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Foreword

Dear MCKL's Igniters & Trailblazers,

Welcome to MCKL's illuminating 'Flame' newsletter, our first quarter edition of 2025.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

This quarter, we proudly celebrated the graduation of 369 students at our Kuala Lumpur campus and 88 students in Penang who have embraced knowledge, embodied perseverance, and stepped forward with purpose. But graduation is not merely the end of a chapter; it is the beginning of a journey to influence the world for the better.

Beyond academic achievements, our students have demonstrated excellence beyond the classroom, securing remarkable victories in the National SPM Bible Knowledge Oral Quiz, the Kijang Economics Competition, and the Kangaroo Maths Competition.

Success is not measured by titles or accolades alone, but by the impact we make in the lives of others. At MCKL, we believe that true excellence is not self-serving but extends outward, touching hearts and uplifting communities. This is why, as we move forward, we remain guided by the principle, "Seek to Serve".

This is not a new direction but a natural continuation of the values we see in our students' dedication. It echoes the words of Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

In 2025, our focus will be on cultivating a spirit of service through initiatives that:

- Foster empathy and compassion
- Promote civic engagement
- Encourage sustainable and impactful practices

We believe in equipping our students not just with knowledge, but with a heart for service, a deep sense of responsibility, and the courage to stand as beacons of hope and positive change. As we embark on this transformative journey together, let us remember the call in Galatians 6:9:

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

May we move forward with purpose, dedication, and unwavering faith, knowing that every small act of kindness can spark a flame that brightens the world.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Chua Ping Yong Chief Executive Officer, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur

FROM ECONOMICS TO MATHEMATICS:

MCKL PYKETT STUDENTS PROVE THEIR PROWESS



MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) continues to shine on the national and international stage, with its students excelling in prestigious academic competitions. This year, students from the Cambridge A Level (CAL) programme showcased their talent in the Kijang Economics Competition 2024 and the Kangaroo Maths Competition 2024, bringing home top awards and recognition. Their achievements reflect MCKL's commitment to academic excellence and its students' dedication to mastering their fields.

Kijang Economics Competition 2024

The Kijang Economics Competition is a national economics competition for secondary schools and pre-university students, which aims to challenge students' economics knowledge through economics, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business.

The top 10% of participants received Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medals and Award Certificates. The next 40% received Honourable Mention Certificates, and the next 50% received Certificates of Participation.

This year, Vinceton Yeoh Tze Chung achieved the highest award category, securing a Gold Award. This was followed by Leong Yi Shen and Poh Xiao Xun, who both received Bronze Awards. The remaining eight students all received Honourable Mention Certificates.

An awards ceremony was held at the Pykett Campus to celebrate the students' achievements. Dr Gerard Boey, Principal of MCKL College, presented the awards and certificates to the students and their teacher advisor, Ms Lee Bui Bui.



Kangaroo Math Competition 2024

Eight Pre-U students from MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) participated in the Kangaroo Maths Competition (Student Category: Forms 5, 6 & Pre-U).

The Kangaroo Maths Competition is an international school-level mathematics competition organised by the Association Kangourou sans Frontières (AKSF), a transnational educational group based in Paris. Founded in the early 1980s, the Kangaroo Maths Competition is currently the world's largest mathematics competition, with over 6 million participants from more than 100 countries in 2024.

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The outstanding performances in both the Kijang Economics Competition 2024 and Kangaroo Maths Competition 2024 are a testament to the students' hard work, perseverance, and passion for learning. MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) celebrates their success and looks forward to even greater achievements in the future. Congratulations to all the winners and participants for making the college proud!







MCKL'S HIGH ACHIEVERS SOARING OVERSEAS:

FULL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT,

DAMIEN CHIM'S JOURNEY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY



This achievement is incredibly rewarding, not just for me but also as

a gift to the people who have supported me

—my parents and my lecturer, Mr Ban



From MCKL to the world, our high achievers continue to make waves at top universities across the globe. One such outstanding alumnus is Damien Chim, who is currently pursuing Computer Science at the University of Sydney on a full scholarship.

His remarkable achievements include securing a Top in the World score for AS Level Physics during the Outstanding Cambridge Learners Award, November 2023 Exam Series. As one of first graduating students from MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus), it was a remarkable feat that cements his place among the brightest young minds in the field.

A Leap of Faith into A Levels at MCKL

For Damien, choosing Cambridge A Level at MCKL was a decision driven by opportunity and ambition.

"After graduating high school, I was unsure about which field to pursue for my tertiary studies, so I decided to take on Cambridge A Level. Upon research, it became clear that MCKL is one of the top providers for Cambridge A Level in Malaysia. Coincidentally, MCKL had just set up a new campus in Penang and offered very generous scholarships. So, I took a leap of faith and enrolled. Looking back, I can safely say it was one of the best decisions I have made in my education journey."

This decision not only provided Damien with a strong academic foundation but also led him to one of his greatest achievements—the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award for AS Level Physics.

Achieving Top in the World: A Reward for Hard Work

Earning the Top in the World award for AS Level Physics was a defining moment for Damien.

"Achieving this award is a testament to my proficiency in Physics. Ever since high school, I have been deeply interested in the subject and have dedicated an extensive amount of effort to mastering it. This achievement is incredibly rewarding, not just for me but also as a gift to the people who have supported me—my parents and my lecturer, Mr. Ban."

His passion and commitment to academic excellence ultimately paved the way for his full scholarship to the University of Sydney, where he is now pursuing his dream in Computer Science.

Advice for Future A Level Students

For students considering Cambridge A Level (CAL) at MCKL, Damien emphasises the importance of deep understanding and consistent practice.

"To excel in Cambridge A Level, you need to truly understand the concept before applying it in exams. The questions can be tricky, and surface-level knowledge will not be enough. Beyond that, practice is crucial—keep testing yourself, refine your understanding, and don't hesitate to seek help when needed."

Damien Chim's inspiring journey from MCKL to the University of Sydney exemplifies how hard work, determination, and a strong foundation in tertiary education, coupled with a supportive environment, can lead to outstanding global success.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS:

LAUNCHING CAREERS FROM INTERNSHIPS

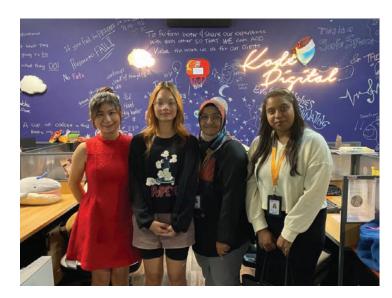
At MCKL, we take immense pride in our students' accomplishments, especially when they successfully transition from internships to full-time careers. Our diploma programmes are designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to thrive in their chosen fields. This year, two outstanding graduates from MCKL Penang, Pykett Campus, one from our inaugural cohort and another from the subsequent cohort, who have now made their mark in the professional world.

Renee Lim Wei JingDiploma in Computer Science

Renee Lim Wei Jing began her internship journey with Kode Digital Sdn. Bhd. on 26 August 2024. Through her dedication, hard work, and a natural aptitude for learning, Renee was offered a position as a Web Developer Apprentice after completing her 12-week internship.

Her employer praised her as an "exceptionally quick learner" who consistently excels in grasping new programming languages and tackling complex tasks. In MCKL's Penang Pykett campus, Renee was known for her responsiveness in class and her commitment to completing tasks with precision and determination. These qualities have clearly set her apart as a rising star in the tech industry.

Through her Diploma in Computer Science, Renee's success story highlights the programme's practical and industry-focused approach



Rachel Tang Chi Yan Diploma in Digital Marketing

Rachel Tang Chi Yan completed her internship at the prestigious G Hotel, where her contributions left a lasting impression. According to her supervisor, Angel Kong, Rachel demonstrated exceptional talent in digital content creation, a strong work ethic, and the ability to adapt quickly to new tasks.

"She is a great help to the department and works well with everyone," Angel remarked. Rachel's knack for collaboration and creativity not only enhanced the department's projects but also solidified her role as an indispensable team member.

Rachel's success highlights the value of the Diploma in Digital Marketing, which prepares students to excel in real-world scenarios and build rewarding careers in the dynamic field of marketing.



These success stories are a testament to the exceptional education and training provided at MCK. By equipping students with industry-relevant skills and fostering a culture of excellence, we are proud to see our graduates not only excel during their internships but also secure promising career opportunities. At MCKL, we remain committed to shaping future-ready professionals who are highly sought after by employers, ensuring their success in an ever-evolving job market.

CELEBRATING TOP STUDENTS

AND THEIR GLOBAL SUCCESS AT MCKL



Eleven Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) students were recognized at the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards Malaysia (OCLA) for the June 2024 examination series, held at the Sime Darby Convention Centre on 28th November 2024. Their exceptional achievements spanned Accounting, Business, Law, Further Mathematics, English General Paper, and Mathematics.

Among the awardees was Chan Zi Tong, who excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities. She secured the Top in Malaysia award for Business while also founded Beyond 20, a student-led initiative at MCKL that cultivates a culture of consistent and collaborative community service. Reflecting on her experience, Zi Tong shared that balancing these commitments fostered her growth and self-improvement. "Managing everything required balancing my studies with extracurricular activities. These challenges instilled valuable lessons in resilience and time management. At MCKL, I received the guidance I needed to thrive both academically and personally."

Another remarkable achiever, Edwen Wong, earned the Top in the World award for AS Level Mathematics and is now pursuing his higher education in Architecture at RWTH Aachen University, Germany. Reflecting on his journey, he stated, "Studying in Germany was always my aspiration. MCKL significantly facilitated my path towards achieving it."

Likewise, Josiah Kho, who secured a place at the University of Southampton to study Computer Science, achieved the prestigious Top in the World award for A Level Further Mathematics. Looking back, he shared, "There were times when I doubted the challenging path I had chosen, but my parents and lecturers provided unwavering support with their invaluable advice and experiences."

MCKL has nurtured high achievers since 2013, a legacy reaffirmed by consecutive accolades of Top in the World and Top in Malaysia. These achievements exemplify MCKL's commitment to empowering students and providing exceptional educational services.











































GRADUATIO

GRADUATION & AWARDS CEREMONY 2025





KL CAMPUS

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Datuk Dr Chiam Heng Keng Award 2025

Sheetal A/P Trikamlal

Computing Programmes

Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong Award 2025

lan Jaden Peter

Diploma in Social Work

Tan Sri Dato' Dr Tan Chee Khoon Award 2025

Nuur'ain Binti Mohd Kharir

Cambridge A Level

Yin Kam Yoke Award 2025

Goh Jun Han
for Best Performance
GCE A Level Examination November 2024

Business Programmes

Moey Yoke Lai Award 2025

Choo Yang Wei

AUSMAT

(Western Australian Certificate of Education)

Datuk F R Bhupalan Award 2025

Benjamin Ng Sheng-Yue for achieving the highest ATAR with a minimum 95.00

PENANG CAMPUS

Business Programmes

Moey Yoke Lai Award 2025

Leann Pneh Ern Rou

Computing Programmes

Dato' Dr Tan Kee Kwong Award 2025

Shirlyn Chew Ming Huey

Cambridge A Level

Yin Kam Yoke Award 2025

Chim Seng Yuan for Best Performance GCE A Level Examination June 2024 Cambridge A Level

Yin Kam Yoke Award 2025

Khoo Jing Shan for Best Performance GCE A Level Examination November 2024 AUSMAT
(Western Australian Certificate of Education)

Datuk F R Bhupalan Award 2025

Chen Ling for achieving the highest ATAR with a minimum 95.00

MCKL'S HIGH ACHIEVERS SOARING OVERSEAS:

FULL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, SIA REI ZEN'S JOURNEY TO KYOTO UNIVERSITY

From MCKL to Kyoto University, Sia Rei Zen is a shining example of how determination, hard work, and the right academic foundation can lead to incredible opportunities. A graduate of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (AUSMAT) at MCKL, Sia is currently pursuing a Degree in Economics at Kyoto University on a full scholarship—an achievement he describes as surreal.

A Clear Path to Success

For Sia, choosing AUSMAT at MCKL was a strategic decision. He saw it as a gateway to universities worldwide, not just in Australia. "MCKL offered the right mix of structure and support, making it a good place to focus on academics and get the most out of the AUSMAT programme."

His dedication and perseverance paid off in the best way possible—a full scholarship to one of Japan's most prestigious universities.

"Getting a full scholarship to Kyoto University was honestly surreal. It felt like everything I worked so hard for finally paid off. It is a mix of relief, excitement, and gratitude. Knowing I could attend such a respected university without worrying about finances was an incredible blessing, and it just reminded me of how much all those late nights and sacrifices were worth it."

The MCKL Experience: A Strong Foundation

Sia credits much of his success to the supportive learning environment at MCKL.

"I am grateful for the teachers and the support system at MCKL. My teachers gave me so much help, breaking down complex concepts and guiding me through the AUSMAT curriculum. Then, there were my classmates, who created a great environment of encouragement and competition that kept me going."

Reflecting on his time at MCKL, Sia shares three key memories that shaped his journey:

Lifelong Friendships

"The friendships I built at MCKL were invaluable. Being around people who were driven and supportive made a big difference—it felt like we were all pushing each other to do our best, which really helped me stay motivated."

Dedicated Educators

"My teachers were amazing. A few of them took the time to really help me understand the material and even encouraged me when things got tough. Having that kind of guidance made a huge impact on my confidence and performance."

The Final Stretch

"The last few weeks before exams were intense. Late-night study sessions, group revisions, and the pressure to perform—it was exhausting but also one of the most rewarding experiences. Looking back, I realise those moments made me stronger and more prepared for future challenges."

Advice for Future AUSMAT Students

Sia encourages future AUSMAT students to be prepared for a rigorous but rewarding journey.

"My advice is to be prepared for a challenging programme but know that it is worth it if you are serious about university. Time management is key—start building a solid study habit early on, and do not hesitate to reach out to teachers and friends when you need help. AUSMAT opens a lot of doors, so keep your eyes on the goal and take it one step at a time, even when things feel overwhelming."

Sia's story is a testament to how MCKL's AUSMAT programme empowers students to reach their full potential and secure opportunities at top universities worldwide. As he continues his journey at Kyoto University, he carries with him the values and lessons learned at MCKL—ready to soar even higher.



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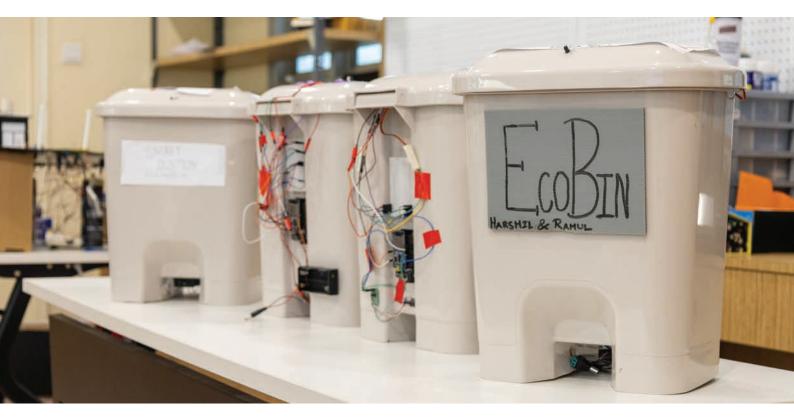
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REVOLUTIONISING EDUCATION WITH

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

AT MCKL



In today's fast-paced world, a degree from a prestigious university alone is no longer a guarantee of success. Employers are increasingly prioritising graduates who possess not only technical expertise but also critical soft skills such as communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking. These are the very qualities that distinguish exceptional IT professionals from the rest.

At Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL), we recognise this shift and are committed to preparing our students to meet these demands. Through innovative teaching approaches like project-based learning, our diploma programmes focus on equipping students with the skills needed to thrive in the modern workforce.

Why Project-Based Learning?

Project-based learning (PBL) is a proven method that engages students in solving real-world challenges, encouraging them to actively apply their knowledge. This hands-on approach is more relevant than ever in the Al era, where finding answers is easy, but solving complex problems remains a critical skill. At MCKL, we believe in nurturing thinkers and problem-solvers, not just exam-takers.

Learning Through Real-World Projects

A shining example of MCKL's commitment to experiential learning is a project undertaken by our computing diploma students to integrate Internet of Things (IoT) technology with Data Analytics. The students designed and implemented a Smart Waste Management System, tailored for the MCKL campus.



This project involved the creation of smart waste bins equipped with sensors like ultrasonic and weight sensors to monitor fill levels and optimise waste collection. Students worked with cutting-edge hardware such as ESP32 microcontrollers and used software tools including Arduino IDE for programming, Thingspeak for data storage and analysis, Tinkercad for circuit design, and Blynk Apps for real-time monitoring and alerts.

This initiative aligns with current industry trends, as smart technology and data analytics are revolutionising resource management across various sectors. The ability to collect and analyse data through IoT is key to improving operational efficiencies in industries from waste management to smart cities. MCKL's project not only exposes students to these emerging technologies but also provides them with practical skills they can apply in the workforce.

The system collects anonymised data to analyse waste generation patterns across campus. This data is used to identify high-waste areas, enabling targeted solutions like adding more bins, increasing bin sizes, or scheduling more frequent cleaning. This application of technology benefits not only resource management but also the campus environment, making it a win-win solution.

Developing Future-Ready Graduates

For students, this project was more than just an assignment. It was an opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge to create practical solutions for real-world problems. They learned to collaborate, troubleshoot, and innovate—skills that are essential for IT professionals. The group-based nature of the project fostered teamwork, helping students develop crucial collaboration skills that are in high demand in the workplace.

Through initiatives like this, MCKL empowers students to go beyond textbooks and exams. By integrating practical learning into our curriculum, we ensure our graduates are equipped with the technical expertise and problem-solving capabilities that employers value.



Building Innovators, Not Just Graduates

At MCKL, we are not just teaching technology; we are cultivating innovators who can leverage it to make a difference. Our commitment to holistic education ensures that students graduate with the confidence and skills to lead in an ever-changing world.

If you're passionate about technology and aspire to become a future-ready IT professional, MCKL's diploma programs in computing might be your perfect launchpad. Discover how we're shaping the next generation of IT professionals—visit us at MCKL to learn more about our cutting-edge programs.

Together, let us build a future driven by innovation, one project at a time.





Thank you Stedfast!

for Turning Dreams into Reality at MCKL





MCKL has been enjoyable journey and it made me learn to manage my time wisely, balancing academics and Boys' Brigade. MCKL offers a great environment for growth, so make the most of it!

S/Sqt Brandon Choo

10th Kuala Lumpur Company MCKL-Stedfast Scholarship recipient for Diploma in Financial Technology



Being in Boys' Brigade and MCKL has helped me form a mindset that strives for excellence, *a never giving up spirit,* and trained my self discipline.

Cpl Raeanna Chua

2nd Subang Jaya Company MCKL-Stedfast Scholarship recipient for Cambridge A Level



MCKL was my choice because it truly offers *great opportunities to excel* in the college journey with equipping students with leadership and scholarship opportunity.

S/Sgt Chan Wai Mun

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8th Petaling Jaya Company MCKL-Stedfast Scholarship recipient for Diploma in Early Childhood Education "



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SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL; FAILURE IS NOT FATAL: IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS

— WINSTON CHURCHILL

