminton champion may be from MGS!



Coaching Team with MGS students



Coaching session in progress

Seeking Knowledge ; Opening Minds