

Let's welcome to our school community a key member of the Transformation Team, Madam Lee Yam Sei. Fondly known as Mrs Lai, she was the head of premier girls' school, SMJK Ave Maria Convent in Ipoh for 17 years. Thereafter she was Campus Principal of Tenby Schools Ipoh for ten years.



Walking into Matrix Global Schools is stepping into a thriving and ambitious world - with its significant building, well equipped rooms and first class facilities. It is no wonder that the community is proud of this jewel in its midst. The parents have full trust in this school to be able to help their children grow in knowledge, skills and understanding in order to prepare them to be useful and responsible members of the society.

While knowledge and skills are important elements in a child's education, far more important is their development in character and emotional wellbeing. Moral values and positive attitudes should always be inculcated. The focus of the Transformation Team is to encourage staff, parents and students each to take responsibility for the teaching and learning process in Matrix Global Schools.

Basic values of good behaviour, polite speech, punctuality and diligence should be the priority of the schools. For these values to be instilled, we seek the cooperation of all stakeholders to work with the Transformation Team in order that we can educate our Matrix students to acquire the qualities of a scholar, a sportsperson and a global citizen.

Thank you.

Lee Yam Sei
Transformation Team member

The Transformation Team can be contacted at management@matrixschools.edu.my or their direct line at 067819898

Important Notice

As the school timetables has been merged, subsequently there is a **change of time for MGS CCA 2019 from 4th March onwards.**

CCA for Sports/ Non Sport/ Uniform Unit/ Paid CCA)

Monday - 3.20 p.m. - 4.10 p.m.

Tuesday - 3.20 p.m. - 4.10 p.m.

Thursday - 3.20 p.m. - 4.10 p.m.

For full information regarding the changes, please refer to the email sent by our Head of CCA/ECA & Events, Mr.Prabakaran Krishnan, on 13th Feb.

Important Dates

Feb 2019

- **19th, Tuesday:**
MGS Chinese New Year Celebration
- **MPS Parents Coffee Morning : Teacher Mentoring Programme led by Mr.Loh Ghee Juan**
Date : 22nd, Friday
Time : 8:15am - 9:45am
Venue : Lounge area @ Main cafeteria, MPS
- **MIS Parents Afternoon Tea : IPC and Checkpoint led by Mr.Andrew Hamilton and Mr.Lee Harvey**
Date : 22nd, Friday
Time : 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Venue : MIS 1st floor

Understanding



INTERNATIONAL
PRIMARY
CURRICULUM



What is the International Primary Curriculum (IPC)?

The IPC is one of the fastest-growing curriculum choices in the world today. It is currently used by more than 2,000 schools in more than 90 countries. It has grown in popularity among international schools because the curriculum helps develop children from 5 to 12-years old academically, personally and internationally.

How does a student learn through the IPC?

Thematic learning, learning through themes, is how we teach students using the IPC. Each year group is given a different theme every half-term or a term (as some last longer than others). Some themes we cover in Matrix International School are food, electricity, living things, the things people do and rivers. Through each theme, students will learn about different subjects.

The IPC is made up of ten main subjects: Art, Geography, History, ICT & Computing, International, Music, Physical Education, Science, Society and Technology.

Not all subjects will be covered through each theme but we have carefully chosen them to ensure students achieve all that they are supposed to have learned in each subject over a two-year period (known as a Milepost).

For every subject, students will have different research and recording tasks they need to complete. The research tasks allow the students to gather information on the theme and the recording tasks allow them to express what they have learned.

As no child learns in exactly the same way, we try to provide a variety of experiences and opportunities for the students to research and record information. Some of the ways that we do it in Matrix International School are:

Research activities	Recording activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Using the Internet- Going on field trips- Watching videos- Speaking with guest speakers- Looking at models	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Making PowerPoint presentations- Making videos- Creating posters- Making booklets- Performing a play



Research tasks – using discovery to gather information



Practical learning – gaining knowledge and skills through fun and interesting experiences



Recording information – sharing knowledge with others



Field trips – learning about topics outside of the classroom



Guest speakers – learning from experts to improve knowledge, skills and understanding



Exit Point – celebrating the learning of the topic
















How are parents updated regarding their child's learning ?

We update parents on what their child is learning in Matrix International School by:

- 1) sending an overview of all the IPC topics for the year on the ENGAGE Parent Portal.
- 2) sending a termly overview (for all subjects) at the beginning of each term on the ENGAGE Parent Portal.
- 3) sending home an IPC circular at the beginning of each IPC unit.
- 4) using Google Sites (<http://bit.ly/MISlearning>) to give weekly updates on what your child has been learning in the classroom.
- 5) providing specific information on their performance during termly Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC).

On Friday, 22 February, we invite you to an IPC session, from 2.00pm to 3.30pm on the first floor of the MIS1 building. This will provide more information on the IPC and how we use it in Matrix International School. Please sign up by Monday 18 February by contacting customercare@matrixschools.edu.my or 06-7819926.

These are the Term 2 IPC topics for MIS Primary

Year 1	 Who Am I ?	 The Magic Toymaker	 It's Shocking
Year 2	 How Are You ?	 We Are What We Eat	 A Day In The Life
Year 3	 Chocolate	 On Tap	
Year 4	 Active Planet	 Feel The Force	
Year 5	 From Bronze to Bioplastic	 Bake It	 Roots, Shoots And Fruits
Year 6	 Being Human	 Fairgrounds	



The thematic concept of IPC is also being adopted by Matrix International Preschool to ensure continuity of the students' learning in an international school environment.

Kindergarten IPC topic : Sensational

On Thursday the 31st of January, the 6 year olds from Sapphire and Emerald had a 'Sensational Day' at the Agora. This marked the Exit Point to the IPC topic 'Sensational'. Children had loads of fun with activities that made them experience the amazing ability of our 5 senses.

The activities include : Blind Tasting, Bubble Blowing, A Foam Pool to splash around in, water play with different textures and colours of pebbles inside, an ice cube pool to step in for an icy feel, slime, flour and more. It was a fun filled day that triggered all our senses.



Welcome our newly appointed Head of Matrix International Preschool - Ms. Adrinna Pierre.

Dear Preschool family ,

It gives me great pleasure to be back, doing what I love most which is working with young children. Let's make the preschool an amazing place for our little ones to explore and learn. It is very important to me, that every teacher, preschooler and parent who steps through our door are excited to be here! This outlook will enable us to meet the required learning skills in a positive, fun and nurturing environment. I always believe when you put the child first, everything else will fall in place and with that I am looking forward for an exciting year with all.



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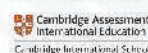


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