

### WELCOME NEW ABEDENESE TO ABEDEEN ACADEMY

Alhamdulillah, as we start preparing for a new year and a new intake, we welcome new members to the Abedeem Academy family:

#### Mr Mohammad Ridzuan Rajudin

An engineer by profession and a teacher at heart, he joins Abedeem as the Secondary English teacher having taught English and Mathematics for 5 years at private schools and tuition centres.

#### Ms Rashidah Razali

As a Sports Science student, she was actively practicing physiotherapy. Upon graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Science from Universiti Malaya, she started teaching at pre-schools and did home tutoring before joining Abedeem as a Physical Education teacher.

#### Mrs Nurul Akmal Mohd Wazai

A sportswoman from her Diploma days, she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Science from Universiti Teknologi MARA. She joins Abedeem as a Super Teacher carrying 3 years of experience as a sports coach including 2 years with Ministry of Health as an Information Officer.

#### Mr Aiman Abdullah

With a Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education, he joins Abedeem with 3 years of teaching experience at private schools and tutoring. The drama team he coached a few years back won second runner up at state level.

#### Mr Ahmad Badrul Zazali

He holds a Diploma in Information Technology (IT) with 7 years of experience as a technician and assistant engineer. He joins Abedeem as an Administration Officer and IT Expert.

#### Mrs Dina Abdul Majeed Moajeb

With a Diploma in Business Administration and Degree in English Studies, she joins Abedeem as the Registrar Officer carrying with her 6 years of experience in performing administrative duties in Yemen.

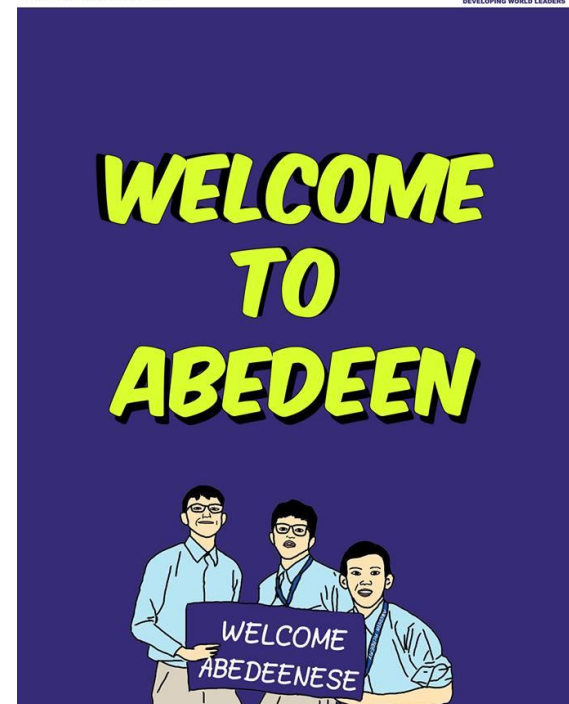
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All the administrative team members are contactable at [admin@abedeem.edu.my](mailto:admin@abedeem.edu.my)

#### Welcome back to school

We hope that you are enjoying your holiday with your children. We want you to come back from your holiday worry free as you begin to prepare your children for the 2019 schooling year. Parents will be receiving the 'Welcome Back to School' kit which will include details on purchasing of books, homeroom teacher and uniform fitting day.

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## Abedeem Academy Academic Calendar

Alhamdulillah the September 2018/2019 intake students have received their Academic Calendar and very soon, so will the January 2019 intake students.



The Academic Calendar shows all events, trips, examinations, themes and holidays that will be happening throughout your child’s academic year.

Your children can better prepare for the Thematic Learning session that happens every morning at assembly, sports events and examinations.

Parents on the other hand will be better informed of holidays and school breaks. The school will send an official update to parents should there be any change to the dates for events, trips, examinations, themes and holidays.

## Term Test for Lower Elementary

Alhamdulillah, we at Abedeem are delighted to know that the Ministry of Education has opened up to abolishing examinations for lower elementary students.

As a learning academy, Abedeem Academy is doing away with examinations for **Lower Elementary** students (Year 1 – Year 3) in 2019.

At every term, students will be quizzed and tested on a monthly basis to ensure understanding of the subject with focus on 3 subjects; English, Science and Mathematics. Apart from quizzes and tests, students will be assessed on their ability to complete their school work, discipline at school and with teachers and friends, participation in class, handwriting and appearance to school. Here is the breakdown of the score:

Classwork/Quiz/Test = 30%

Ethics = 30%

Participation = 20%

Handwriting = 15%

Appearance = 5%

During Parent Teacher Meeting, homeroom teachers will show to the parents the school work, quizzes and tests that your child has completed and discuss steps for progression. They will further talk about ways to better improve your child’s participation in class and ethics at school.

These are the basic knowledge and skills that the students need to be equipped with at the tender ages of 7 – 9. The key to learning at this stage is to create interest and curiosity through experience. Once they develop that passion for learning, throw a stone at them and they will turn it into a gem.

The only actual test any human being should experience is tests from The Almighty. We should all strive to pass His test of holding on



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to our amanah (responsibility) with honesty, instead of just striving to achieve 20As to win the hearts of a scholarship, top university, or for praise.

Learn and acquire knowledge because it is our responsibility to do so. Learn because the first word brought down to our Prophet Muhammad pbuh was Iqra'. Read. Read because it is asked of us by Allah SWT. And we will then win it all, by His Mercy, InshaAllah

### Student ID Card

As parents are aware, when your child enters Abedeem Academy, they are given a student ID card which includes the Abedeem Academy lanyard and casing for the card.

We seek parents' cooperation to ensure that your child wears their student ID card to school every day. Apart from the card being used for us to recognise the students, it will also be used to track and record student's attendance to school

#### 1) Student's attendance to school

Every student who enters the school **MUST** tag their ID card at the security console of the lift door. Student's yearly attendance will be tracked and computed through the system. Failure to tag their student ID will cause their attendance to be recorded as absent.

Should the student lose their Student ID or any component of the card, please approach any member of the administrative team to get the new student ID. Replacement fee is to be paid via JomPAY.

Abedeem Academy lanyard	= RM10.00
Casing	= RM5.00
Student ID card	= RM20.00
Replacement of entire set	= RM35.00

### Abedeem Academy Mobile Device Policy

In this modern age of technology, we understand that your child is equipped with the latest of mobile devices. We are also aware that for some, the mobile device has become a necessity. However, as a student, their access to a mobile device not only needs to be monitored, it needs to be controlled.

Abedeem Academy practices a **NO MOBILE DEVICE** policy. The smart watch is considered a mobile device, therefore is not allowed to be worn to school.

Every student has a homeroom teacher who will care for them, and a Headmaster for the parents to be in touch with in any case of an emergency while they are at school.

For any information or need for communication, parents/guardian will get in touch with the Headmaster through the communal number.

Primary Headmaster: 016 262 0627

Secondary Headmaster: 016 262 0017

In any case where your child needs to bring a mobile device, kindly write in to request for an exemption from this policy. The school will take into consideration the reason behind the request. The final decision of allowing or disallowing mobile devices to school is at the school's discretion.

In the event where the student is allowed to bring their mobile device (upon approval by the school), the student will be asked to surrender the mobile device to the homeroom teacher while school is in session. The mobile device will be returned to the student at the end of the school session.

The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage of student's mobile device. It is most advised that your child does not bring their mobile device to school.

In an urgent case where the Headmaster is not available to come to the phone,

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parents/guardian may contact the administrative team at 016 261 2846 or 03 8867 6999 opt 2.

### **Abedeem Academy Student Handbook**

Alhamdulillah, the student handbook is ready. The main purpose of the handbook is to establish guidelines that protect the rights of students, outline responsibilities, obligations, and expectations for students necessary to ensure the success and stability of their experience at school.

Parents would have received an email copy of the handbook. Every student will also be given a copy of the handbook. The handbook is to be kept at school at all times. Failure to comply with the school rules and regulations as stated in the handbook may lead to disciplinary actions.

### **Know an Abedeem Educator**

TARANJIT KAUR A/P JUSHWAN SINGH

Ms Taranjit Kaur is the Mathematics teacher and also Assistant Headmaster (Academics) who joined Abedeem in March 2018. She shares her experience at Abedeem Academy:

"I am the Assistant Headmaster (Academics) for Abedeem Secondary School. I completed my education in Computer Engineering in the Informatics College, Perak. My passion for teaching developed since I was 18 years old. My favourite subject is Mathematics since young. I have worked for Telekom Malaysia, Citibank and RE2 International Computer School while tutoring on a part time basis in the evenings and on weekends. My passion for teaching has lead me to Abedeem Academy.

It is an honour to be a part of the school which focuses not merely on education but also values. I love the mission of the school which is Developing World Leaders where we not only develop the student's intellect, but we develop the emotional, social, physical and spiritual potential of the student. I strongly

believe that a leader needs to have a holistic exposure in order to be a great leader.

I have been with Abedeem since March 2018 and these 9 months have taught me a lot. It is a beautiful experience being with Abedeem because it is a religious school where we nurture intellectual children to have good values. Abedeem starts their day with Islamic Studies, they pray before lunch and they thank God in whatever they do be it during assembly and even in meetings and discussions. I am very religious and I personally love to see people who are religious. I feel very blessed to be in Abedeem Academy.

I started as the Upper Primary and Lower Secondary Mathematics Teacher. Currently I am the Lower Secondary Mathematics Teacher and Assistant Headmaster (Academics). I have various tasks at Abedeem. I assist the Principal on a daily basis to ensure the students experience a fulfilling education. I check their class timetable and self studies timetable and ensure it is followed accordingly. I have a team of teachers who handle the discipline of the students and I also do daily observations and supervision. I also facilitate parent meetings, maintain schedules and check student's progress reports. I introduced the Student Study Plan for parents and students to know what chapters and topics are being learned every week. This way, parents may keep track of their child's progress and help them at home as well.

This is the era of equality and equity. Students need to have knowledge and learn skills to sustain themselves nowadays. The aim of education is also to prepare each student for an occupation which will suit their needs and interests in future. In addition, the aim of education is to help students achieve and develop skills and abilities.

There are a few methods which should be adopted in education for success. 1st is removing the biggest obstacle: Distractions. The biggest distraction I would say now is

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social media. Our school has practiced "the no phone policy". But for students to overcome distractions, they should have strong willpower and put more focus on their education instead of socialising.

Students should break their big tasks into smaller ones and the main tasks. I'm referring to homework, study journals and also revision. Big tasks seem complicated and overwhelming, which is why many students procrastinate. They should plan and execute their daily tasks efficiently. Basically they need a daily timetable. Students need to learn to be systematic and more disciplined.

Our school has introduced the Self Studies policy to make our students become independent learners. With an increasing number of new technologies and an expanding global population, self-studying is on the rise. Students will be given practices during the Self Studies which is the Study Journal and at the end of the day if they need assistance with their work, they can always refer to their subject teachers.

My 1st goal is to create more straight-A students. I have drafted a few plans for our students. One of which is early preparation for major examinations. We teachers will use the school holidays and Saturdays to run preparatory classes. I encourage the younger year students to join as well. For example, if I'm conducting the Year 9 Exam Preparation Class, the Year 7 and Year 8 students will be invited to join. It's all about drilling and practicing till you succeed.

Our students need a break from school too. I'm preparing a 2 day camp next year with a team of teachers. This is a motivational camp and also it will be full of adventure and fun. It's like a reward for our students who study hard. I believe if we reward students they will feel appreciated.

At Abedeem we practice a student-centred learning. Students who own their own learning make decisions about how to

demonstrate mastery, when and how to ask for assistance and to explore topics that is interesting to them.

We teachers prepare the Student Study Journal (SSJ) which consists of drill and practice questions. We encourage our students complete the journal in school so they can get immediate assistance from teachers whenever they are unsure of how to answer a question. The main purpose of the journal is to assist students with preparing for their examinations. We practice the new era of education and prepare our students to be independent learners and also leaders. They start young so by the time they graduate, we would have already created "leader material" students.

I have various approaches in my classroom. Mathematics is a subject whereby students need to be exposed to numerous examples.

I mix both methods; Technology and my version of modern "chalk and talk". My notes will be on my TV monitor while my questions will be on the board. I do this to encourage my students to write. The more they write, the more their brain computes the learning. My students are given tonnes of homework to practice their Mathematics. After 4 to 5 topics, students are given subtopics to present and this would contribute to 10% of their Mid Term and Final Term Tests. I will randomly choose the topic for them and they would present in either groups or individually. They prefer to present individually as it provides more competition and they will do their best to be the best.

Additionally I will give them 2 School Projects annually. This will contribute 10% to their Mid Term and Final Term Tests as well. After each chapter, students will be given a quiz. 3 months before the major examination like Cambridge Checkpoint, IGCSE, UPSR, PT3 & SPM, I will schedule preparatory classes to prepare them for the examinations. I usually

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conduct 2 trials before the exams so that the students will know where exactly they stand. This also helps the students to overcome the exams fear. The last month before the exams, the students will be quarantined from the other classes and they will be given drill and practice. This has proven efficient as the passing for the UPSR was 100% this year. Fingers crossed for Checkpoints and SPM as well.

I always advice my students about the importance of education. I am also their mentor. They should have a dream or aim of life. Be it a doctor, engineer, photographer or even a fashion designer, I believe students should be given a chance to choose what is best for them with the guidance of teachers and the support of parents as well. Some students come to me and say, "Teacher why do I have to study so much. I am sure all of these won't be 100% useful to me when I start working!" My answer is simple, "We study so we learn how to learn".

In any employment, we are required to learn new things. Students who are used to learning will pick up new skills faster and are capable of doing more things at a go as their brain is used to capturing and processing information.

My message to parents would be to trust in us and that your kids are in safe hands. We ensure the kids follow the positive path and even if they stray a little we will bring them back to the correct path with love and also with lots of counselling. A teacher could be a guide as well for your child as the kids spend 1/3 of their day in school. I understand parents are busy but I would also seek parents to spend more time with your kids especially over the weekend. This way, parents will understand the needs of your child and also mould them to become awesome human beings like their mom and dad. I always give students assignments but this time, allow me to give the parents an assignment. A simple assignment with an interesting topic: In 1000 words, how well do you know your child? You

may send it to my email at [taranjitkaur@abedeem.edu.my](mailto:taranjitkaur@abedeem.edu.my). Your essay is our secret. Let's create a holistic child and develop an awesome leader, together."



Thank you for being a part of the Abedeem family. If you have any feedback or suggestion, please feel free to get in touch via email.

Warm regards,

Iman Fairuza Rozhan, Acting Principal