



MUTIARA INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SDN BHD

(391277-M)

DISCOVERING POTENTIAL • LEARNING TO CARE • RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

12th November 2018

MIGS/ADM/JS/PS/2018-0010

Dear Junior School Parents,

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

We are committed towards providing instructional, enrichment programmes, in meeting the needs of our students. In accordance with our educational goals, we have incorporated an English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme to enhance and develop student English language development. The support programme correlates with the Cambridge International Primary School with the Cambridge Global English programme.

What curriculum encompasses the EAL programme at MIGS?

Cambridge Global English is a language-rich course specifically developed to provide comprehensive support for young learners of English as a Second Language worldwide. It has an international focus with topics chosen to reflect diversity. Cambridge Global English offers an inquiry-based, language-rich approach to learning English with an international focus. Specifically developed to provide comprehensive support for young learners of EAL, the topics covered help them to communicate better in English. The materials incorporate a 'learning to learn' approach and learners can acquire skills and strategies to help them approach new learning situations with confidence. Emphasis is placed on the development of English language and literacy awareness.

Cambridge Global English, Cambridge International 2016

How does the EAL support programme happen?

The first selection of students were selected from the Junior School GL performance in June 2018. The next step in the EAL programme that began this term, is to assess and confirm your child's English proficiency level, by having the learners complete the *Schonell Literacy Assessment* for reading and spelling. Depending upon your child's result in these placement tests, they will be placed in a group with their peers, to develop and optimise their learning. Once all assessment data is analysed and correlated, a support programme through withdrawal and/or in-class support will commence. Collaboration between the class teachers and EAL teacher (Ms Vicky Olavidez) will ensure the selected students are receiving all necessary support. We will be informing parents individually, if their child is to receive EAL support.

We thank you for supporting our EAL initiative, and we strongly believe that this additional development support of varied literacy-based tasks, will help to improve, English language skills, under the guidance of our newly appointed EAL teacher. We look forward to introducing our new MIGS EAL programme during this academic year.

Yours sincerely,



MS JOANNA JOHAMI
Head of Junior School



MR GARY TRUE
Head of Curriculum



MS VICKY OLAVIDEZ
EAL Teacher