

FROM THE MGS MANAGEMENT TEAM

In preparing our students to be able to communicate effectively as a global citizen, we are continuously raising the language proficiency level, particularly in MPS, by incorporating the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) into language learning for English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin.

Language learners have traditionally been described rather vaguely as beginners, intermediate learners or advanced learners. They are given grades or numerical scores in reports or transcripts, but these grades and numbers do not say much about what a learner is able to do in the target language.

CEFR, however, identifies three broad levels of language proficiency in terms of listening, speaking, reading and writing: Basic (A1 and A2), Independent (B1 and B2), and Proficient (C1 and C2), but it goes further and provides "can do" statements at each level to describe a learner's ability in some detail and in a positive manner. In this way, we are given a clearer idea of what the levels actually mean. Thus, many international high-stakes tests such as IELTS, TOEFL and TOEIC are aligned to CEFR.

Training will be provided for our teachers to prepare them to implement CEFR in the teaching of languages. For example, to enable the basic user to 'understand and use familiar everyday expressions', the teacher will speak slowly and clearly for the students to follow the expressions taught by the teacher. In addition, the teacher will pause at appropriate moments to enable the students to reflect and assimilate the new learning.

Formative assessment strategies such as assessment for learning and assessment as learning, learner feedback, as well as differentiation strategies will be central in the training process. In addition, English enhancement and support programmes will also be carried out to coach and guide our students to reach a desired language proficiency level higher than the norm of the country.

Level A BASIC USER

Students in this level can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to themselves and able to interact and describe in simple terms, aspects of their background, immediate environment and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters.

Level B INDEPENDENT USER

Students in this level can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. They should be able to describe experiences and ambitions while briefly giving reasons and explanations for opinions and plans. They are also able to understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialisation.

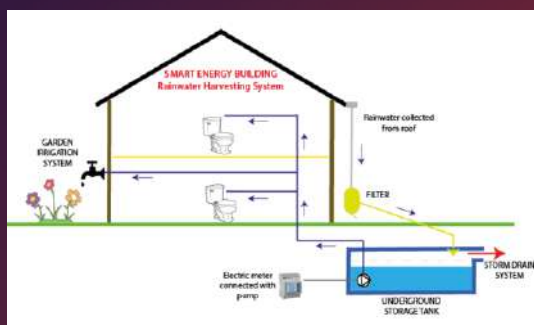
Level C PROFICIENT USER

Students in this level are able to use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. They can express ideas fluently and spontaneously and can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects.

5th Year Anniversary: MGS TRIVIA



The MGS campus was constructed with sustainability in mind, and this includes our water management practices. The campus housed 3 units of Rainwater Harvesting Plant which integrates with the plumbing system in the school toilets. By using harvested rainwater for some of our water needs, we can reduce our dependence on water treated by the municipal council. That way, if the surrounding neighbourhood is affected by a water cut, the campus water supply can last at least a few days longer without any disruption.



Bring your friends and families to MGS FUN English Roadshow in AEON Mall Nilai this Saturday, 19 October!

New students joining our community for January 2020 intake can enjoy a one-time fee waiver of laboratory and miscellaneous fees for enrolments confirmed by 1 Nov 2019. The offer is extended to current MIS Early Years students moving up to Primary as well.

Share your experience and earn rebates on next term's fee with successful enrolment of referred students to our campus!

MGS Student Councils SPEAKING UP

In the spirit of supporting students to take ownership of their school and supporting leadership qualities, the MGS Student Council has been given their time to express their views and manifestos in school assemblies as well as in meetings conducted with the school Senior Leadership in charge.

Below are some of the thoughts shared by the MGS Student Council members.



I would like to propose for all senior students to be given the privilege of using the lifts. It will help to ensure that every minute of our time is spent to prepare for the upcoming major examinations.

- Kuan Teng Sam, Year 11



Before the Student Council was set up, I felt that the students did not have much connection with the school management. Therefore to improve this situation, I have decided to take up the role as a Student Council to represent students and to be the 'bridge' between students and school management.

- Chung Kai Hong, Form 4



I feel that the school should organise more non-school uniform days. As a voice of the school, I propose that there should be more variety in the food served in school canteen as well. Finally, the school should organise more events to enhance the bond among students across schools.

- Ng Ryu Shen, Form 4



I feel that the school's break time and lunch time is too close and the uniform for the prefects and student council does not stand out which doesn't show the uniqueness and the actual role of the students

- Yasmin Alia Ahmad Zaki, Form 4



I am glad the school decided to come up with short sleeved uniform and make it optional for us to wear vests during class time. This arrangement is so much better for our weather.

- Chloe Aristella Lee, Year 6



I am proud to carry myself in my unique school uniform. It makes me look smart. I am glad that the school is making it compulsory for us to dress smartly in our school uniform.

- Faith Voo, Standard 4

Matrix Global Schools BIG SCHOOL PROJECT

MIS Early Years collaborated with MPS Primary to hold the Big School Project on 11 October as an introductory session for both 6-year-old students and parents to the primary school environment running the Malaysian national curriculum.

The students had loads of fun participating in many experiential activities such as purchasing their own breakfast from the school canteen, touring around MPS Primary classes as well as familiarising themselves with the teachers in the 'Big School'. Moreover, they were given the chance to take back their very own Art project created under the supervision of MPS art specialist teacher, Ms Aimie.

At the same time, the parents were also given a briefing on the expectations of entering the Primary school conducted by MGS Head of Academic Development, Madam Lee Yam Sei, MPS Acting Head of School, Datin Norlela, as well as MPS Primary Head of Academic, Ms Sanggitha Sukunan.

We hope the session has benefitted the parents as much as the students. We look forward to welcoming the current 6-year-old students to the 'Big School' in January 2020!



MGS CCA Yoga Club

Greetings from the Yoga Club led by Ms Barbara!

On 8 October, a professional yoga company from India, Sky Yoga, held a session with the MGS Yoga Club to share the importance of stretching regularly and the proper techniques of stretching to avoid any injuries.

We learnt different impressive stretches and were inspired by the demonstration of professional yoga instructors. We appreciate the importance of Yoga even more now as we understand its benefits in helping our bodies grow, improve our focus and physically prepare us to go about our daily routine as active students. Namaste!



MGS CCA Basic First Aid Course and Test for St John Ambulance Uniform Unit members

Last weekend, MGS St John members attended a course conducted by representatives from St John Ambulance Negeri Sembilan headquarters in the school campus.

On the first day, students were given a crash course on first aid and how to deal with injuries, burns, poisoning and choking cases.

On the second day, our students sat for the theory and practical exam to enable them to be Basic First Aider. We are very impressed with the students' dedication to sacrifice their weekend and focus on earning this significant credential. May the knowledge stay with them throughout their lives to benefit those in need.



MGS Primary PE STARS OF THE WEEK

Every week, MIS PE Department will award deserving students a star based on their behaviour, effort, performance and improvement in the class. MIS Secondary winners are posted on @mgs_sports Instagram while Primary winners will be shared in the newsletter for young students to view.



**Kim Geonwoo,
Year 4**



**Wan Nur Iman Mischa,
Year 2**



**Chempaka Lestari,
Standard 3**

MGS hosted the Negeri Sembilan International School League (NSISL)

International schools in Negeri Sembilan have joined hands in organising various sporting tournaments among the schools. Matrix Global Schools together with Epsom College in Malaysia, Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar and UCSI International School will be taking turns to host events for different sports each term throughout the academic year.

For this term, MGS has had the honour to host the Football tournament on 15 October 2019 for the U13, U15 and U18 boys and girls categories. It was such a pretty sight to see the students come together in the name of sports.

Thank you for the unwavering support from MGS staff, students and parents to make the event a success and for showing how good a host our community can be. A special mention goes out to the MGS Sports Leaders for their assistance; particularly to Ethan Siow and Michael Lee in Year 8 for covering photography of the event.



MGS VOLLEYBALL FIXTURE with Sekolah Menengah Sains Tuanku Munawir

Our versatile Boarding House Parent, Mr Shamim, has now taken up the role as coach for the MGS Volleyball team. The team had their second friendly volleyball match of the term, this time against Sekolah Menengah Sains Tuanku Munawir (SASER), one of the well known all-boys boarding schools in the state. It was a good match and although we lost the overall match, our players have gained a lot of pointers to improve their game.



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