



# Kian Kok Middle School Junior One Recruitment

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### **1. What time will Kian Kok Middle School begin its daily lessons?**

From 2021 onwards, the school will implement a 5-day learning system, and the daily lessons will be carried out from Monday to Friday; from 7am to 3.30pm (including Extra-Curricular Activities, ECA).

### **2. What are the arrangements and allocation between classes?**

In KKMS, we have elite and non-elite (ordinary) classes. Elite students are allocated based on the results of their Entrance Examination. The rest of the students will be evenly and normally distributed among the ordinary classes.

### **3. If the school decides to allocate students into elite and non-elite classes, does it mean that the students are being “labelled”?**

Regardless of whether the student is in an elite class or an ordinary class, everyone is treated the same and has equal rights to learn. The school implements this kind of arrangement, so that students with different needs will be based according to their aptitude, while teachers will adjust their teaching strategies, in order to achieve the teaching goals.

### **4. Can a child apply for elite classes without receiving a scholarship?**

Basically, as long as the child meets the school's elite class performance requirements, the child will be included in the elite class despite not receiving any scholarships.



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**5. Can a child enter an elite class in Junior 2 if he or she was previously allocated into a regular class during Junior 1 (if the requirements are met)?**

Every year, the school re-evaluates the student based on the year-end average marks for class placement in the next school year. As long as the school's standards are met, they can be assigned to elite classes.

**6. If students want to enter the elite class, can they request to join?**

If parents want their children to enter the elite class and the students themselves agree, they can apply to the school. The school will hold an administrative meeting to discuss the parents' requests carefully, discuss whether the child is suitable for the elite class learning environment and teaching model, and make a final decision.

**7. Is the KKMS scholarship awarded for a total of 3 years?**

The award of the first year scholarship is based on the Junior 1 Entrance Examination results. Scholarships awarded for the second year and above are based on the year-end average score at the end of the previous academic year. Therefore, scholarships are not given for three years at once, and students must be re-evaluated by the school every year. Similarly, for student who did not get scholarships for Junior 1, if the student meets the criteria set by the school for the Junior 2 promotion, he or she will be awarded a scholarship.

**8. Can a child apply for scholarships if he or she has an outstanding performance in ECA?**

The school has a scholarship for Primary 6 students with outstanding performances in ECA. For relevant information, please refer to the "Recruitment Guide".



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## **9. If a student is assigned into an elite class, can he/she reject?**

Students who get the scholarships must be in the elite class. For students without scholarships, if they do not want to be in the elite class, they can apply to the Academic Department. Once approved, they can transfer to the ordinary class, but they will not be arranged in the elite class in the future.

## **10. What is the curriculum for Junior Section and the medium of instruction?**

(i) In KKMS, the curriculum includes UEC and KSSM syllabuses. The subjects are Chinese, Bahasa Malaysia, English, Mathematics, Science, Chinese History, PT3 Sejarah, PT3 Geography, PT3 RBT, PT3 Moral/Pendidikan Islam, Computer Studies, Arts, PE and Music.

(ii) KKMS is an Independent Chinese school, and the general communication language is Chinese. But in teaching, it depends on the medium of the textbook of the subject. All language classes are taught in the same language. Other subjects may be taught in one language or two languages, depending on the teacher's circumstances and the student's ability.

## **11. What public exams will students take and under what name they are registered?**

KKMS students register the public exams in the name of the school. Junior Three students will sit for Junior UEC and PT3 Exams, Senior Two students SPM Exam and Senior Three students Senior UEC Exam.



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### **12. Students are sitting for the UEC Exam as well as national examination, are they under too much pressure?**

The school curriculum and exams adopt a two-track system. The students' learning pressure is relatively greater than that of state schools, which in turn cultivates the ability for student to manage stress and time, preparing them to face the real world in the future.

### **13. Are there students in KKMS to be retained?**

For students who achieve year end average marks of 60 and above will be promoted to the next form. Those who get between 55 and 59.99, with a pass in conduct grade, a panel consisting of all the subject teachers will have a meeting and decide the promotion of the student. If 80% of the subject teachers agree, the student will be promoted. Otherwise, the student needs to join the Remedial Class and sit for the Remedial Examination, after which the student will be promoted if he/she passes. This is to ensure the students are well equipped and ready for higher level studies in the following year.

### **14. If a student has outstanding performances in ECA but failed the Remedial Exam, can he/she be promoted?**

The promotion is mainly based on the academic results and the ECA performance is supplementary. Parents can however write to the school and the Admin Committee will make the final decision.

### **15. If the student is weak in Chinese, can he/she join the Junior Chinese class?**

If the student is a graduate from SJKC, he/she must join the normal Chinese class. Junior Chinese class is only for those who are from a non-SJKC school.



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## **16. Is there class on Saturday in KKMS?**

Effective 2021, all the curriculum will be carried out on weekdays (Monday to Friday) only. Saturday is the time for some clubs to organise additional practice. In addition, the school will arrange class on Saturday to help students who do not meet the academic requirement at a charge. This class is assessed half-yearly and if the student has achieved the required standard, he/she does not need to come for the class the following semester and vice-versa.

## **17. Will J1 Entrance Exam be held this year, and where is the venue?**

The J1 Entrance Exam will be held at respective primary schools. However due to the uncertainty of the development of pandemic, the school may make adjustments according to the MOE and will inform the candidates through press and social media.

## **18. Due to MCO, Primary Six students have been away from school. Would that affect their performance in the Entrance Exam?**

Conventionally, the syllabuses for the Entrance Exam include those from Primary 4 to Primary 6. As for this year, it covers mainly the syllabuses of Primary 4 to Primary 5.

## **19. How many Extra Co-curricular Activities (ECA) club does a KKMS student join?**

Due to a hectic studying schedule, a student joins only 1 club. Student can apply 3 clubs based on their interests, and ECA Dept will decide which club to join.



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## **20. If student does not like the club, can he/she change halfway through?**

Students can only do so under special circumstances such as health issues. Students are encouraged to spend 1 year to get to know more about the club, and learn to be responsible with their own decisions. Students can apply to change club after one year.

## **21. How much is the school fees?**

Effective 2021, local students pay the school fees monthly for 10 months (Jan to Oct). Please refer to the Fees Schedule. Besides school fees and the one-off miscellaneous fees collected in Jan, there is no other hidden fees. The school will give out letters to parents if there are other fees to be collected. Independent Chinese school is a non-profitable organisation and all the fund from school fees collection and public donation is entirely used to cover the operational cost of the school. Hence our school fees is cheaper compared to other private schools and international schools.

## **22. How many students are there in a class?**

We practise minimal number in a class. Our ordinary class is no more than 40 people and is in fact about 35 students, so that teachers can monitor the progress of each student.



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### **23. How is the tertiary studies pathway for Chinese Independent students? Can they go to the local universities?**

(i) Our students take SPM in Senior Two and UEC in Senior Three, which enables them to apply for colleges locally and overseas, depending on their choice.

(ii) If students would like to study in local universities, they can apply to study Form 6 or Matriculation, and further apply for the local universities with STPM and Matriculation certificates respectively.

### **24. Does KKMS only focus on studies and ignore the cultivation of other abilities?**

KKMS is a general secondary education institution. The main school policy is to nurture students to have the ability to progress and a balanced development of character. All academic courses or ECA in the school are designed to help students achieve this educational goal. Based on the "Malaysia Education Blueprint" and the "MICSS Education Blueprint", the school gradually implements the teaching method of the 21st century to cultivate students' comprehensive ability to face the future society. Under the two education blueprints, the teaching objectives and curriculum settings emphasize the interdisciplinary ability, communication and interpersonal skill, the ability to use knowledge and the development of creativity and critical thinking ability. Therefore, the school's curriculum and activities actually include the all-round development covering moral, intellectual, physical, social, aesthetic education.



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**25. Will school expel student because the academic results do not meet the requirements?**

No. The school will not expel students because of their academic results. In order to nurture students morally and academically, the school has a comprehensive auxiliary system including counseling, persuasion, interviewing parents, demerit system and suspending classes at different stages and levels. If the student does not show any improvement despite all these actions, the school will convene a case meeting composed of Admin Committee, form teacher and subject teachers, and the meeting will decide whether the student will be expelled. The school takes the expulsion cases very seriously, and will not act rashly.