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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 House 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 student 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 students to and from school. The school has **guidance 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 secondary board with the best of their capabilities. The student 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 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 allotted 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 questions. 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 receives a number of scholarships and awards which add up to her portfolio. 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 humble, honest, respectful, resilient and responsible. 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 decoded 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 capabilities 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 beckon 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-**



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



### 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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### விடுமுறைப் பயணம்

விடுமுறைப் பயணம் தொடர்கிறது....

கத்தரி வெயில் அடித்தாலும்

தெருவில் அலைமோதும் சிறுவர் கூட்டம்

பேருந்துகளில் இடம் பிடிக்கும் மக்கள் கூட்டம்

ஆம் விடுமுறைப் பயணம் தொடர்கிறது....

அழகை இழந்து நிற்கும்

மாணவர் இல்லாப் பள்ளிக்கூடம்

பொலிவை இழந்து நிற்கும்

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விருத்தினர் வருகையால்

மகிழ்ச்சி நிறைந்திருக்கும் இல்லங்கள்

உறவினர் பாசங்களால்

தள்ளிக் குதிக்கும் கூடிகள்

ஆம் விடுமுறைப் பயணம் தொடர்கிறது....

வாங்கியப் பொருட்களை வைக்க

பைகள் போதவில்லை

வாங்கி முடிக்க குழந்தைகளின்

மனம் போதவில்லை

ஆம் விடுமுறைப் பயணம் தொடர்கிறது....

கோடை விடுமுறை வாழ்த்துகள்



வி. ஆர்த்தி ஜெனியர்  
தமிழ் ஆசிரியர்





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

## SUMMER CAMP-May 2022







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YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO, NOT WHAT YOU SAY YOU WILL  
DO. EXCELLENCE IS NOT BEING THE BEST, IT IS DOING  
YOUR BEST.

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Paper Craft



Basketball Skills



Cricket Practice



4 Day Summer camp  
Physical Fitness Activities



Art and Waste



Handball Practice





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

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6 THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM- WALT DISNEY

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

## SUMMER CAMP MAY 2022



SUMMER CAMP FINALE



Final day personality  
development activity



handwriting activities



Pot Painting final day  
Activity



Final day Electrical and  
Electronical activities



Final day art and craft  
activity

THANK YOU. HAPPY  
SUMMERING





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**PRACTICE LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER WON.**

**PERFORM LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER LOST**

## 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 well-connected 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 [A History of 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 26** [Carol O'Connell](#) is an American author of crime fiction. She has written 11 novels featuring the enigmatic, sociopathic detective, Kathy Mallory. The first book in the series was published as [Mallory's Oracle](#) in 1995.



**MAY 28** [Ian 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 priest-detective, [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](#).





### Why is sand play good for kids?

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**



TIME TO  
LEARN  
ENGLISH

**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 hackerspace?

The beginning of hackerspaces can be traced back to 1995 Berlin when the world's first hackerspace called C-Base 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

## Signs of Inner growth



Judging less, showing  
more compassion

Comfortable in  
solitude

Avoiding toxic people  
and situations

Knowing  
yourself



Prioritizing  
health and  
self-care



Trusting yourself and  
your intuition



More conscious of  
how you use your  
time

Living according to  
your own values



### கோடை என்றொரு கொடை

விடுமுறையில் ,  
விரும்பியபடி வாழ  
விழைவாயா ?  
அப்பாவின்  
அலைபேசியை  
அபகரிக்கும் - நீ  
அவரின்பால்  
அன்பை  
அதிகரித்திருக்கிறாயா ?  
உனக்கு மட்டுமல்ல ...  
உன்  
புத்தகத்திற்கும்  
புத்தாடை  
அணிவிப்பவர் !  
குறைந்த பட்சம்  
அவரின்  
ஆடைகளையேனும்  
அலமாரிதனில்  
அரங்கேற்றம்  
செய்திருக்கிறாயா ?  
அம்மாவின்  
அடுப்பறையில் ,  
அறுசுவைக்காய்  
அனுதினமும்  
அலைந்ததுண்டு ;

அலுவல்களில்  
அவரழைக்காமல்  
அணுகியதுண்டா ?  
அறுசுவை அருந்தியிருப்பாய்  
ஆனால்  
ஆறு நபர்களுக்கு  
ஆறு தேநீர் கோப்பைகளில்  
அறுசுவைகளில்  
அர்ப்பணிப்பது  
அன்னையல்லவா ?  
உடன்பிறப்புகள்  
உனக்கான  
உயிர்ப்புகள் !  
உன்  
தவறுகளை  
நீ  
திருத்திக் கொள்ள  
விழைவாயின் உன்  
வாழ்நாளை  
வாசிக்க இயலாது !  
உடன்பிறப்புகள்  
உன் வாழ்க்கையை  
வர்ணங்களால்  
வார்க்க  
வலம் வந்தவர்கள் !  
உன்  
நிகழ்காலத்தை

சந்தோசத்தால்  
சலவை செய்ய  
சகோதரர்களால் மட்டுமே  
சாத்தியம் !

ஆம்  
கோடை ..  
உன் குடும்பத்தை  
உள்ளத்தால்  
உடுத்திப்பார்க்க  
உனைச் சந்திக்கும்  
விடுமுறை ஆடை !

கோடையை ...  
இல்லத்தில்  
கொண்டாடுங்கள் ;  
பின்பு பார் ...  
குடும்பத்தில்  
அன்பெனும்  
தட்ப வெப்ப நிலை  
தானாய் மாறும் ? !

கவிஞர் லாரா

12ம் வகுப்பு வேதியல்

ஆசிரியர்









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12 **If you are determined to learn no one can stop you.**



**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**







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EDUCATION IS NOT THE FILLING OF OF A  
BUCKET; BUT THE LIGHTING OF A FIRE

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.







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

1. Respect and listen to the teachers
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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IN CAREER AND LIFE

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