



# BOARDING NEWS

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## FROM THE MGS BOARDING HOUSE TEAM



The BH team welcomes all MIS boarders back for the beginning of their new term. The revised and updated version of the Matrix Global Schools Student-Parent Handbook was uploaded on the school website recently. With it, a few new rules and regulations have been highlighted by the school Management. We strongly

believe this change will further enhance the students' learning and would benefit them in preparation for their public examinations. To ensure the stated rules regarding school uniform, PE attire and handphone are adhered to, BH Parents have conducted an assembly to remind boarders of what they should and should not do.

Below is a message by the Head of MGS Boarding House regarding the matter.

Dear Parents and Boarders,

As Head of the Boarding House, I would like to stress that the Boarding House will be enforcing the new rules stated in the MGS Student-Parent Handbook diligently.

Most importantly, all boarders will need to be in full school uniform for school assembly and other official events/activities. On other days, the waistcoat is not compulsory.

Secondly, we will make sure that the PE attire is only worn when the boarders have PE during the 1<sup>st</sup> period in their time-table. At other times they will need to change into their PE attire during break/lunch time.

Thirdly, since the usage of mobile phones is not allowed during school hours, the BH Parents may assist in keeping the device safe if requested until the boarders return from school.

Fourthly, with regard to leaving school earlier than the designated time, please submit the 'Early Dismissal/Sign Out' form 24 hours in advance to the respective Heads of School, with the exception of emergency cases. Once signed, the form should be delivered to the Boarding House Administrative Officer or a Boarding House Parent for final acknowledgement before the boarder can leave the campus using the Exit form.

Finally, please do not bring valuable items and large sums of money to the Boarding House to prevent loss or theft.

We appreciate the support from all parents in ensuring the boarders' life in MGS remains happy and fulfilling.

Thank you,  
**Ms Tea Ming Ming**  
 Head of MGS Boarding House



## Upcoming BH activities for September 2019

### 3 Sept

Launch of BH T-Shirt Design Competition

### 6, 13, 20, 27 Sept

X-Park Sendayan Food Court, Car Boot Sale(CBS) and Night Market visits

### 7, 21 Sept

d'Tempat Country Club (Games)

### 14 Sept

Trip to AEON Seremban 2

### 15 Sept

Cooking Class

### 28 Sept

Trip to MidValley Megamall in Kuala Lumpur

### 29 September

CPR class for Boarders

### 30 Sept

MGS Boarding House assembly

Throughout the month

Tuition, Dance and Gardening

## MGS Boarding House Contact Info

General Boarding House email is  
**mgs.bh.ft@matrixschools.edu.my**

The MGS Boarding House main handphone number is **016 336 2181**



## MGS BOARDING HOUSE CLEANING SPREE DURING THE TERM BREAK

While boarders were on holiday during the recent term break, the BH team took the opportunity to do a thorough clearing, cleaning, stacking and also stock checking. This is to ensure the Boarding House consistently stays in tip top condition as a 'home away from home' for all the boarders.



## WELCOME NEW BOARDERS!

As the new term starts, we are delighted to have new members joining the MGS Boarding House family. Let's get to know them better so we can give them a warm welcome.



**Meet Boarder, Cho Eun Yul**

My name is Cho Eun Yul. I am MIS student in Year 6. I come from Incheon, South Korea. My hobbies are playing computer games and chatting with friends. I wish to follow my sister's footsteps (Helen who was a former Boarder too) by getting to know as many foreign students as possible in the BH and MGS. Also, I need to learn to be independent and manage my school life. My sister told me a lot about the MGS Boarding House and I am happy to be here now.



**Meet Boarder, Thomas Kivits**

Hi everyone, I am Thomas, studying in MPS, Form 2. My hometown is Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan. My hobbies are playing all types of sports and also playing games with my mobile phone. I intend to spend quality time in my studies and be actively involved in all BH activities.



**Meet Boarder, Kim Dong Gyu**

Hello, I am Kim Dong Gyu, an MIS student in Year 10. I am from Ulsan, South Korea. My hobbies are playing basketball and online games. As a boarder, I intend to spend my time getting to know the Malaysian language, food and culture as well as others too. Also I would like to develop my basketball skills and have a quiet rest in the BH



## FOCUS ON A MGS BORDER: BEFORE & NOW

### Meet Boarder, Howard Lim, Year 10

Most people don't like the idea of being a boarder; some even pity them. I won't deny that not every boarding school is a wonderful place, but not all are terrible either. It depends on your research when you are looking for a boarding school, or it could just be a case of luck.

If you're lucky, you get to live in the MGS boarding school that provides the best House Parents who can help you with your homework and prepare for your future and who are there to really support you, and provide the best facility and food which might be better than your favourite restaurants. However, there are times when you will have to deal with bullies, and you might just feel stressed living in such a place.

When I was not yet a boarder, my routine was: go to school, come back home, take a shower and watch television or play video games. I was not able to carry myself independently, even to do school revision. Living in this Boarding House might make me feel isolated from my parents and I am occasionally homesick, but it also pushes me to work harder for better grades and be a more respectful and independent boy.

I attend classes with people from a variety of cultures; therefore, I learn to appreciate and respect the differences in one another and live amicably. I may even learn the basics of another language as a result of the friendship we form.

I have quickly learned how to complete school assignments by myself and become better at managing my time, money, and resources. I believe I will mature quickly and will be successful in college and life.

Being a boarder is also good because I can focus better on my studies since there are less distractions of television, video games, and also phone usage is limited. I have improved my academic results because this place provides an environment that is conducive to learning.



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN MGS HOUSE PARENT

### Meet Mr. Thoo Twei Mun

My name is Thoo Twei Mun. I have been an MGS Boarding House Parent for 2 years. My responsibility is to guide the MGS boarders to follow the boarding house routine. Staying with the boarders is like being in a family. The role of a Boarding House Parent requires us to lend our ears and give our advice whenever the boarders are faced with problems either in school or the boarding house. We guide the boarders to solve their own problems and learn to be independent to prepare them for their future.

Apart from that, a Boarding House Parent also conducts recreational activities with the boarders such as gardening, dancing and sports which strengthen the relationship among the boarders.

It is the norm in MGS to learn through outings. So when MGS Boarding House organises trips during the weekend to explore Malaysian culture and allow them to destress themselves, the BH Parents usually follow them to explain and assist whenever necessary.

## TRIP TO KUALA PILAH, NEGERI SEMBILAN

The boarders had a wonderful trip to learn more about the local culture and natural sights of Negeri Sembilan. These trips do not only help the boarders create a memorable experience, they also serve as a bonding time among the BH family.

### Seri Menanti Royal Museum



The trip started with a visit to the Royal Museum of Seri Menanti, one of the many old palaces in Malaysia admired for its unique traditional architectural style. The palace was designed and built by local craftsmen known simply as *Tukang Kahar* and *Tukang Taib* in 1902 and was completed in 1908. An interesting fact about the building is that it was built without the use of even a single metal nail! The four-storey edifice features 99 of the *cengal* wood to denote the 99 warriors of the various clans. The upper roof structure employed a technique called *Lipatan Gunting* (folded scissors). The first floor of the palace was used as the *Balai Rong Seri* (audience hall) while the second was used as chambers for the royal family and the third was reserved for the Yang DiPertuan Besar. The central tower called the *Tingkat Gunung* was used as a treasury.



### Ulu Bendul Recreational Park

Next, the boarders visited the Ulu Bendul Recreational Park where everyone enjoyed their lunch surrounded by lush greenery and cool clear waters. Located just 16km from Seremban town and on the main road to Kuala Pilah, the recreational park is nestled within the Gunung Angsi Forest Reserve and is an ideal location for outdoor activities.

The group made a final stopover at AEON Shopping Mall in Seremban 2 for dinner before going back to the Boarding House.



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