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## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DECODIFIED

#### DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS,

It is always a great pleasure to be part of KMR International School especially at the beginning of **a New Academic Year** to welcome the new students and to reinforce hope and confidence in the old. That too after the spell of the recent pandemic. **This chronicle** introduces all of us to the formal life and activities that exist within this small society/family so as to equip us with the requisite knowledge we all need for a successful stint and be able to meet our target or goal in view.

The aim of KMR International School curriculum based under NCERT and CBSE expects nothing but **excellent academic performance** of students of all classes particularly those who are writing their **Board examinations, Grade X and XII.** And that we have made into, as the Theme for this year that is **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** at any cost.

What exactly is academic excellence? What benefits an academic person derives and what challenges are involved in the quest to achieving this academic excellence? Academic excellence is not only the ability to score high marks. It goes beyond marks and grades to include the ability to cope with the changing world, solve problems on one's own, and be well equipped for the present and the future. This includes the ability to display superior performance in all scholastic, co scholastic and moral activities.

Who are the stakeholders? The first stakeholder is the student. The others are the parents, the school authority and the teachers, the community and the government. Khalil Gibran has said, " The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the Hose of his wisdom but rather leads you to enter the threshold of your mind, for the wisdom of one man lend not its wings unto another." It simply implies that no one can make the sudent academically excellent if she is not ready for it. In our school all facilities available are meant to promote academic excellence. These include furnished library, ICT and science laboratories, well ventilated smart class rooms, teaching and learning materials, 24/7 wifi connectivity, Maths, English, Social and Character labs and transport facilities to fetch studedents to and from school. The school has gudance and counselling department to address students' problems.

The school also **has a disciplinary committee** to address the disciplinary problems that may negatively affect students of the school.

Students must have a **burning desire** to learn to become a **great human being** first and then to enter into **the career world** with the needed knowledge, skills and of course the required grades. First students need to do well in their secondary level generic education with all the academic and co academic subjects and learn the skills to put them academically well ahead to do their senior seconadary board with the best of their capabilities. The sudent will be able to choose that course in her senior secondary which will drive her to do her best of course with informed consultations from parents and teachers.

So it implies that the **learners according to their pace of learning have to choose their study habits.** The slow learners need to read frequently and repeatedly before they get the concepts well grasped in their minds. But the fast learners do learning in their minds and may not spend much time on their books. In consideration of all these, students need to to select their time of study also. And whether to learn alone or take the help of the teacher and so on. More time should be alloted to difficult subjects and concepts. These should be planned on a weekly basis and executed.

All distractions and wastages need to be listed out and all altercations, arguments with fellow students teachers, prefects and parents should be totally avoided. Students who strive for excellence are always well disciplined. They also eat well, sleep well, rest well, plan well and study well. They are always refreshed and always vibrate with energy. What are the qualities that distinguish an excellent student from her peers? She is studious and diligent. She has no time for other things except her learning. She is punctual and regular to school. She values the efforts of teachers and respects what is taught in the class. She not only performs well in her academic subjects, but also participates in all activities that take place in the school. Her energy and happiness rest with the school.

She is happy only when she is at school.

She teaches others what she knows. She is never satisfied with what she knows. She is always driven by the urge to learn more and more. She asks a lot of questios. She puts the teachers on their toes to teach her. She is an independent learner also. She consults with books, internet, parents, teachers and friends to learn more and more. In simple terms she learns ahead of her class thus making her unique. What are the benefits that she enjoys? She enjoys the company of the best in the fraternity, that add up to her value. Teachers and the educational authority value respect and cherish her and her achievements. She recieves a number of scholarships and awards which add up to her portfoilo.. Her future life and career are guaranteed. Excellence becomes a habit.. If she has a mentor, she goes beyond her and becomes an icon and inspiration in her own right inspiring others to follow her and reach greater heights.

What are the precautions that an academic excellent student should take? She should not boast and exhibit pride. She should always be humle, honest, respectful, resilient and resposible. And should do nothing that will ruin her life. And avoid being attracted towards the opposite sex at least for the time being may be till she reaches 21.

So students, parents and teachers, now that this chronicle has decodified the concept of **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** in as simple a language as possible, it is now our combined responsibility to play our roles well enough to the best of our capablities to bring out the best in our children, come what may. This time we hope we won't have the excuse of the pandemic to stop us from doing what we need to do. The world and the future becon every one of us to bring out the excellence that is already there in our children.

HAPPY LEARNING! HAPPY PARENTING! HAPPY TEACHING !!! -FROM KMR WITH LOVE- Academic Excellence

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit. - Aristotle



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### HOW DO WE DEFINE SUCCESS?

To laugh often and love much; To win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; To earn the approval of honest critics And endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others: To give of one's self without the Slightest thought of return; To have accomplished a task, whether a healthy child, a rescued soul, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To have played and laughed with Enthusiasm and sung with exaltation; To know that even one life has breathed Easier because you have lived;

This is to have succeeded.



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## പ്പ്രത്തവ് വധങ്ങൾ விடுமுறைப் பயணம் தொடர்கிறது.... கத்தரி வெயில் அடித்தாலும் தெருவில் அலைமோதும் சிறுவர் கூட்டம் பேருந்துகளில் இடம் பிடிக்கும் மக்கள் கூட்டம் ஆம் விடுமுறைப் பயணம் தொடர்கிறது.... அழகை இழந்து நிற்கும் மானவர் இல்லாப் பள்ளிக்கூடம் பொலிவை இழந்து நிற்கும் மழலை ஒலிகள் இல்லாப் பள்ளிக்கூடம் ஆம் விடுமுறைப் பயனம் தொடர்கிறது.... விருந்தினர் வருகையால் மகிழ்ச்சி நிறைந்திருக்கும் இல்லங்கள் உறவினர் பாசங்களால் துள்ளிக் குதிக்கும் சுட்டிகள் ஆம் விடுமுறைப் பயனம் தொடர்கிறது.... வாங்கியப் பொருட்களை வைக்க பைகள் போதவில்லை வாங்கி முடிக்க குழந்தைகளின் மனம் போதவில்லை ஆம் விடுமுறைப் பயனம் தொடர்கிறது.... கோடை விடுமுறை வாழ்த்துகள்



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**EXCELLENCE IS THE GRADUAL RESULT OF ALWAYS STRIVING TO DO BETTER -PAT RILEY** 

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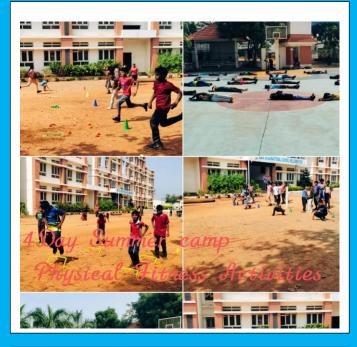
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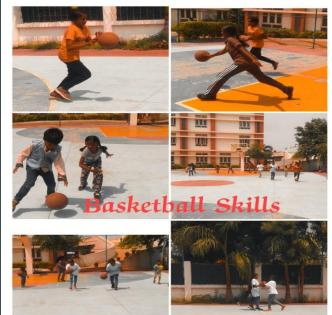


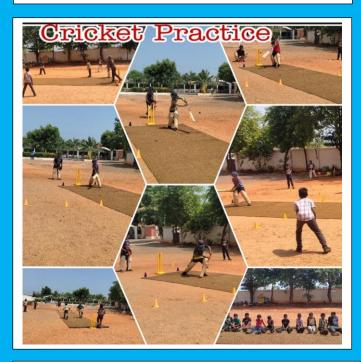
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IF YOU FOCUS ON SUCCESS YOU WILL HAVE STRESS. BUT IF KMR 360\* YOU PURSUE EXCELLENCE, SUCCESS WILL BE **GUARANTEED.- DEEPAK CHOPRA** 

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KMR 360\* ALL OUR DREAMS CAN COME TRUE, IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM- WALT DISNEY

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**Overall Sports Children** 





GOOD, BETTER, BEST. NEVER LET IT REST. 'TIL YOUR GOOD IS BETTER AND YOUR BETTER IS BEST- ST. JEROME.

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THANK YOU. HAPPY SUMMERING



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## LITERARY CELEBRITIES BORN IN MAY



MAY 1 Joseph Heller was an American satirical novelist, short story writer, and playwright. Although he is remembered for Catch-22, his other works include God Knows and Something Happened, and remain examples of modern satire.



MAY 2 Jerome K Jerome was an English writer and humourist, best known for Three Men in a *Boat*. He founded the co-weekly *Today* and co-edited The Idler. Jerome was wellconnected with Mark Twain, Luke Sharpe, Rudyard Kipling, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



MAY 4 . Robin Cook is an American physician and novelist. He is best known for his medical thrillers. Coma was made into a successful feature film. His books have sold nearly 100 million copies.



MAY 14 Robert Owen was a Welsh social reformer and writer. He was one of the founders of utopian socialism. Owen set up the first infant-school in Britain. His works include A New View of Society



MAY 18 Bertrand Russell was a British philosopher, logician, mathematician, historian, social critic, and political activist. He wrote many books, including <u>A History of</u> Western Philosophy. He won The Nobel Prize in Literature in 1950



MAY 19 Ruskin Bond is an Indian author of British descent. He is considered to be an icon among Indian writers and children's authors and a top novelist. He received the Sahitya Academy Award in 1992 for Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra.



MAY 20 Mary Pope Osborne is an American author. She is known for the award-winning and bestselling Magic Tree House series, which has been translated into more than 30 languages and has sold more than 130 million copies worldwide. The series began with Dinosaurs Before Dark.



MAY 21 Alexander Pope was an 18th-century English poet, best known for his satirical verse and for his translation of Homer. Famous he is the third-most frequently quoted writer in The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, after Shakespeare and Tennyson. His most famous poem is arguably The Rape of the Lock.





MAY 21 Harold Robbins was an American author. He was one of the best-selling writers of all time and selling more than 750 million copies in 32 languages. Among his best-known books is The Carpetbaggers, which was loosely based on the life of Howard Hughes.



MAY 22 Arthur Conan Doyle was a Scottish physician and author who is best known for his novels featuring Sherlock Holmes. The series began with A Study in Scarlet. He was a prolific writer who wrote fantasy and science fiction stories, plays, romances, poetry, non-fiction, and historical novels.

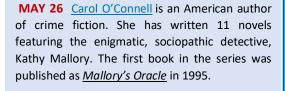


**MAY 25** Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American essayist, lecturer, and poet, who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century. His books include Nature, The American Scholar, and Divinity School Address.



MAY 25 Robert Ludlum was an American author who wrote best-selling thrillers Many of his novels have been made into films and mini-series, including The Osterman Weekend, The Bourne Identity, The Bourne Supremacy, and The Bourne Ultimate.





MAY 28 lan Fleming was an English author, journalist and naval intelligence officer. Although he was best known for his James Bond series of spy novels, he also wrote the children's story Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. In 2008, The Times ranked Fleming 14th on its list of 'The 50 greatest British writers since 1945'.





MAY 29 G.K. Chesterton was an English writer. He wrote a hundred books, contributions to 200 more, hundreds of poems, including the epic Ballad of the White Horse, five plays, five novels, and two hundred short stories, including a popular series featuring the priestdetective, Father Brown.

MAY 31 Jane Green is an English author of women's novels. Together with Helen Fielding she is considered a founder of the genre known as chick lit. She is the author of 14 New York Times Best-selling novels. Her novels include The Beach House, Second Chance, Jemima J, and Tempting Fate.



# **BE THE BEST OF WHAT YOU CAN BE**

#### Why is sand play good for kids?

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Playing in pit is a great way for a number of reasons, both physical and social. Sand play is very tactile, and helps children learn about textures and develop fine motor and hand-eye coordination. MRS. VIJI KG I/C





# Why colors day is celebrated in Kindergarten?

Colours are indeed the smiles of nature..... The celebration is a wonderful learning activity which help the children to sort and classify objects based on colours there by reinforcing cognitive skills. It is a scintillating day with innocent faces gleaming and reflecting brightness, joy, love and happiness. Parents are also involved in the celebrations. MRS.VIJI KG I/C



MRS. GOWRI Head of English Department

Learning new English words is always a fun activity--and one can even do this with the surrounding people. This will not only expand your knowledge but will also make you even more confident when you are in a public space.

#### What is a makerspace?

A makerspace is a collaborative work space inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses high tech to no tech tools. These spaces are open to kids, adults, and entrepreneurs and have a variety of maker equipment including 3D printers, laser cutters, cnc machines, soldering irons and even sewing machines

#### Gig worker

**Definition**: a person who works temporary jobs typically in the service sector as an independent contractor or freelancer

Gig workers may be independent contractors, online platform workers, contract firm workers, on-call workers or temporary workers. Often, they'll do work for 'on-demand' companies as and when the companies need it.

#### How do you use it?

My brother's a gig worker – sometimes he has multiple projects at once, and sometimes he doesn't have any work!

#### **Co-working**

**Definition**: the act of workers from different companies coming together to share a space to work in

Co-working spaces are **popping up** in cities around the world and provide people with similar facilities to that of an office. For instance, many of them offer desks, kitchen equipment, water tanks and meeting rooms.

#### How do you use it?

I was tired of working alone so I joined a co-working space where I can work with other people in the same situation.

#### **Staycation**

Definition: a holiday in your home country rather than abroad

Staycations are becoming popular as a result of travel restrictions caused by the pandemic. With many foreign holidays cancelled, people instead have chosen to organise local holidays.

Whether it's to a city, park, festival or other local attraction, holidays and events at home have **surged** in the last 12 months earning this phrase a place in the dictionary.

#### What is a a hackerspace?

The beginning of hackerspaces can be traced back to 1995 Berlin when the world's first hackerspace called <u>C-Base</u> was launched. The concept of a hackerspace started as places in the community where a group of computer programmers could collectively meet, work, and share infrastructure. They would "hack" technology and try to make it do something it wasn't meant to do. This term of "hacking" or "hacker" in the computer sense soon progressed and expanded into the hacking of physical objects as we know it today.

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# CONSISTENCY IS WHAT TRANSFORMS AVERAGE INTO EXCELLENCE

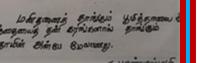
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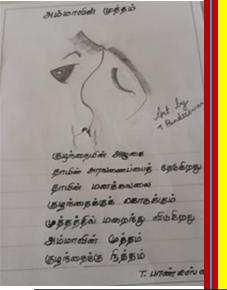
## KMR 360\* Allow your passion to become your purpose, and it will one day become your profession 11













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## **TEACHERS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES**



**ORIENTATION to KG** teachers by Mr. Pushparaj From MI kids



MR. ANANDAKUMAR CEO MOZHI School of skills





On behalf of Macmillan Education Institute had interactive sessions with our teachers on stress management, class room management and various teaching techniques. The sessions were useful. informative and fun.





MR ABDUL RAHMAN Founder ASUDE was with our teachers explaining and demonstrating how innovatively structured games can effectively facilitate learning to happen in children with a lot of fun



Mr. Muthupondy Physiotherapist had a very exciting session with our teachers on health and postures



INTERACTIVE SESSIONS WITH MRS. VIJAYA SUNDER FORMER PRINCIPAL MAHATMA SCHOOL KK NAGAR MADURAI ON 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUALITY CONTEMPORARY TEACHER





### EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO BANNARI AMMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - SATHYAMANGALAM

















Thanks to Dr.Baranikumar & his trainers for their welcome & hospitality.

Nine staff & 56 students from our school went on an educational tour of 2 days to BIT campus & had exciting learning experiences at the various laboratories.









EXCELLENCE IS NEVER AN ACCIDENT; IT IS THE RESULT OF HIGH INTENTION, SINCERE EFFORT, INTELLIGENT DIRECTION, SKILLFUL EXECUTION AND THE VISION TO SEE OBSTACLES AS OPPORTUNITIES-

Aristotle

## CLASS ROOM RULES OF "38" MR. KINGSLEY A.O.

1. Respect and listen to the teachers

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- 2. Respect and listen to your classmates
- 3. Ask questions
- 4. Raise your hand to speak
- 5. Be prepared for class
- 6. Be quiet when the teacher is talking
- 7. Be quiet when classmates are talking
- 8. Share new ideas
- 9. Keep your body, mind , heart and soul sharp and alert
- 10. Respect others' belongings
- 11. Keep your workspace tidy
- 12. Be kind
- 13. Always move in single file.
- 14. Walk, don't run, in the hallways
- 15. Be a good friend
- 16. Be on time
- 17. Share with others.
- 18. Use equipment properly
- 19. Help keep the classroom tidy
- 20. Listen to all the teachers
- 21. Obey all school rules.
- 22. Finish your homework on time
- 23. Be respectful of classmates who are working
- 24. Have a good attitude
- 25. Use positive language
- 26. Follow the dress code
- 27. Line up neatly and quietly
- 28. Stay in your seat
- 29. Listen with your ears and your eyes
- 30. Contribute to discussions
- 31. Be respectful of others' ideas
- 32. Follow the teacher's directions
- 33. Cooperate with your classmates
- 34. Be creative
- 35. Be honest
- 36. Use technology appropriately
- 37. Be proud of your work
- 38. BE THE BEST OF WHAT YOU CAN BE

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