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## Congratulations to our Alumni Graduates of 2013-2014



Daniel Chew,  
University of  
Aberdeen, UK,  
Medicine



Justin Chin Ho Jing,  
Imperial College, UK,  
Civil Engineering



Rachel Nge,  
Royal College of Surgeons, IE,  
Medicine



Adrian Kong Keh Wei,  
University of Bristol, UK,  
Medicine



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integrity by 2020. Credit goes to Ms Chong Moi Moi for the work done to promote this programme in our College.

In August we launched the American Degree Transfer Program which provides a more affordable pathway to higher education in the USA. To-date, we have 17 partner universities in the States which have agreed to accept credit transfers for our students to complete their degrees. Students with good grades in the SPM can register in the ADTP and enjoy a liberal arts education with an opportunity to deepen and widen their intellectual horizons. Under the leadership of Ms Khor Kheng Leik we expect this program to grow.

2014 has come and is almost gone. Last year we celebrated thirty years of excellence and God's blessings on the College, and this year we have continued to experience His providence and continued goodness as the College has grown in student enrolment, staff recruitment, new programmes and provision of facilities.

We bade farewell to Dr Ang Aik Hooi, Director of Academic Studies and welcomed Mr Kwan Kow Cheun as our new Registrar. Ms Betsy Li became the Director of Academic Studies (External Programmes) while Ms Khor Kheng Leik was appointed Director of Academic Studies (Internal Programmes). Dr Tan Hui Leng relinquished her position as Director of Teaching and Learning but continued to help us in facilitating the Art and Science of Teaching and Learning courses for our new lecturers.

We are also very proud of our alumni who joined our teaching staff – Ms Regina Yoong (last year) teaching English Literature, Mr Jeremy Achariam teaching Physics and Ms Zara Kim Khoo in Early Childhood Studies.

In July this year, we began offering ACCA classes and our Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) students have an on-going pathway to pursue their studies in accountancy. Students can obtain a degree in accountancy with the Oxford Brookes University before they complete the ACCA programme. MCKL will play a part in helping our nation achieve its dream of having 60,000 professionally qualified chartered accountants of skill and

New science laboratories have been built to meet the needs of this degree program; a music room and a mini lecture theatre will be ready for use next January. At the beginning of next year we will have possession of the field and all the land and buildings of MGS Primary School 2 right up to the canteen. The two primary girls' schools will merge together and they will occupy the premises of School 1. We are looking forward to building an annex in the area of the old porch and plans are being drawn for the podium of the new 15-storey block.

Our first batch of students sitting for the GCE A Levels under Cambridge International Examinations faced the challenges of a new examination format and passed with flying colours. We had a pass rate of 99.2% and more than 30% of students scored 3As and above while several students won coveted awards from CIE. Samuel Lim Qi En was awarded the highest mark in the world in Mathematics and the highest mark in Malaysia in Divinity. He is reading Mathematics in Imperial College, London, on a JPA Scholarship. Benjamin Yew Choon Sen scored the highest mark in the world in the CIE AS Mathematics. Two students, Ng Chew Hou and Samuel Lim Qi En scored 5A\*s. Congratulations to all our A Level students of 2013-2014 and to the lecturers who guided them through successfully!

We also celebrated with our students who participated in and organized country-wide events such as the Model United Nations meetings, Young Nation Builders meetings, SUKMA sports, charity and community events such as Kids' Carnivals where more than four hundred Myanmar

children were feted and given the opportunity to enjoy a day of good food and healthy games.

In February the Student Council organized a Neon Run which was non-competitive and raised RM14,000/- for Stop Hunger Now. For the second year in a row, our students emerged runners-up in the Standard Chartered Kuala Lumpur Marathon.

These student-run activities promote a holistic education in which our students develop into leaders who manage their time properly and are accepted into good universities locally and abroad. Many of them have won prestigious scholarships and in the following pages you will be reading stories of how a second chance helped them overcome various challenges and roadblocks – financial, physical, emotional – and have excelled, including Arthur Mun Siew Meng who had to overcome many hurdles before securing a Gamuda Scholarship to read Civil Engineering at Imperial College London.

We are especially thrilled when Alumni write to us to let us know of their achievements in university. Their good success is due to the strong support of parents and families, and the dedication of College lecturers and support staff. Together with their own drive to achieve their dreams, we shall have MCKLites who will go forth and change the world.

We are delighted when they come back to share their experiences through talks and dialogues with our current students. Their testimonies are recorded in the following pages to serve as an inspiration to their juniors. Michael Lim Xian-Wei and Chan Yen Ping were recently back from the UK and they served as interns with the respective Ministers of Sports and Education for seven weeks of their summer holidays. MCKL is blessed with a wide network of alumni and we hope to accomplish more through the MCKL Alumni Association in the future.

We thank God for His manifold blessings upon MCKL and aspire to stay true to our mission of grooming talented young nation builders of integrity who will strive for excellence in life!

Blessings  
Moey Yoke Lai



# MCKL Through the Decades: Celebrating Over 30 Years of God's Goodness, Grace and Glory



On the evening of 13th July 2013, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the Hilton Kuala Lumpur Hotel, marking the progress of the College through thick and thin. It gave many students and staff the opportunity to reunite, some after many years, and was the perfect platform to launch the MCKL Alumni Association.

It all began thirty years ago, when the College was simply a school intended to serve as an institution of second chances for students who were unsuccessful in passing their public school examinations. When they otherwise would have faced a bleak future, the then Methodist High School enabled them to complete their secondary education.

Throughout the years, various Methodist patrons have played a pivotal role in ensuring the College's survival and growth in an ever-changing education landscape. In 1983, Methodist High School changed its name to Methodist College Kuala Lumpur, and Datuk Bhupalan became its founding Principal. She undertook the task of securing approval for the GCE A Level certificate to go alongside the Malaysian STPM. Under her dynamic leadership, the student population grew tremendously for the next ten years, to the point where the classes for Form 1 had to be shifted the new branch campus in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur.

In 1994, after having firmly established Methodist College Kuala Lumpur and its Sentul campus, Datuk F. R. Bhupalan retired and handed the reins over to Mr A. R. Peter, who led the College through a new phase as an



Datuk F.R. Bhupalan  
Founding Principal  
1983 - 1993



Dato' A. R. Peter  
Principal, Jan 1994 - May 2002  
CEO, Jun 2002 - Jul 2003



Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng  
CEO  
Aug 2003 - Nov 2005

institution for post-secondary education. He continued the migration of secondary school students to the Sentul campus, and by 1999, only pre-university students remained in the Brickfields campus. The College grew relatively quiet as a result of this.

Soon after that in August 2003, Mr A. R. Peter passed the torch to Datuk Dr Chiam Heng Keng, who began developing the ethos of MCKL into one of a tertiary institution.

Staff and students were introduced to practices that were typical of colleges, such as removing the need for uniforms and introducing flexible timetables for students. At the same time, she ensured that ethics, integrity and discipline were not compromised in the effort to give MCKL a more college-like atmosphere, and continued to keep it well-grounded in Christian values. She also introduced the Certificate in English programme and the Diploma in Early Childhood Education. However, these developments did little to reverse the decline of student numbers in the College.

MCKL persevered regardless, and in March 2006, Ms Moey Yoke Lai, former Principal of Methodist Boys' School, took over as CEO of the College. She worked tirelessly to bring in more students for the courses offered. Plans were drawn up for expansion of the College, which would include an auditorium, many new classrooms and several new facilities in order to attract more students.

Although the project seemed beyond the means of MCKL at the time, Ms Moey and the Methodist Council of Education soldiered on, trusting in the Lord to provide the resources necessary to see the project through to the end. Construction began at the end of 2008, and by the time it was completed, more





than half of the required funds had been successfully raised. Student numbers began to climb, and by 2012, there were over a thousand students enrolled in MCKL. It is nothing short of a testament to God's providence when we trust in Him, and we are reminded of this by Isaiah 54: 2, "Enlarge the place of your tent, spread your curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."

Ms Moey continues to serve faithfully even to this day, and there are many who are following her example. Amongst them is Ms Khor Kheng Leik, the Deputy Director of Academic Studies and Head of the Diploma in Early Childhood Education programme, who is a Harvard graduate with a Master's in Education. Alongside her are academicians such as Ms Grace Lim and Dr Lee Chong Yew, who are graduates from University of Cambridge and University of Southampton, respectively.

There are many others like them, and some go the extra mile by serving as mentors or advisors for individual students as well as the various clubs and societies, including the Christian Fellowship. It is because of the continuous efforts and vigilance of such staff members that MCKL is able to focus on holistic education, ensuring that its

students' academic excellence is complemented by empathy, moral integrity and a strong passion for making a significant difference to their families, society and nation.

As Ms Moey puts it, "Let us all work together to make MCKL a College of distinction to produce well-educated citizens who will make us proud of their achievements in nation building."

To further facilitate their efforts, the College encourages students to participate in a wide range of co-curricular and sporting activities. There are over 40 clubs and societies that students can choose from, such as the Model United Nations Club, Economics Club, Leo Club or the Music Club. Community Service is also an integral part of a student's experience in MCKL. Their participation in the various activities will help them develop interest in different cultures, build confidence, time management, leadership and interpersonal skills, and mature in self-control and discipline.

MCKL's Christian Fellowship is one of the most comprehensive in these aspects, as it also allows students to grow in their faith and relationship with God in addition to having fellowship with others from all walks of life, regardless of race or creed. For example, the Interfaith Dialogue which is organised annually by the Christian Fellowship is an excellent platform for students to grow in mutual understanding and interracial harmony.

As a result of the collective efforts of the

committed staff, MCKL has been able to assist students in achieving their full potential, graduating with excellent grades and gaining entry into prestigious universities around the world. In 2011, Chew Kwang Liang was the only Malaysian student accepted into Yale University. Last year, Tong Kin Seng was the only Malaysian student who gained entry to read Medicine at the University of Oxford. And this year has unveiled a line-up of students with impressive admissions and scholarships: Chan Yen Ping entered Cambridge University on the MCKL Teaching Scholarship; Janice Koh Kar Oon entered the University of Tokyo on the JAGAM & Japanese Government Scholarships; Joshua Wong gained entry into Nanyang Technological University on the ASEAN Scholarship; Ng Wai Lam and Lok Chen-Yue both received the Khazanah Scholarship to study Biochemistry in the University of Oxford and Economics in University College London respectively; and How Han Ming was the only Malaysian to receive the prestigious Wesleyan Freeman Scholarship.

This is in stark contrast to



what MCKL was thirty years ago. Over that period, the School of Second Chance has grown into a College of Excellence for Life where thousands of students have been touched and changed for the better, thanks to God's grace and glory. The thirty-year journey was not always rosy, as there were many trials and tribulations along the way. However, by God's grace MCKL has weathered and overcome all of these challenges, and thus has garnered over thirty years of experience in maintaining its academic integrity whilst holding true to its Methodist roots.

According to Bishop Rev. Dr Ong Hwai Teik, "The Lord has been our good Shepherd in taking the College through the desert and into the pastures of today," and nothing speaks of that more than the success of MCKL alumni and our growing student enrolment. There even are plans to further expand the College in order to accommodate further growth in the near future.



Yen Ping is one of the two inaugural MCKL Teaching Scholarship recipients and is currently pursuing a degree in Education with Physical Sciences at University of Cambridge.

## New Scholarship Schemes Commence March 2015

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur is announcing the change in criteria for application of the Merit and Special Scholarships offered by the College for all future students with intakes commencing March 2015 onwards. These changes include the introduction of the 15% Merit Scholarship category.

**NOTES:**

- 1) All Scholarships are applicable on Tuition fees only.
- 2) A Levels applicants are limited to a maximum of 4 subjects.
- 3) Students may apply for the merit scholarships using SPM and O Level results only.

Please refer to the relevant Scholarship application forms for full disclosure of the terms and conditions governing the scholarships or visit our website [www.mckl.edu.my](http://www.mckl.edu.my) for more details.

Merit Scholarships				
Programme	100%	50%	25%	15%
ADTP	9A+ / A & above (must include 5A+)	8 A+ / A & above	6 A+ / A & above	5 A+ / A / A- & above
A Level				
AUSMAT				
CAT	8 A+ / A / A- & above	6 A+ / A / A- & above	5 A+ / A / A- & above	3 A+ / A / A- & above
ECE				

Special Scholarships	
Pastors Children (Methodist)	100%
Pastors Children (Other)	50%
Methodist Church Members	15%
All Methodist Secondary Schools, Vision School Tawau, SM Stella Maris, Sri Sempurna International School, Nobel International School, All Saints Anglican Academy & St. Patrick's Anglican Academy	15%

Also Available For New Applicants

- Student Leader & Achievement Award
- Financial Aid
- Stedfast Scholarship
- STAR Scholarship
- Sin Chew Scholarship

## MCKL Welcomes New KPM Bursary Scholars, Celebrates Graduates



MCKL welcomed its third batch of KPM Bursary students this year, with 17 of them joining the Cambridge A Level programme. They will complete their studies in 2016 and will be eligible for the JPA Scholarships offered exclusively to Bursary scholars then. This group joins last year's Bursary scholars who complete their programmes at the end of November 2014.

We also congratulate our graduated Bursary scholars from 2012 and 2013 who have gone on to top universities on the JPA Scholarship this year, including Chee Joey and Lim Jie Sheng who are both reading Actuarial Science at London School of Economics, UK and University of Melbourne, AU respectively, Jamie Wu Zhern Zhern who is reading Dentistry at King's College, UK, Ng Chew Hou who is reading Mathematics at Imperial College, UK and Ng Wei Liang and Lee Su Wen who are both reading Law at University of Warwick, UK and University of Manchester, UK respectively.

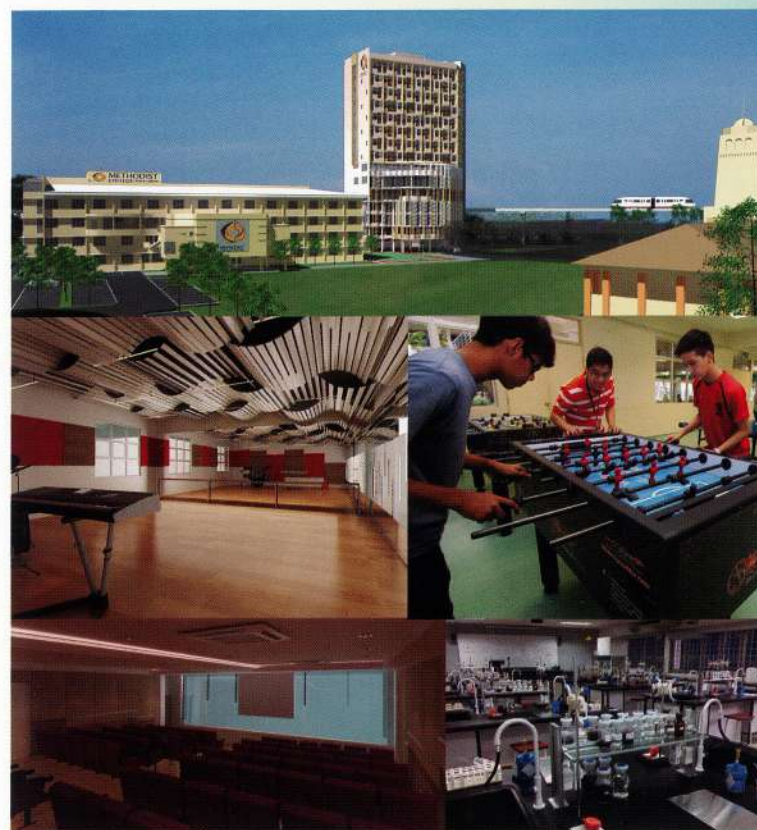
## Renovations and Upgrades to Facilities

MCKL has always placed priority on the quality of life that students can experience in the College. To that end, significant renovations were carried out earlier this year to upgrade the physics and chemistry labs. Annex classrooms were also set up to accommodate the growing number of students.

In addition to that, several free-of-charge, tournament-grade foosball tables have been added to the College's recreational facilities, and a music room is slated for refurbishment for the American Degree Transfer Program next year.

With the newly acquired premises of the MGS Brickfields 2 primary school, MCKL will begin its next expansion with new classrooms, study areas and recreational facilities in the coming months. Also planned is the new multi-storey building, in which the College hopes to house more classrooms, office space and accommodation.

The college is still raising funds to meet the needs of this building project. If you would like to make a contribution, email us at [buildingfund@mckl.edu.my](mailto:buildingfund@mckl.edu.my).



## MCKL Students Receive Top Awards From EDEXCEL and Cambridge

MCKL would like to congratulate the following students who received awards from our EDEXCEL International and Cambridge International Examinations boards this past year:

### Awards by EDEXCEL International

*Achieved Perfect Score*

*GCE A Level Examination January/June 2014*

Accounting - Cham Zhee Xuan

Accounting - James Utama Surjadi

Accounting - Loh Ming May

Accounting - Ng Pui Sze

### Awards by Cambridge International Examinations

*Highest Mark in the World*

*GCE A Level Examination November 2013*

Mathematics - Samuel Lim Qi En

Divinity - Samuel Lim Qi En

*GCE AS Level Examination November 2013*

Mathematics - Benjamin Yew Choon Sen

## APU Partnership



Methodist College Kuala Lumpur has officially entered a mutual collaboration with Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU) on the 27th of August 2014. We are pleased to welcome them as a partner in tertiary education.

The Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU) is rated Tier 5 (Excellent) under the SETARA 2011

Ratings by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and has won a variety of prestigious awards at national and international levels. As such, APU specialises in preparing professional graduates for significant roles in business and society globally.

As a result of this partnership, MCKL graduates who apply directly to enrol in APU stand to gain the following benefits:

1. An application fee waiver of RM100
2. Special Rebate of RM2000 (for the first 3 semesters) for MCKL students who register with APU.

We hope that this partnership will open up yet another avenue for our students in the pursuit of further education, once their time studying in MCKL is complete.

The Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation joins existing partners Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak Campus and IACT College in providing MCKL students with more opportunities as they pursue higher education locally.

## IT Tralee Partnership

The Institute of Technology Tralee, Ireland is the latest university to come on board as a transfer partner university for our Diploma in Early Childhood Education students.

Signing the MOU in April this year, MCKL's diploma graduates will have an opportunity to transfer to the final year of the institution's Bachelor (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Learning.

This new partnership also provides more opportunities for staff from both institutions to access resources and share expertise in teaching and professional development.



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## ADTP Partnerships

With the launch of the American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP), MCKL has secured partnerships with 17 universities to date. They are:

- Drake University
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Iowa State University
- John Carroll University
- Kent State University
- Messiah College
- Middle Tennessee State University
- State University of New York Brockport
- Tennessee Technological University
- Truman State University
- University of Central Oklahoma
- University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- University of Nebraska Lincoln
- University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
- Wheaton College
- Wichita State University
- Winona State University

In addition to the credit transfer agreements, there will be plenty of opportunities for research, internship and practical training, as well as scholarships and financial aid for students in need, some of which are exclusive for MCKL students.

## MCKL Teaching Scholarship

In 2013, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) inaugurated the MCKL Teaching Scholarship to promote quality teaching and learning. This Scholarship is offered to high-achieving individuals who have a keen passion for teaching and want to make a difference in the lives of young college students by sharing their knowledge, skills and experience.

Application is open to all MCKL alumni who have graduated not more than two years on the closing date of the application. Those who are interested to apply can obtain more information on the MCKL Teaching Scholarship from our Registrar's Office.

## ACCA Skills & Professional Modules Now Offered at MCKL



After launching the Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) programme in 2009, MCKL has added on the ACCA Qualification this year, allowing students to progress immediately from the CAT modules to the ACCA Skill and Professional modules.

CAT students have the advantage of having covered the ACCA Knowledge modules during their course, making it one of the quickest pathways to becoming a Certified Chartered Accountant, with only 3 years of study and 3 years working experience upon completing SPM or O Level examinations.

An ACCA Info Day was held on 11 October 2014 to give out more information regarding this programme. If you're keen on becoming an accountant, look out for upcoming information sessions in 2015, or visit our Admissions Office for more details.

# THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK:

# ADTP @MCKL

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) has an extensive track record in sending students to prestigious universities overseas – to the UK, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and also the United States. In recent years, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur has seen a marked increase in students pursuing tertiary education in the United States. Recent MCKL alumni who have moved on to the US include Chew Kwang Liang in Yale University, Lim Kai Shin and Timothy Ong in Kent State University, Bryan Leong in Messiah College and Serena Chua in Colby-Sawyer College.

According to Ms Moey Yoke Lai, the CEO of MCKL, many parents expressed their desire to send their children to the US for higher education, and so the College American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) to give students a smooth, affordable and efficient pathway to US universities.

MCKL officially launched the ADTP on the 2nd of October. In attendance were the Guest of Honour, Reverend Dr Ong Hwai Teik, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia and YB Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong, Chairman of the Board of Management of MCKL. At the Launch, MCKL CEO Ms Moey and Dr Kim S. Phipps, President of Messiah College, US signed a memorandum of understanding, offering MCKL students an exclusive scholarship to study at Messiah College.

Setting up the programme was no small feat. It was developed over the course of two years by Ms Khor Kheng Leik, who has over 10 years' experience heading American courses in Malaysia. Former US university placement specialist Ms Veronica Yap and former Director of Academic Studies Dr Ang Aik Hooi were also instrumental in developing the syllabus and forming relationships with American Universities, helped in no small part by alumni like Lim Kai Shin and Bryan Leong, who at that time were performing admirably in their American universities.

To date, 17 American universities have partnered with MCKL in this programme, with more partnerships in the pipelines. There will be plenty of opportunities for research, internship and practical training, as well as scholarships and financial aid for students in need.

In conjunction with the ADTP Launch, President Phipps conducted a seminar highlighting the unique features of higher education in the US and the education opportunities available there. The seminar was well-received and attended by many



## WHAT WE SAY...

From the Inaugural Cohort



"I finished my IGCSE O Levels late compared to my peers, but the ADTP accelerates my progress so that I can catch up and graduate at the same time."

Lee Jieng Sheng,  
Computer Science/  
Computer Engineering major

"I chose ADTP@MCKL for my American education because the lecturers in this program are very helpful and passionate in teaching us. Besides that, I was also impressed with the learning environment at MCKL. In short, I would say that studying ADTP@MCKL was the perfect choice as I truly enjoyed learning and meeting new friends from other courses."



Dorcas Choo,  
Psychology major



"I had always dreamed to study in America. ADTP at MCKL will allow me to do that after I complete half of it

here in Malaysia where it is more affordable and convenient. Besides, the warm welcome and support of my fellow ADTP course mates and lecturers made me feel safe and secure."

Teoh Cheng Cheng,  
undeclared major

"I was worried about whether it would be tough for me, but after seeing the environment and the small classes, I feel that it would help build a closer relationship between us and the lecturers for better teaching and learning."



Zian Kim Khoo,  
Physical Therapy/ Dance: Modern  
Theatre Performance major



# stepping stones

College is often considered the next stepping stone in a student's academic experience to a successful career and life – it is about preparing for more advanced subjects and more rigorous academic hurdles as they take their first steps into a world that values hard work and independence.

However, MCKL aspires to be more than just a facility for academic learning. The College aims to be a safe place where students can balance learning with character development, social skills, friendship and for some, spiritual growth.

The effects of such an environment are evident in the testimonies of our alumni. They have willingly done so in the interest of sharing their experiences with current and future students, and have helped to make MCKL a home away from home. Senior students often fill the roles similar to that of older siblings by guiding and inspiring their juniors by working in the Student Council, tutoring in the Psychology & Learning Centre, or simply leading by example.

On top of that, there are many students who found a second

chance at excellence for life in MCKL.

For example, Arthur Mun Siew Meng joined the College whilst facing financial and familial difficulties, and even though his father passed away during his A Level studies, he still found the strength and perseverance to graduate and is now pursuing a degree in Civil & Structural Engineering in Imperial College, UK on a Gamuda Scholarship.

Jeremy Tan, with the help of his lecturers, managed to perform well enough in Biology to get accepted into medical school despite never having done Biology in school.

And lastly, when Tan Lili could find no one to sponsor her studies in Psychology & Philosophy in the University of Oxford, Ms Moey helped her to meet and convince a philanthropist (who wishes to remain anonymous) to do so.

There are many others with similar experiences shared here, and we hope there will be many more like them in the years to come. Enjoy reading!

## Ikhwan Bin Khalid, AUSMAT Class of 2013

Ikhwan Bin Khalid enrolled into MCKL in July 2012 for the AUSMAT programme and later graduated as one of the top students in the programme. An admirable feat, and even more so once his history is taken into account. MCKL was not his first pre-U experience.

According to Ikhwan, it took him a while to find a college where he felt like he belonged. He took up a Biotech course after SPM, not because it was what he wanted to do, but because he had been pressured into finding something to do after secondary school. But after one and a half years in the American

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Degree Transfer Program, he eventually quit because Biotech did not truly interest him.

He then started a company with his brothers and worked for two years, but he left that as well when he realised that he wanted to do something more.

"This time, I had a real interest in studying, and I decided to go back to college," he says.

He first heard of MCKL through the recommendations of his friends and grew interested after looking at reviews of the College on the internet. The pastoral atmosphere appealed to him; it had a good track record with previous

students; and he believed that it would be as enjoyable as his prior, positive experience in a Methodist school.

"My parents did have reservations about what my experience would be like as a Muslim in a Christian college. Our general perception of Brickfields as a troubled area didn't make them very confident either. But my father allowed me to make my own decisions, and I am glad to say that it paid off.

"After my time in MCKL, my mother now wants my younger sibling to join MCKL.

"Personally, I found MCKL a very enjoyable college experience. The environment was quite well insulated from the noise and activity of KL, which I found very conducive to studying. The lecturers all knew their stuff, and they actually cared and did whatever they could to help us succeed. I quickly made friends with my college-mates as well, in spite of the unusual age gap between us."

Ikhwan chose AUSMAT because he preferred consistent work as opposed to last-minute cramming, and through hard work, he became the top student of AUSMAT Class of 2013 with an

ATAR score of 99.10. He won prizes for his excellent academic performance in the examinations: a Certificate of Distinction by the Western Australian School Curriculum and Standards Authority for scoring in the top 0.5 percent of the examinations in Human Biological Science, was a top scorer in Physics and Chemistry as well, and was given the Tan Sri FR Bhupalan award for his outstanding achievements in MCKL.

In addition to his academic achievements, Ikhwan also took part in many co-curricular activities, such as the Editorial Board and Stargazing Club, and he also participated in a tutoring programme for MCKL students where he could coach peers in subjects that he was proficient in.

According to him, the process of tutoring helped in his own studies as much as his pupils because he had to study in preparation for his own lessons.

When asked what advice he would offer others in a similar position, he has this to say: "A passion for what you do may not always be necessary, but try to make it a part of your studies. It helped to keep me going, and I think it will do the same for you."



*Ikhwan is taking a gap year while awaiting scholarship opportunities to further his studies. He plans to go into research in theoretical physics and cosmology, most likely in Singapore or the USA because of the opportunities over there. He also has an offer from the University of Melbourne, which he is seriously considering.*

## Lee Chiou Yih, A Level Class of 2014



My father was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia when I was a child and ever since he was pronounced to be 'Totally and Permanently Disabled' due to the subsequent Graft-versus-Host Disease, my family has had to live off his SOCSO pension. Hence, after receiving my SPM results in 2012, I was at a loss as I did not have the finances to put myself through college.

Fortunately, I met Mr Reuben at an education fair and he persuaded

me to apply for the MCKL Financial Aid Scholarship. After the interview, I was generously awarded full tuition fee waiver as well as accommodation. Even though I was also offered scholarships at other institutions to pursue my A-levels, I chose MCKL as I was impressed with the dedication and helpfulness of the staff as well as their holistic policies, such as compulsory community service for students.

Looking back, I am relieved and thankful that I made the right choice. At MCKL, I enjoyed an excellent network of academic support. I definitely must credit my academic achievements to my lecturers who were always willing to go above and beyond and who helped me transition from SPM to A-Levels smoothly. Approachable and always ready to help, they have provided me with counsel in times of need and I will continue to value their input even after I leave MCKL.

There are also many activities and events conducted annually at MCKL including the Midsummer Masquerade, the Orientation Camp, the MCKL Treasure Hunt and the list goes on.

The multitude of clubs and societies also make it easy to be socially involved and

provides the full college experience.

However, I must say that events are not much fun without people and MCKL has no shortage of the kindest, contemplative and most wonderfully thoughtful people I have ever met. The highlight of my day is usually the discussions we have, whether in the classroom or amongst friends, because of the accepting and tolerant environment. In this era of instant gratification, friends like these are hard to come by and I have never been so motivated to keep in touch with such excellent persons.

With help and guidance from the University Placement Office, I have managed to secure a place at the London School of Economics and Political Science to study BSc Government and Economics as well as scholarships under the LSE Undergraduate Support Scheme and the Datuk Roger Tan Memorial Scholarship.

All the help and experiences I've acquired in my time at MCKL have given me opportunities for further development and, for that, I am irrevocably grateful.

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## Lim Kai Shin, A Level Class of 2011

Due to financial reasons and a lot of self-doubt, I had never seriously considered studying abroad. As my senior friends graduated and left to their dream country to further their studies and my peers began their application for universities, I jumped on the bandwagon and did what everybody else was doing.

Without knowing what I really wanted for my future, I met with a counselor in the University Placement Services.

Besides helping me to explore my career options, the counselor patiently guided me through the tedious process of admission application and developing a personal statement. More importantly, they helped me see beyond what I believed I could ever achieve. I didn't quite know what I wanted for a career, but with the help of the counselor and encouragement from other staff in MCKL, I took a huge first step: getting out of my comfort zone and believing in myself.

I applied to five universities in the UK for Business Management and got accepted to all of them. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, I was unable to pursue my studies in any of the universities.

I continued to explore my options and went through another application process with another counselor.

This time I applied to universities in the US.

After a long wait of three months, I finally heard back from the university that I am currently studying in. I was thrilled to find out that I had been offered a scholarship that would cover most of my tuition fee and housing expenses to pursue my studies there. I gladly accepted the offer, and here I am now at Kent State University.

I am currently a Nursing student in Kent State University and I am



working with a professor with her research on spirituality, as spiritual care is an important aspect of patient care. I also work on campus in the health center.

I am very blessed to have gotten the scholarship and the on-campus job. With the scholarship and income I have, I have been able to become financially independent. Occasionally, my parents still pay for some unexpected expenses such as my flight ticket home, but other than that, I have been able to take care of my tuition fee and living expenses without their support.

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Methodist College was a very important stepping stone for me. Serving in the Student Council gave me the opportunity to hone my leadership skills, vary my experience, and strengthen my interpersonal and communication skills.

The mandatory community service helped me discover my passion in serving people and the community (hence my major today). Also, I have greatly benefited from the resourceful and knowledgeable counsellors who patiently explored my career options with me.

The staff in MCKL are not only

down-to-earth and approachable, they are dedicated to help each student reach their full potential. The supportive and conducive study environment had helped me and my friends to stay motivated in our studies.

Another life changing event that occurred during my time in MCKL was I began my journey with Christ. Very soon after I accepted Christ, Ms Melody, a lecturer in MCKL, took the initiative to read the bible with me weekly, answering my questions about Christianity. Under Ms Melody's discipleship, my knowledge about the Lord grew, enabling me to share Him with the people God has appointed me to.

Though challenging, my walk with the Lord after I came to the United States has been rewarding. I serve in the worship team in a local church. I am also involved in a campus ministry in KSU called Navigators. The Lord has graciously given me the privilege to lead a few people to Christ, all of which were incredibly humbling experiences.

My advice to my fellow juniors is to be open to all learning opportunities. You might discover a passion that you had never realised you had. Never set foot into something you're not passionate about. Life is so much better if you do what you love, and love what you do.



## Ng Choon Jin, A Level Class of 2014

I had always wanted to study at MCKL ever since I attended their introductory session at my previous school in Sekolah Menengah Sri Sempurna. I knew that MCKL would be a good and nurturing environment to study in because of the Christian attributes it possesses. It built me up spiritually and emotionally, and allowed me to better cope with my studies.

By God's grace, I was awarded a scholarship under The Star Education fund, which covered all the necessary tuition fees plus a few other expenses. I only had to pay the external exam fees and other necessary fees. Coming from a financially and physically challenged background [both his parents are blind, and he himself is partially blind], the scholarship was indeed helpful. All I needed to do was to study hard and make every moment count!

Indeed, my experience in MCKL was a blessing. Although I did not participate in some activities due to unforeseen circumstances, I still managed to have a good time. Many of the extracurricular activities such as community service and the inter-faith dialogue were really eye-openers.

Classes were very organized and the lecturers were always there to assist in times of trouble. I'm very glad to say that some friendships forged with my lecturers will be a lifetime blessing. Some life lessons learned here will never be forgotten. MCKL is a place I would recommend to anyone anytime; the



Christian Fellowship is a blessing to those who attend, and it's an experience like none other.

Thanks to their support, I'm currently pursuing the MBBS degree in SEGi University Kota Damansara.

I submitted my application early in May and received the call to interview somewhere around mid-June. After the selection process, I received an email at the end of June from the Manager saying that my application was successful and that I was awarded a scholarship worth RM120,000. Unfortunately, the amount was not enough. I hesitated and pondered on the matter until a few days before the closing date of acceptance. I eventually wrote an email to the Manager about my situation, stating that I probably won't be able to accept the scholarship due to insufficient funds. By God's grace, the

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Manager managed to arrange a 10% discount in the tuition fees and the Foundation increased the quota from 120K to 160K. It was joyful news indeed. With the PTPN funding and the Foundation together, all the necessary fees are covered.

My only advice is to trust in the Lord! If one knows that he's called to a certain profession or pathway, persist. Sometimes the way is tough, the future is uncertain and many people may speak against your ambitions, but God never abandons. I always wanted Medicine; being awarded a Pharmacy scholarship with The Star Education Fund did not bring me the happiness that everyone expected. I never would have found joy in studying Pharmacy; the study scope is too wide. Unfortunately, it was all I could afford at that time. But luckily for me, God provided a way to pursue my dreams. Trust in Him.

## Jeremy Tan, AUSMAT Class of 2013



There is a saying which goes "What you reap is what you sow" and I personally concur, having been in both situations of rich harvest and

immense barrenness.

I was an average child – no, let's rephrase that – the slightly below average child who didn't really score well in exams, problematic to most if not all teachers, and a fidgety rascal. At the age of 16, being in a public school, I chose to be in the sub-science stream, as I thought it would bring convenience to myself. Also, I thought I would never need biology in the future.

I decided against going into the arts stream which was where students were unfortunately stereotyped as being more "problematic" – as if I was not problematic myself.

I was that type of person who was unmotivated, lazy and, above all, lost.

My daily routine used to consist of taking naps from 2pm until late evening, and then spending the rest of my night browsing through the web. Studies were definitely not one of my priorities or concern.

As the major examination for every high school student approached, I was about to sit for one of the biggest exams that would affect the course of my life: the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM). Despite the fact that most people were panicking by then, I still was impervious.

True enough, upon receiving the results a few months after the examination, the path that I took had led me to "come a cropper".

The consequences didn't really hit me then, but it didn't take long. I left for three

### Be An Inspiration To Others!

*Are you an alumni with a tale to tell or advice to give? Write in to ask@mckl.edu.my with your full name, programme and cohort, and send us your stories with some pictures. We'd love to hear all about your experiences and share it with others!*

months of National Service, isolated from familiar faces and started a new small adventure. It was a really enlightening experience; but that's another story.

The main significance it carried was that when I returned, I was lost. People I knew were already in college making new friends and stories, and I was just lost in the wilderness of the transition phase.

I looked for advice on what to do, and people kept telling me: Do what you love.

It didn't mean much to me then. I was still debating the possibility of pursuing science but was advised that with the results I had, it was nothing more than a child's fantasy and that I should accept the reality that my options were rather limited.

I was pretty set by then to pursue something related to the arts, in the Malaysian context. I thought I'd probably just go for a foundation in arts, maybe get an economics degree, perhaps do something in business or marketing, possibly even get a mass communications degree.

Ultimately, these options weren't what I could see myself doing; it wouldn't be "Doing what I love".

It's not to say that those degrees which I mentioned are inferior to the sciences or play a less significant role, but they were the only options which I was actually able to opt for. Beggars can't be choosers, after all.

Everything was spiraling down for me. I was lost, yet pressured and rushed to make a decision to avoid wasting more time.

By then, it was already May and I had used up six months just idling away. Until one day, I was reminded by a dear friend about a small dream I used to have before taking my SPM – a dream to do medicine.

Not just because it is a job that is "high class", or that it is cool to be called a doctor, but because I was interested in taking a special course that comes after a degree in medicine, which is geriatrics. The privilege of working with old people is something that really brings me joy and peace.

I have been mostly brought up by my grandmother. She is someone I have always looked up to. I still recall how most of my English essays would be about her whenever the topics were "Write about your role model", or "Write about a person who impacted



your life". Grandma would always be in mind. The person who never gave up on me and who always encouraged me had made a huge impact on my lifestyle.

However, I did not take Biology in SPM. The thought of doing medicine was soon forgotten and given up, as most colleges would not accept a student without a biology background, especially to take it as a subject at pre-university level.

Nonetheless, the same friend who reminded me about my dream of doing medicine urged me to fight for it, and so I did.

I determinately went to education fairs for inquiries and even visited multiple colleges to inquire about almost all the programmes they offered.

Sure enough, I was rejected, again and again, to the point that I stopped applying as I was pretty sure of the outcome.

Yet one day, I was given a shot by a college to do the Australian Matriculation programme with the subject combination of Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Psychology and English. This combination entitled me to pursue medicine, should I make the required grade.

Although the registrar I spoke to said that even getting a C or a low B would be a miracle in college with the SPM results I had, I was still blessed enough to be given a chance to do those subjects.

Fast-forward to the end of college, I managed to do well and even became a subject of discussion among lecturers for mastering biology without formal background in the subject.

Without a doubt, it was with the help of my lecturers that I managed to

succeed, although it also took a lot of self-determination and strength. Finally I applied to a medical school, and with the results I achieved at my college, I was accepted.

Upon opening that e-mail which said "Congratulations" along with the conditional offer of admission, I froze. Recalling the hard times and the joy, it was all worth it in the end. My small dream of becoming a geriatrician when I was a high school student is now finally becoming a reality.

To be honest, I'm not here to promote my accomplishments or boast about how well I did. At times, I'm still laid back, and I still do badly in tests.

Nonetheless, I'm learning and I don't give up without a fight.

What I do want to say is that you should always chase your passion or at least fight for it, to the best in your capacity.

Do What You Love.

*Jeremy is an aspiring geriatrician who is currently doing the MBBS programme in International Medical University (IMU) who hopes to always do what he loves and to give his best.*

*During his time at MCKL, he was President of Student Council and was very active in club activities throughout his three semesters here.*

*His story has been shared on Leaderonomics.com, where he was interning this year, and it was also published on Page 11 in mystarjob.com on 27 September 2014.*

*He would love to hear your stories and you can contact him at Jeremytan.94@gmail.com .*

# Mun Siew Meng, A Level Class of 2013



I was born and raised in the city of Petaling Jaya, and am a former student of SMK Taman SEA. I chose my college based purely on two things: affordability and quality of education. MCKL was one the few that fit my criteria when I was searching for a college, and it even offered me a full tuition fee waiver because I had scored straight As in my SPM exams.

Thinking back on the experience, studying in MCKL was one of the best decisions that I have ever made. It was really tough at first, because I entered college when there was a lot of trouble at home.

My family had to deal with financial problems because of my father's deteriorating health, and I struggled to cope with the transition from SPM to A Levels on top of a part time job after college hours. My father passed away during my studies, and I narrowly failed to achieve the minimum CGPA to maintain my scholarship. Luckily, with some support from the college staff and a bit of reorganisation in my life's priorities, I managed to carry on and recover my grades.

Although the journey was not easy, the experience was well worth it. I have learnt to strive and work smart in balancing between work and studies. Being independent during this period of time made me realise the importance of time management. With the guidance of dedicated lecturers and staff, I managed to attain good results for my A-Level and gained acceptance into top universities. Upon completing my course, I took a gap year to seek financial aid while working part time.

In the process of seeking financial

aid, I tried applying for many scholarships. Despite facing downs and failures, I chose not to give up and re-evaluated myself on each failed attempt as I believe achievement is based on effort and self-reflection. Opportunities are everywhere but it is up to your own initiative to strive for it.

Through improving my skills on presentation and overcoming anxiety, slowly I began to build up my confidence. Having secured a scholarship from CITYU, Hong Kong based on merit, I decided to apply for the Gamuda Scholarship for the sake of experience. Gamuda is one of Malaysia's leading public listed companies involved in construction, expressway tolling and management, property and development, manufacturing and quarrying.

Armed with the experience from previous interviews, I attended the first stage workshop which assessed our general knowledge, group case studies and individual presentation and the second stage individual interview and personal assessment.

About a month later, I received a call from Gamuda stating that they would sponsor my studies in Civil & Structural

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Engineering at Imperial College London. I was one of the three candidates selected to study abroad.

Never would I have expected such an achievement to be bestowed upon me.

Hence, regardless whether you are successful or not in your scholarship application, it is worth taking your time and effort to apply as a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. It is better to fail now than to regret later for not trying.

So for those reading my post, I do wish you good luck and all the best for your future endeavours. Do not be afraid of failing as failure is the mother of all success. Learn from your mistakes and try to improve upon it. Cheers.





# Double Take

MCKLites are Sole Malaysians Awarded Scholarships Back to Back

The Freeman Asian Scholarship is a much-coveted award that covers expenses for a four-year course of study for a bachelor's degree in Wesleyan University, an award that is given to only one student from each of eleven Asian countries per year.

And for the last two years, the only two Malaysian students to be awarded this scholarship - How Han Ming and Liew Jin Soong (pictured right) - came from Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL).

How Han Ming began his studies in Wesleyan University last year, whilst Liew Jin Soong, also known as Justin Liew, has recently flown over to follow in his senior's footsteps. After completing the A Level programme locally, they both have much to talk about their experiences in MCKL, Han Ming having the additional insight of a year's study in Wesleyan University to share.

## Liew Jin Soong, A Level Class of 2014



I chose MCKL mainly because the A Level programme prepares students well for the Arts, with a strong emphasis on writing and critical thinking. Since my interests were in English Literature, Psychology, Economics and Mathematics, it was a naturally easy choice.

Being a relatively small college, MCKL has a strong community spirit, and I liked the fact that it didn't take me

long to get to know everyone.

In addition to that, I was offered the 100% Merit Scholarship because of my grades in secondary school. It was a nice bonus as it allowed my parents to save on my tuition fees for future use, and I am grateful to MCKL because it really eased the financial burden on my parents.

After completing my studies in MCKL, I moved on to Wesleyan University in Connecticut, US.

Gaining admission was a long and tedious process that involved lots of research and essay-writing, not to mention the supplementary tests. It's all very personal; you have to think about what the college wants in you as a student.

I am also very fortunate to have acquired the Wesleyan Freeman Scholarship, which will cover full tuition fees plus insurance and flights for my studies there. It also includes 4000USD per year for accommodations.

It's similar to gaining entry in that they take into consideration your merits, achievements, passions and

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personality, but they will be stricter and consider your ability to fit in and contribute to the university, as well as your likelihood to make a difference in your home country.

Overall, I am very glad for the time I have spent in MCKL. If there is anything I would say to my juniors, it is this: take subjects that you are truly interested in. Sincere passion is important to American universities, and co-curricular activities can be an important indication of your commitment and interest. I was once in the song-writing team for MCKL's year-end musical, which was a lot of fun. I wish I'd been more involved in MCKL's activities.

## How Han Ming, A Level Class of 2013

Studying for the A Levels in MCKL was very beneficial to me. I studied Biology, Mathematics, Economics and English Literature under a 100% Merit Scholarship, and the rigorous course in MCKL prepared me well for university, to earn a degree in Economics and Film Studies. I even managed to secure some exemptions in Mathematics and Economics classes for my degree studies due to my A Level background.

When I had finished my A Levels, I knew that I wanted to study economics and film. I eventually settled on Wesleyan University because it specialises in both of these fields and has a famed, strong faculty with ties in both industries. The choice was obvious.

Like Justin, I can confirm that gaining entry into Wesleyan University is quite different from the conventional procedures that most of us know. In addition to all of the stuff he had mentioned, I actually wrote a screenplay and submitted it as part of my application. It wasn't required, but the admission staff were open



to the idea.

In addition to the Wesleyan Freeman Scholarship, I had also secured the AMCHAM-MACEE Scholarship which provided an additional 6000USD per year. It really helped to reduce my loans, which I am very grateful for.

Studying in the US has been a very eye-opening experience. I've met people from diverse financial, social and cultural backgrounds in the many types of classes I had signed up for. It is quite refreshing to meet people who have

beliefs and world views that are so different from my own.

Academically speaking, professors are also very open to discussions in tutorials. In fact, we are expected to actively contribute to the class, as opposed to the tendency for us students to keep quiet in Malaysian classrooms. Participating there really helped my communication and thinking skills.

Looking back, MCKL seems to have been an important stepping stone in my life, preparing me for a fulfilling time

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studying in an American university.

To my juniors, I would really like to say: take advantage of the resources available to you in MCKL.

Speak to the staff and learn about your options in university; they really went above and beyond the call of duty to help me find my place in Wesleyan University.

It also helps if you get involved in MCKL's activities to hone other skills that will be useful in university and the working world.

## Florence Ho Mei Ying, A Level Class of 2013



Florence Ho Mei Ying is counted amongst MCKL's top students for her outstanding academic performance and university placement. After her A Level studies last year, she then gained entry into Taylor's University, Malaysia to study Pharmacy under The Star Education Fund Scholarship.

She believes that MCKL played a vital role in shaping her path to university and giving her confidence in her language abilities.

"I came from a Mandarin speaking family and seldom spoke English back then. But I got better after communicating with lecturers and friends in English after I entered

MCKL. Now, I can speak English well in university.

"Miss Sharon Yap has helped me a lot in preparation for IELTS whereas Miss Choong has guided me in writing a good personal statement and had a mock interview with me before I attended interviews at several universities.

"The effort that they put in has great importance to me as I managed to pass IELTS, interviews and enter university with a scholarship.

"However, I also think that personal effort is important on top of MCKL's support. One needs to be very independent and do a lot of extra reading. You can't expect lecturers to teach everything perfectly.

"In MCKL, all my lecturers were very dedicated, knowledgeable and helpful in clarifying my doubts in studies. They were very friendly too. Sadly, that may not always be the case in every institution, so it is good to prepare yourself for the future when you have no control over who gets to teach you.

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more important not to assume that good grades in past studies will guarantee good results in current ones. Working hard is still going to go a long way in improving our chances to enter top universities with scholarships.

"Of course, it won't be work all the way. I had good times with my friends as well. I miss the events that I have participated in MCKL, such as Midsummer Masquerade, Orientation ball, Famine 30, Tanabata Festival and Christian Fellowship camps.

"Besides that, Mr Roland, the warden was very kind by allowing us to tag along in the van whenever he went to church or the shopping mall. He took care of each and every one of us who stayed in the hostel.

"Overall, I have no regrets from my time in MCKL. I will always cherish the friends and lecturers I came to know here."

## Tan Li Li, A Level Class of 2011

I did my A-Levels at MCKL from January 2010 to June 2011. In January 2011 I received my offer from the University of Oxford to study Psychology and Philosophy. This was a great opportunity for me to pursue my interests at one of the best universities in the world.

Unfortunately, very few scholarship foundations shared my enthusiasm for these subjects. Both psychology and philosophy are still relatively unknown in Malaysia, and so my scholarship search was

reduced to rejections from companies who were looking for future lawyers, accountants, economists, and so on. Eventually, I turned to Ms Moey for help, and through her I was fortunate to meet an anonymous philanthropist who generously offered to partially contribute towards my

expenses. With this contribution I was able to make the journey to Oxford. Later, towards the end of my first year, I managed to secure a full scholarship from Maxis.

I graduated from Oxford in July 2014 and am now studying for a masters in Philosophy at the University of Cambridge, and I hope to have a career in academia someday. Certainly without



the help I have received from MCKL I would not have been able to pursue my ambitions. Most of all I am grateful for the support from my parents, who always believe in what I do in the face of every doubt thrown my way.

## Yeoh Lee Cheng, ECE Class of 2014

You are never too old to learn, especially when it comes to learning how to teach young children. They are the future of our nation, and therefore no expenses must be spared in ensuring that they receive the best possible education, and part of that involves preparing teachers to educate and nurture them to the best of their abilities.

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) recognises this need for teachers of children, and in response welcomes students of all ages and academic backgrounds to its Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programme where they can acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare the next generation for life in the modern world.

Yeoh Lee Cheng is one such student who has answered that call. She came to know MCKL's ECE programme through her experience working under FunGates, a system provider for preschools. Although she had over ten years of experience teaching in kindergarten, she still considered the programme a beneficial addition to her career.

"I enrolled for the course with three colleagues and found it a very refreshing break from the daily routine of teaching in kindergarten. Even

though it was quite taxing to run from work in Tadika Riang Ceria Meria to MCKL day after day, I found it quite enjoyable because it challenged me to improve myself and my understanding of my vocation.

"There is a lot of new material to go through, and learning the latest studies and theories on childhood

education enabled me to finally, fully understand why we do things the way we do in preschools. My work experience really helped me to understand what we were

being taught in class as well.

"We learned a lot in our practicums, and it was great to discover new ways of teaching instead of sticking to old routines. In other words, we were learning to become better teachers for the children."

In addition, Lee Cheng believes that although parents often look for the best kindergartens and education programmes for their children, the system is only as good as the people who run and maintain them. Therefore, the teachers have to be well-trained in addition to possessing a passion for nurturing and educating children.

"Not everyone needs an engineer, but everyone needs a teacher. I believe that we as teachers are crucial to the development of children and a



country's future. As such, we have the responsibility of making sure that we are properly prepared to give our best to the children, and here at MCKL, I found that preparation.

"The ECE course is tough, but the lecturers don't leave anyone behind. There is a spiritual quality here that mixes well with academic substance and quality that I really found supportive and inspiring."

Now that she has graduated from the programme, Lee Cheng plans to continue teaching with her newly improved knowledge and skills, and will continue looking for opportunities for further studies.

## Priscilla Parisa, AUSMAT Class of 2012

My goals were initially quite narrow and simple, and the thought of studying in America never even crossed my mind. But over time, MCKL opened my eyes – there were loads of seminars on undergraduate studies being held on campus throughout the year, and Ms Veronica and Ms Choong from the University Placement Office gave me plenty of guidance in selecting a place for further study.

I thank God for my time in MCKL because it helped me to plan ahead and set higher goals for myself.

I am now studying Economics in Truman State University (TSU), and it is quite an experience. The best part of studying here is the diversity and flexibility of courses.

I like being able to choose from a



variety of subjects outside of my major field, as it allows me to explore and discover my strengths and weaknesses. There aren't many places where you can pair up Chemistry with Painting! So you do not have to worry about being restricted solely to your major classes.

If you are concerned with cost,

TSU's scholarships are both reasonably achievable and substantial. I am on a President's Honorary Scholarship, and it has made my studies so much more affordable over here. Any way of reducing the financial burden on my parents is a good thing.

The people here are great, too. It is a very eye-opening experience to mingle with people from diverse backgrounds and to get their views on the world we live in.

Some of the most interesting people I've met are feminists, evangelical

Christians, gay activists and Mormons. They have given me new perspectives on life and improved my ability to express my thoughts and ideas to others.

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# BEATING THE ODDS

*"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."*

*- John F. Kennedy*

The Khazanah Global Scholarship is very prestigious and sought-after by Malaysian students in their pursuit of undergraduate and postgraduate studies in leading universities around the world. Thousands of Malaysia's top students apply each year, and only a handful of perhaps nine or ten will eventually be awarded the scholarship.

And last year, two of Methodist College Kuala Lumpur's (MCKL) students managed to do just that. Lok Chen-Yue and Ng Wai Lam managed to secure Khazanah Scholarships for their studies in University College London, UK and University of Oxford, UK, respectively.

According to their experience, students who wish to apply for the Khazanah Scholarship must be able to show their potential to be a vanguard in their field of interest and prove their relevant competence and knowledge, which should also include a variety of social skills. Excellent academic results are also essential, but that only gets applicants through the first gate. Applicants will still have to go through four stages of interviews conducted by the Directors of Khazanah themselves, and only 9 out of the 4000 applicants in that year eventually acquired the scholarship. In light of that, Ng Wai Lam and Lok Chen Yue have proven themselves as followers MCKL's vision: Excellence for Life.

Ng Wai Lam enrolled for the A Level programme in 2011 to study Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. Although one might see his choice as exemplary of the typical science student, his views on the matter are anything but. He notes that the Arts are often stigmatised in Malaysia and seen as somehow inferior to the Sciences, and is of the opinion that such an attitude is not helpful in the education of Malaysia's youth. Those whose talents lie in the Arts would be unnecessarily branded as inferior students, and might sometimes be forced into the Sciences and subsequently careers that they take no joy in, and therefore feel no passion or purpose in their working lives.

He did not get to thoroughly explore



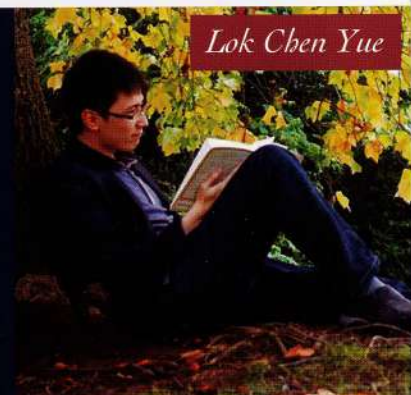
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the Arts in school due to this public perception, and laments the lost opportunity since he had always liked the English language and was rather interested in taking up English Literature. However, he ended up nurturing an interest in Biochemistry because that was what he was good at in school. To hear him say it, it was basically a case of taking the path of least resistance, developing an interest in it, and then deciding that it was what he wanted to do as a career.

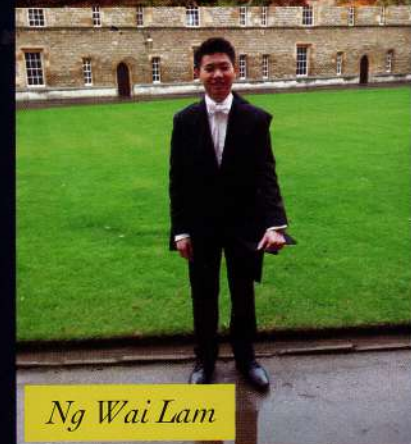
And MCKL played a part in helping him discover that passion. The College provided the foundation on which he built his passion by providing a conducive, competitive environment that encouraged him to push himself to participate in co-curricular activities in addition to his studies. He had the opportunity to attend a Bio-informatics Workshop at Perdana University and got to meet influential experts in the field.

He is now studying Biochemistry in the University of Oxford, UK, and he hopes to pioneer stem cell research in Malaysia and change the social view of the field into seeing it as a worthwhile investment of the country's resources. That passion is evident in his academic history, and played a vital role in excelling in his studies and securing the Khazanah scholarship.

Lok Chen-Yue, on the other hand, says that MCKL's environment played an important role in helping him to find his true calling in the Arts. Although MCKL's relatively strict rules regarding student behaviour took a little getting used to, he believes that it ultimately helped him to focus and hone his skills. Moreover, the low lecturer to student ratio meant that more attention could be given to students to nurture their strengths to compensate for their weaknesses. In his case, his budding interest in economics was well



Lok Chen Yue



Ng Wai Lam

nurtured and eventually culminated in an epiphany that it was the career that he would pursue in life.

Chen-Yue is now studying Economics in University College London, UK and plans to get into economic politics research, preferably in a party that is independent from political influence. His worry is that Malaysia has no independent voices guiding its economic policies, and that this is not very beneficial to the country's long-term interests.

As of today, Wai Lam and Chen-Yue are studying in their respective universities under the Khazanah Scholarship. MCKL is proud of their accomplishments, and we hope that many more students will follow in their footsteps.

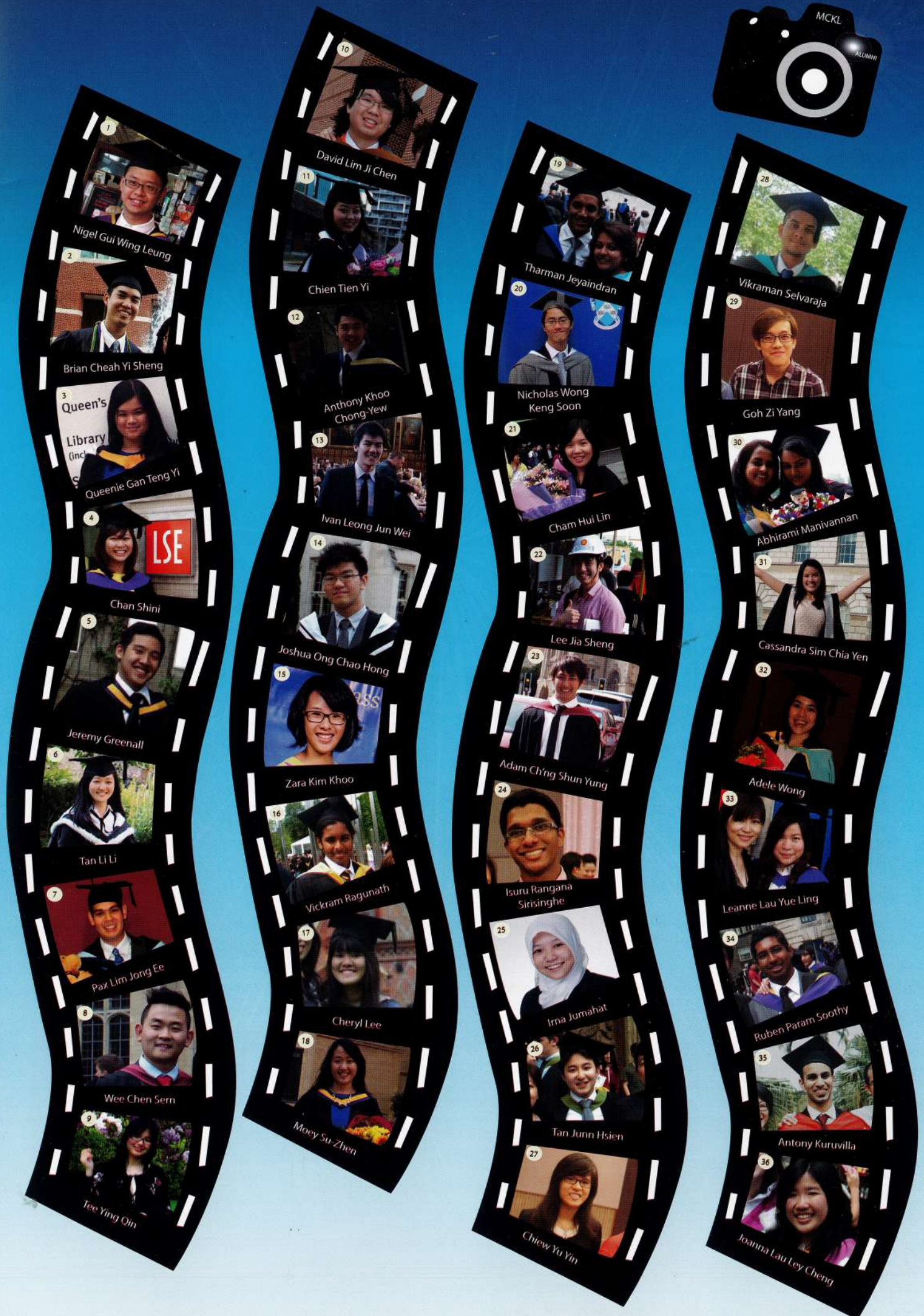
Congratulations To Our Alumni  
Graduates of 2013-2014 on  
Their Academic Excellence

1. Nigel Gui Wing Leung, The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, 1st Class Honours, Actuarial Science
2. Brian Cheah Yi Sheng, Truman State University, US, Summa Cum Laude in Economics
3. Queenie Gan Teng Yi, Imperial College, UK, 1st Class Honours, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
4. Chan Shini, The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, 1st Class Honours, Actuarial Science
5. Jeremy Greenall, University of Manchester, UK, 1st Class Honours, Mechanical Engineering
6. Tan Li Li, University of Oxford, UK, 1st Class Honours, Philosophy and Psychology, Currently reading her Masters in Philosophy in University of Cambridge, UK
7. Pax Lim Jong Ee, University of Nottingham, MY, 1st Class Honours, Civil Engineering
8. Wee Chen Sern, University of Bristol, UK, 1st Class Honours, Mechanical Engineering
9. Tee Ying Qin, University of Gloucestershire, UK, 1st Class Honours, Early Childhood Education
10. David Lim Ji Chen, Liberty University, US, Summa Cum Laude, Economics and Finance
11. Chien Tien Yi, Queen Mary University of London, 1st Class Honours, Economics
12. Anthony Khoo Chong-Yew, University of Hong Kong, HK, Bachelor in Economics and Finance
13. Ivan Leong Jun Wei, Imperial College, UK, Mechanical Engineering
14. Joshua Ong Chao Hong, University of Melbourne, AU, Commerce, Currently reading his Masters in Accounting in Swinburne University of Technology
15. Zara Kim Khoo, University of Gloucestershire, UK, Early Childhood Education
16. Vickram Ragnath, Keele University, UK, Accounting & Criminology, Outstanding Student of the Year 2014 in Accounting
17. Cheryl Lee, Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, MY, Bachelor of Law
18. Moey Su-Zhen, University of Manchester, UK, Masters in Chemical Engineering
19. Tharman Jeyaindran, Imperial College, UK, Civil Engineering
20. Nicholas Wong Keng Soon, University of York, UK, English Literature
21. Cham Hui Lin, City University of Hong Kong, HK, Accountancy and Law
22. Lee Jia Sheng, Imperial College, UK, Electrical & Electronic Engineering
23. Adam Ch'ng Shun Yung, University of Bristol, UK, Economics and Mathematics, Currently reading his Masters in Economics in University of Manchester
24. Isuru Rangana Siringhe, Monash University, MY, Medicine
25. Irna Jumahat, Nanyang Technological University, SG, BEng (Hons), Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
26. Tan Junn Hsien, University of Bath, UK, Economics
27. Chiew Yu Yin, Sunway University, MY, ACCA Qualification
28. Vikraman Selvaraja, Australian National University, AU, Geology, Currently reading his PhD in University of Western Australia, AU
29. Goh Zi Yang, Sunway University, MY, ACCA Qualification
30. Abhirami Manivannan, AIMST University, MY, Medicine
31. Cassandra Sim Chia Yen, King's College London, UK, Law
32. Adele Wong, Best Graduate for Medical Bioscience, Monash University
33. Leanne Lau Yue Ling, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, LLB Law
34. Ruben Param Soothy, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, Actuarial Science, Currently working in Bank Negara Malaysia
35. Antony Kuruvilla, Melaka Manipal Medical College, MY, Medicine
36. Joanna Lau Ley Cheng, University of Edinburgh, UK, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)

\*non-exhaustive list

*The real test of whether Methodist College is providing excellent education to the students is seen when the student succeeds in the university to which he or she goes.*

- Datin Nesamalar Nadarajah, Former Director of Academic Studies, MCKL



# MAKING IT THROUGH BAR SCHOOL

by Alitheia Wong, A Level Class of 2008



After slogging away for 3 years doing the LL.B, it's time to make a choice, either to carry on with a Masters or to do a professional course.

In the UK, there are 2 specific professional courses that a student can take. One, the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) or two, the Legal Practice Course (LPC).

Unfortunately, Malaysian students intending to come home and practise, can only choose to do the BPTC.

Application for the BPTC opens in November with a deadline sometime in January. Just a heads up, the application process involves 7 to 8 essays to be written. However, do not let this deter you from applying for the course. I must say that the BPTC has been one of the best parts of my legal education. Everything you thought the law was going to be, the BPTC offers.

Having said that though, it is not all Boston legal and no work; be prepared for long hours drafting opinions and awkward practices in front of the mirror for submission advocacy.

To help all you budding lawyers start your legal career, I have devised a short list of things to consider when applying for the BPTC.

## 1. FIND OUT ABOUT THE INNS OF COURT early

There are 4 Inns of Court, namely Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Gray's and Lincoln's. You can only apply to one. They are different but are all equal to each other.

You are allowed to be a student member of an Inn of Court even before enrolling for the BPTC. The benefit of doing so is that you'll be able to get some of your qualifying sessions done before starting the BPTC.

## 2. INNS SCHOLARSHIP

Knowing about your preferred Inn early will give you the added advantage of allowing you to apply for an Inns Scholarship. This Scholarship ranges on amount depending on the Inn of your choice.

The Inns Scholarship aims at aiding students with their BPTC fees and recipients of the scholarships are usually students who are very keen at remaining in the UK to practise.

The interview is quite intense and can be quite unnerving, but your personal tutors will always be more than happy to help you prepare for the interview.

## 3. YOUR LAW SCHOOL OF CHOICE

It is always good to find out about which law school you intend to do your BPTC at early.

Some law schools like City Law School allows prospective students to apply for their scholarships usually aimed at international students who are the first in their family to be a barrister.

Cardiff Law School on the other hand, makes it easy for students to either shadow a barrister or marshal a judge with their placement-week programmes.

Whichever you choose, All the BPTC providers are accredited by the Bar Standards Board, so it does not matter where you decide to do your BPTC, all your learning outcomes will be the same.

When choosing your BPTC provider, it is always a good idea to find out what elective subjects they offer and whether that law school has the subjects you want to take.

## 4. BAR STANDARDS BOARD

If you have any questions, email the Bar Standards Board (BSB). The BSB is very prompt with their replies, especially during application season.

Once everything is done, all you have to do now is enjoy an amazing 9 months of public speaking. Hah! Happy studying!



## Building A Case for MCKL

First Time Mooters Emerge As Competition Runner's Up



When Heng Jean Anne, Desmond Yap Xue Zing and David Tan Wei Ern signed up for the Bond University High School Mooting Competition Kuala Lumpur 2014 on 28 June, they were only hoping to gain exposure and enhance their skills in the courtroom. What the three MCKL A Level Law students didn't expect was to emerge the runners-up amongst the seven competing teams.

The elated trio of first-time mooters made up the only team representing MCKL in the competition, up against those from Taylors College Subang Jaya, Taylors College Sri Hartamas, and two teams each from INTI College and Wesley Methodist School Sentul. Success was all the sweeter since this was the first time a team from MCKL was participating in the competition.

This competition aims to introduce students to a courtroom environment—particularly for those interested in furthering their education in law, as well as to promote Bond University as a tertiary education institution option for international students who take part in the competition.

"A moot is a quite simply defined as a legal argument conducted by opposing teams before one or more judges," explains Jean. "The argument involves the application of legal rules to factual situations mirroring those dealt with by the courts every day.

"The winning team is decided by assessing the advocacy skills of the participants, rather than on the merits of the case. It is therefore possible for a team to lose the case, but win the moot."

"A moot team consists of a senior counsel (Desmond) and a junior counsel (David), both of whom were to present the arguments before the judge on the day of the moot itself, as well as an instructing solicitor (yours truly) who was tasked to research relevant material and prepare the speeches containing the law-based arguments.

"All these had to be done in the period

of time between our receiving the facts of the case law and the day of the moot, which was a mere six days apart. We spent every single one of the six days tossing around ideas, arguments and pieces of paper with bits of relevant information scribbled upon, trying to formulate a water-proof argument that would not only ensure the solidity of our stance as appellant, but also one that would also show forth our advocacy skills and articulating abilities which were, ultimately, the main elements we would be judged upon."

From the seven teams which participated this year, only two would move on to the final round. As the underdog team, Jean, David and Desmond were looking forward to the finals as spectators, not participants.

"After a lunch break, the two teams that made it to the finals were announced. To our complete surprise, (and slight horror), the team from Methodist College Kuala Lumpur had surpassed the performances of the other teams and was now contending with the team from Taylors College Subang Jaya for the first place, which included a 40% law scholarship at Bond University for each team member, a RM1000 cash prize and trophies as prizes. Both teams were given only half an hour to prepare and calm their frazzled nerves before presenting their final arguments before the judge and audience."

"In the end, we were awarded the runner-up place with Taylors College Subang Jaya taking home the gold. The prizes included certificates of participation, cash prizes as well as trophies.

The mooting team of three attributes much of its success to the

assistance of alumni Loi Kin-Hoe, currently reading law at Queen's University Belfast, Ireland.

Kin-Hoe's role as advisor-trainer was instrumental in preparing them with practical information and assisting them in developing strategies for the competition. Their Law lecturer, Mr Michael Moey, was also very supportive of the team and encouraged their participation in the competition.

"All in all, it was a modest accomplishment made sweeter by the novelty of our participation," beams Jean, "and if anything, it is a shared hope that though this may be the first time Methodist College Kuala Lumpur has ventured forth into unknown waters, it will not be the last."

The team's success at the mooting competition serves as an inspiration to others who wish to take part in future competitions and has re-sparked interest in setting up a College mooting club. The future of mooting at MCKL looks bright indeed.



# AN EDUCATION FOR THE ONES LEFT BEHIND



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Nor Arima (center), Norizaiful (4th from right) and Zulfahadila (2nd from right) at the remedial English programme graduation, pictured here with the CEO, Ms Moey Yoke Lai (3rd from right) and lecturers from the English and Early Childhood programmes; Sharing the culture: the Sengoi girls teaching traditional dances and craft to the staff of MCKL.

Bemoaning the state of education in Malaysia today is a very common activity in social gatherings today. Whilst it is true, many of us probably do not realise how grave the situation is for the children of Malaysia. Specifically, for all the children of Malaysia – not just the ones we see in the city and suburbs.

Finding a good school for our children is a major concern for practically every parent these days, but the truth is that we often do not realise how blessed we are in comparison to some of our neighbours.

For some, the quality of the school and education system does not even enter into consideration simply because they do not have the resources to get past the most basic barriers to a decent education – cost, transport and language proficiency.

This is a particularly pressing issue for the Orang Asli communities in Malaysia, as they are already facing battles on several fronts such as cultural erosion, loss of land and indifference from their fellow Malaysians. The lack of access to good education is likely to harm them a lot more in the long run than most Malaysian communities.

The Methodist Council of Education recognises this need, which is why in 2013, Nor Arima, Zulfahadila and Norizaiful from the Sengoi community in Kampung Lanchang Rancangan Pembangunan Semula Pos Betau, Pahang were sent to Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL), fully sponsored, to receive higher education.

However, before they could

begin their Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programme, they first had to contend with the language barrier that is so often faced by the Orang Asli. To assist them, MCKL's English faculty designed an English Language course specifically for their needs, to help bridge the gap between their proficiency in the language with the requirements of tertiary education.

Zulfahadila admitted that the prospect of studying in the city so far from home was daunting at first, partly because they could not communicate well with their fellow Malaysians and partly because the Orang Asli village was very close to their hearts.

"We were scared at first. [Orang Asli] usually don't like to leave their village," she said. But after five months or so of hard work in intensive English Classes, they had acquired the necessary proficiency in order to communicate effectively and were finally ready for the ECE course.

All three of them have enrolled in the 2014 January intake for ECE, and are working hard to prepare themselves for a career in teaching the future generations of Malaysia.

Norizaiful expressed interest in gaining experience from working in the city, but nevertheless remembers that their time spent in MCKL is more importantly a part of their mission to help the Orang Asli community take a more active role in shaping Malaysia's future, a role that has been out of their reach for far too long. As Nor Arima puts it, "We want to go back and teach the children in our village when we finish."

Aside from their academic growth, it has also been a wonder to witness these students growing as persons. All three of them expressed a joy in learning and were happy to have the opportunity to

befriend fellow Malaysians of different ethnicities from different communities.

"It was an interesting journey, and now that we have new friends, it is not so bad," says Zulfahadila.

Indeed, it is most heartening to see that they are following in the footsteps of Ranimah Oransum, one of their seniors from the Dusun community in Sabah who recently completed the ECE programme. She too was driven by a desire to help her community, and it is our hope that many more students will choose a similar path of Christ-like service through life.

However, we should also remember that these are just the first few steps in the long journey of helping our neighbours.

Miss Khor Kheng Leik, the Deputy Director of Academic Studies, considers it "a privilege to witness their lives being transformed", but also stressed that more needs to be done.

In the future, MCKL and its affiliates would like to be able to send people to Orang Asli villages to train new teachers so that their communities can become self-sufficient when it comes to early childhood education, which would in turn alleviate some of the difficulties that they face when it comes to sending their children for higher education.

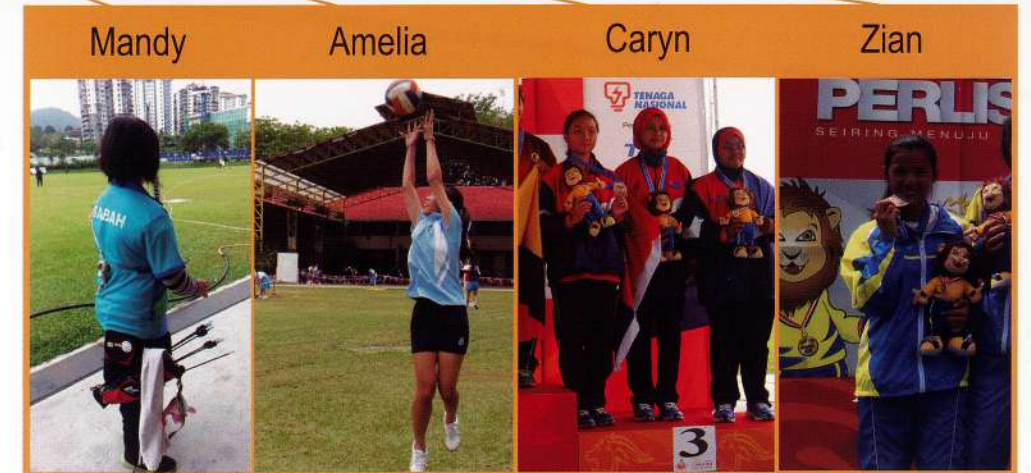
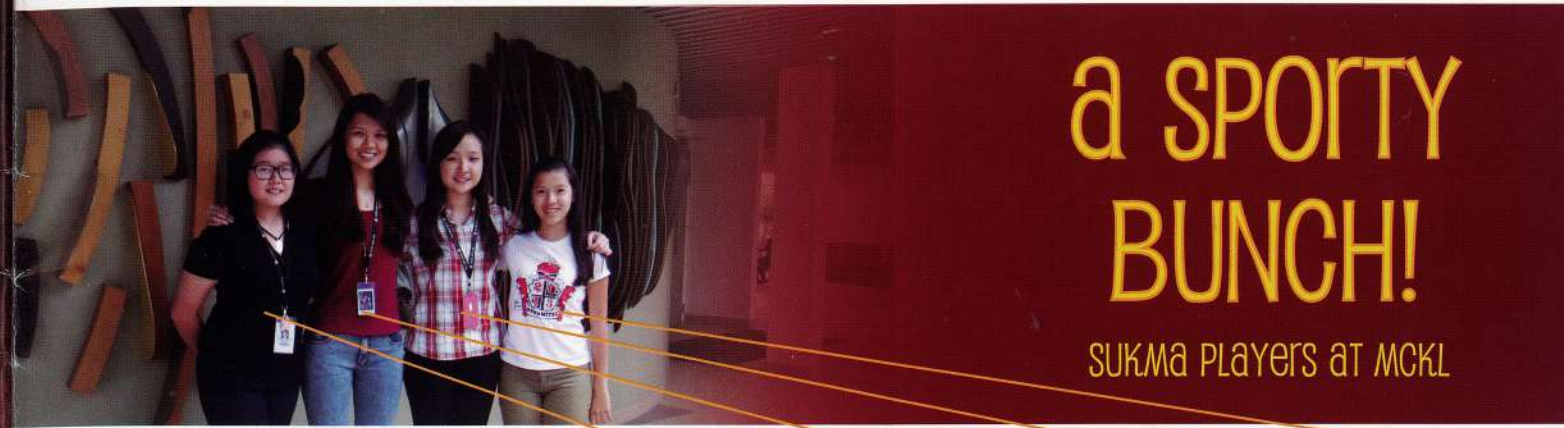
Miss Moey Yoke Lai, the CEO of MCKL, views this endeavour as a privilege and duty of the College and puts it thus, "We realise afresh the mandate given to the College by the Methodist Church of Malaysia – to provide quality education for the youth of our nation."

*Due to personal reasons, Norizaiful is taking a break from studies. Meanwhile, Nor Arima and Zulfahadila are adjusting well and will be completing the first year of the Diploma programme this December. They are looking forward to the long holidays, which they will spend back home in Pahang.*

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# a SPORTY BUNCH!

SUKMA PLAYERS AT MCKL



Methodist College Kuala Lumpur has long been a proponent of holistic education, which would include physical learning and exercise in addition to the standard academic learning that is expected of all tertiary institutions.

In light of that, it is most encouraging to see that many students take this sentiment to heart as well. The latter half of this year's enrolments included several students from all over Malaysia with impressive co-curricular achievements and diverse backgrounds and motivations.

For example, Amelia Low Sue Wern was a 2013 Sukan Malaysia (SUKMA) finalist for netball before she enrolled in the Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) Programme this year. Prior to that, she had been an active athlete in her alma mater SMK Ave Maria Convent, Ipoh, and had trained very hard for the event in addition to studying in Form 6. She then went to Residential Bible School (RBS) from January till March before going back to school to coach her juniors and finally joining MCKL in August.

She joined the ECE programme because she loves children, and believes that although they tend to be more rude these days, a good upbringing and disciplining could still bring out the best in them.

Amelia is still contemplating her next step upon completing her diploma in 2016, including majoring in special education.

"I'm considering taking it to the degree level, but I'm not sure yet. I've dealt with special needs children and taken care of children in church camps before, and it's tough," Amelia says.

Caryn Sim Zia Ling is also another SUKMA finalist, and she won the bronze medal for archery this year. Hailing from Johore, her

experience with archery began as early as Standard 4, and she even got to train alongside national athletes like Nur Syafiqah Hashim in Majlis Sukan Negeri's open training sessions when she reached Form 4.

Much like Sue Wern, she joined MCKL's ECE programme this August and has a passion for teaching children. She believes that education is essential for children and that more competent and caring teachers are sorely needed in the field. In the future, she wishes to go around Malaysia, educating children from poor backgrounds.

Aside from them, MCKL also has students like Sabahan Mandy Lee and Penangite Zian Kim Khoo, who have taken part in interstate competitions organised by Majlis Sukan Sekolah Malaysia (MSSM) for archery and tennis, respectively. They both also participated in SUKMA, but Zian has additional experience participating in a BMW tournament as well as a prior SUKMA participation in 2011.

While Mandy enrolled for A Levels and plans to study psychology, Zian registered for the American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) and plans to later pursue a career in physiotherapy inspired by her involvement in sports.

And, perhaps most amazingly, all of these students who had become acquainted from their experiences in SUKMA were reunited here, recognising each other when they arrived in college despite having made separate, independent decisions to join MCKL from homes in different states. They truly exemplify the college's emphasis on well-rounded individuals coming together for nation-building, proving that college isn't just for bookworms.

*Homegrown Star Scholars*



At this year's Star Education Fund Award Presentation, Director of Institutional Development Mr. Khoo Teng Sooi was pleasantly surprised to discover several MCKL students were awarded the scholarship to pursue their degree courses, including Khoo Kah Meng at University of Nottingham Malaysia (Psychology), Kenneth Boo Beng Wee at INTI International University (Civil Engineering), Ng Hong Syuen at Brickfields Asia College (Law) and Wong Yew Mun at UCSI University (Chemical Engineering), some of whom are second-time recipients of this award.

*Application Helps Make MPU & MPW Subjects Relatable, Relevant and Fun!*



*Guest Lectures and University Visits*



*Hosting Exchange Students*



*Fun Events and Orientation Programmes Throughout The Year! Dress up or dress down...*



*A United Front Abroad*

Our alumni at Messiah College, US, sharing about our culture, and standing united through this tough year.



*A Standard Chartered Tradition*



As what seems to be quickly forming into tradition, MCKL was proudly represented by its students at the 2014 Standard Chartered Kuala Lumpur Marathon, and emerged the runners-up for the second time in a row.

Inspired by their seniors last year, this year's runners proudly brought home their medals, and

pleasantly surprised CEO Ms Moey Yoke Lai when they presented her with another trophy for the College.

We congratulate the participants on their zeal to maintain active lifestyles and their support for the College.

*Fundraising and Community-based Activities*



*Young Nation Builders & Model United Nations Clubs' Awareness Events on Campus*



*Suit Up Day*



*Graduating at last!*



*Highlights of STUDENT LIFE @ MCKL*

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# METHODIST COLLEGE KUALA LUMPUR

*Celebrating 31 Years of Academic Excellence*



Chew Kwang Liang, Class of 2011  
Economics & Applied Mathematics  
Yale University, US  
(the only Malaysian admitted in 2011)  
Yale University Scholarship



Tong Kin Seng, Class of 2012  
Medicine  
University of Oxford, UK  
(the only Malaysian admitted into the medical programme in 2012)



How Han Ming, Class of 2013  
Film Studies & Economics  
Wesleyan University, US  
Freeman Asian Scholarship  
(the only Malaysian recipient in 2013)  
& AMCHAM-MACEE Scholarship



Liew Jin Soong, Class of 2014  
Economics & Literature  
Wesleyan University, US  
Freeman Asian Scholarship  
(the only Malaysian recipient in 2014)



Samuel Lim Qi En, Class of 2014  
Mathematics  
Imperial College, UK  
JPA Scholarship  
(obtained the highest mark in the world for CIE A Level Mathematics in the November 2013 exams)



Liam Ong Boon Keat, Class of 2014  
Natural Sciences  
(Physics Stream)  
University of Cambridge, UK



Ngu Kirjon, Class of 2014  
Engineering  
University of Oxford, UK

*Congratulates Our Students on Their Admission to Top Universities in 2014\**



Mun Siew Meng, Class of 2013  
Civil & Structural Engineering  
Imperial College, UK  
Gamuda Scholarship



Benedict Tan Wen Liang, Class of 2014  
English Literature  
Durham University, UK  
Astro Scholarship



Jamie Wu Zhen Zhen, Class of 2014  
Dentistry  
King's College London, UK  
JPA Scholarship



James Utama Surjadi, Class of 2014  
Mechatronic Engineering  
City University of Hong Kong, HK  
CUHK Top Scholarship for International Students & College of Science and Engineering Scholarship



Lee Chiou Yifu, Class of 2014  
Government & Economics  
London School of Economics, UK  
LSE Undergraduate Support Scheme Award



Tien Eu Min, Class of 2014  
Psychology  
University College London, UK  
Maxis Scholarship



Lim Jie Sheng, Class of 2013  
Actuarial Science  
University of Melbourne, AU  
JPA Scholarship



Lim Yi Ying, Class of 2014  
Law  
University of Warwick, UK  
JPA Scholarship



Chua Shar Min, Class of 2014  
Actuarial Science & Mathematics  
University of Manchester, UK  
Securities Commission Scholarship



Roumen Guha, Class of 2014  
Engineering  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, US  
AMCHAM-MACEE Scholarship



Charin Teh En-Yin, Class of 2014  
Mechanical Engineering  
University of Surrey, UK  
Maybank Scholarship



Quek Yew Choong, Class of 2014  
Biochemistry  
Imperial College, UK  
JPA Scholarship



Chee Joey, Class of 2014  
Actuarial Science  
London School of Economics, UK  
JPA Scholarship



Ng Chew Hou, Class of 2014  
Mathematics  
Imperial College, UK  
JPA Scholarship



Ng Wei Liang, Class of 2014  
Law  
University of Warwick, UK  
JPA Scholarship



Jeynn Chong Jie Ern, Class of 2014  
Dentistry  
University of Glasgow, UK  
JPA Scholarship



Angeline Leong Zi Xin, Class of 2014  
English Language & Literature  
Messiah College, US  
Provost Scholarship



Beh Su Jane, Class of 2014  
Biology  
University of York, UK  
MCKL Teaching Scholarship



Tan You Han Ervin, Class of 2013  
Economics  
University of Nottingham, MY  
Securities Commission Scholarship



Justin Lee Jia Yao, Class of 2014  
Genetics  
University College Dublin, IE  
UCD Global Undergraduate Scholarship



Tang Yan Ran, Class of 2014  
Agriculture  
University of Saskatchewan, CA  
Canpotex Ltd Full Scholarship

NAME	SCHOLARSHIP	UNIVERSITY ADMISSION	PROGRAMME	NAME	UNIVERSITY ADMISSION	PROGRAMME
Airi Watanabe	CUHK Top Scholarship for Int'l Students; College of Science & Engineering Scholarship	City University of Hong Kong, HK	Applied Biology	Alicia Tan Ai Lynn	National University of Ireland, IE	Medicine
Alicia Tan Li Yi	Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship	Sunway University, MY	Accounting & Finance	Ang Jer Weann	University of Wisconsin-Madison, US	Biology
Chow Yan Yee	JPA Scholarship	University of Manchester, UK	Pharmacy	Angeline Hong Hee Yan	The University of Hong Kong, HK	Accounting and Finance
Chua Meng Yee	HKPU Entry Scholarship	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK	Accounting and Finance	Anita Ling Sin Yee	National University of Ireland, IE	Medicine
Katrina Chan	Messiah College Provost Scholarship	Messiah College, US	International Business	Deanna Nicole Lee Nyuk Mei	International Medical University, MY	Dentistry
Khoong Han Meng	The Star Education Fund	University of Nottingham, MY	Psychology & Cognitive Neuro Science	Divyansh Joshi	University of Bath, UK	Mechanical Engineering
Joshua Liaw Dong Xiong	NDSU Academic & Cultural Sharing Scholarship	North Dakota State University, US	Mechanical Engineering	Edward Yee Kwan-Shuen	University of Melbourne, AU	Architecture
Lee Su Wen	JPA Scholarship	University of Manchester, UK	Actuarial Science & Mathematics	Emily Wong Li Min	London School of Economics, UK	Accounting & Finance
Liew Shao Hian	JPA Scholarship	University of Manchester, UK	Law	Foong King Yoong	University of New South Wales, AU	Engineering
Liew Zhen Yuan	High Achievers Scholarship	University of Nottingham, MY	Mechanical Engineering	Gerald Mok Jun-Weng	University of Edinburgh, UK	Veterinary Medicine
Lim Sheau Yun	High Achievers Scholarship	University of Nottingham, MY	Pharmacy	Hannah Lee Rou En	Gadjah Mada University, ID	Veterinary Medicine
Lim Zhouou	JPA Scholarship	University of Manchester, MY	Mechanical Engineering	Ho Wei Jie	Imperial College London, UK	Mechanical Engineering
Loh Ming May	JPA Scholarship	London School of Economics, UK	Pharmacy	Hoa King Zen	International Medical University, MY	Medicine
Loo Ying Syuen	Heniot-Watt University Undergraduate Hardship Scholarship	Heniot-Watt University, MY	Mechanical Engineering	Jeremy Tan Jia Ming	Imperial College London, UK	Materials Science & Engineering
Lydia Wan Shin Yee	Messiah College Provost Scholarship	Messiah College, US	Actuarial Science	Jeremy Wong Zi-Jun	University of Melbourne, AU	Mechanical Engineering
Mok Jia Yi	McGill University Entrance Scholarship	McGill University, CA	Actuarial Science	Joanna Grace Lee Cho Ern	University of Melbourne, AU	Bachelor of Science
Mok Zhuang Yu	Monash University High Achiever Award	Monash University, MY	Actuarial Science	Jonathan Choy Jan Hoong	University of Hong Kong, HK	Mechanical Engineering
Newsha Azezi	High Achievers Scholarship	University of Nottingham, MY	Actuarial Science	Joshua Ng Si Hao	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	Biological Science
Ng Wern Shing	University of Wollongong Merit Scholarship	University of Wollongong, AU	Actuarial Science	Josiah Nicholas Ponnudurai	University of Notre Dame, US	Liberal Arts
Rebecca Chong Sze Ling	Great Eastern Supremacy Scholarship	HELP University, MY	Economics	Kimberley Chien Lu Tan	University of Otago, NZ	Biomedical Science
Ruth Quek Yi Xin	JPA Scholarship	University of Melbourne, AU	Dietetics	Kuah Ken Ning	Heriot-Watt University, UK	Actuarial Sciences
Samuel Anthony Kandasamy	Monash University High Achiever Award	Monash University, MY	Bachelor of Science	Leow Jing Ying	Universiti Sains Malaysia, MY	Accounting
Suresh Yoganthram	Academic Merit Scholarship	University of the West of England, UK	Pharmacy	Lim Yan Tong	King's College London, UK	Economics & Management
Tan Yin Yi	JPA Scholarship	University of Queensland, AU	Mathematics (Applied Statistics)	Loo Yi Jia	International Medical University, MY	Medicine
Wang Junmey	Messiah College Provost Scholarship	Messiah College, US	Law	Low Soon Jin	King's College London, UK	Mathematics with Management & Finance
Wong Ee Loo	JPA Scholarship	University of Melbourne, AU	Accounting & Finance	Nicholas Phan Wee Wern	UCSI University, MY	Medicine
Yee Shi Mun	JPA Scholarship	University College London, UK	Business & Commerce	Nicole Wong See Yen	University of Melbourne, AU	Commerce
Aaron Tan Ming Zhi	JPA Scholarship	Newcastle University, MY	Aerospace Engineering	Patricia Wong Yeong Yee	Monash University, MY	Medicine
Adrian John Leong Chun Keong	JPA Scholarship	Newcastle University, MY	Pharmacy	Rheena Lee Yi Xian	King's College London, UK	Medicine
Adrian Yap Yee Chin	JPA Scholarship	City University London, UK	Economics	Shankar Loganathan	International Medical University, MY	English Language & Literature
			Accounting & Finance	Tan Khai Wen	Queen's University Belfast, UK	Medicine
			Medicine	Wong Jo Ann	University of Warwick, UK	Accounting & Finance
			Actuarial Science	Yap Woei Cong	International Medical University, MY	Medicine