

From the Year Head's Desk

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 4! This week, we are pleased to introduce three teachers who are new to Concord and new to the Upper Primary level. With diverse teaching backgrounds and subject expertise, they bring fresh perspectives to the team. Let's take a moment to get to know them better.



I am Mr Mohd Hisham, Year Head for the Upper Primary level. With over 20 years of experience in education, my journey as an educator has been deeply rooted in the belief that all students can learn and want to learn. This conviction has quided me through my years of teaching humanities in a secondary school and now, in my current role as a primary school teacher. Over the years, I have had the privilege of shaping young minds, first as a Social Studies Subject Head for 5 years, followed by a decade as the Head of Department for Humanities in a secondary school setting. Today, I serve as the Year Head for Upper Primary, where I continue to nurture and inspire students at a foundational stage of their education.

Adaptability has been a cornerstone of my teaching philosophy. I strive to create a classroom environment that is not only safe and inclusive but also engaging and interactive. By incorporating elements of fun and fostering open communication, while still upholding the essential pillar of discipline, I aim to continue to make learning not only a joyful and meaningful experience for my students, but an effective one as well.

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My ultimate goal as an educator and Year Head is to see every Concordian succeed academically, grow into well-rounded individuals, and develop a strong moral compass that prepares them for the challenges of society. I believe that education extends beyond textbooks — it is about building character, instilling core values like loyalty, care, responsibility, respect, resilience and integrity, and equipping students with the skills and dispositions they need to thrive in life.

Outside of the classroom, I am passionate about sports and music. I value family time, building healthy relationships and personal health. I firmly believe in the importance of a well-rounded lifestyle. These interests and what I value in life not only enrich my personal life but also inform my teaching, as I aim to provide students with a rich, balanced, authentic and holistic learning experiences.

Teaching in a primary school is a noble profession, and I am deeply honored to play a role in developing the foundational skills of our young learners here in Concord. Whether it is through English Language or other subjects, I am committed to helping every child here in Concord unlock their potential and embark on a lifelong journey of learning and growth.





Hello, everyone! I am Mdm Tan Yoke Yin. I am the form teacher of 5C and the Chinese Language teacher for CL5.3. I have been a dedicated Chinese Language teacher for more than 20 years. I am also helming the Character and Citizenship Education department.

I truly love the beauty of the language. Every character, phrase and story holds so much meaning, and I enjoy sharing it with my students



to spark their interest and curiosity, helping my students appreciate the richness of their Mother-Tongue Language. I also believe in collaborating with parents to create a supportive and positive learning environment for every child. With a strong teacher-parent partnership, I have witnessed many students excel at their best.



I am grateful to have crossed paths with many passionate educators during my own school journey. Their dedication and love for teaching left a deep impression on me, shaping my desire to become a great teacher myself. What motivates me to continue teaching despite all odds? It is the joy of seeing my students learn and grow. Their curiosity, energy, and enthusiasm make every day in school a meaningful experience.

Beyond school, I have found a new hobby recently. I started enjoying planting — it is amazing to watch something grow and thrive with a little care and patience. I started with small potted plants, hoping to pick up skills to grow bigger plants like chillies and lady's fingers. Does anyone wish to share some tips with me?





Teaching has been a fulfilling journey, and I look forward to many more meaningful moments with my students and the parents.



FAIL: First Attempt In Learning. Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.

This powerful reminder about the nature of learning and being resilient sets the tone for my approach to education.

My name is Mr Shahrulnizam. I am the HOD of Mathematics and the form teacher of 5A. My path to teaching began in my neighbourhood, where I observed children struggling with various learning challenges. Their determination to learn, despite obstacles, inspired me to become an educator and make a meaningful difference in young lives.

My teaching philosophy centres on the transformative power of self-belief. I believe that when students have trust in their capabilities, they are already halfway to achieving their goals. This mindset has consistently proven to be a catalyst for success in my students, as they turn challenges into stepping stones for their personal growth.

The most rewarding aspect of being a teacher is witnessing my students embrace a growth mindset, understanding that their abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. Nothing brings me more satisfaction than seeing my students being meaningfully engaged collaborating well with their peers during Mathematics learning experiences. Their determination to explore different ways to solve challenging problems and their growing resilience in facing difficulties makes teaching worthwhile.





Beyond the classroom, I prioritize personal growth through reading. Books have become my constant companions, offering new perspectives and insights that enrich both my personal life and teaching practice. Equally important is the quality time I spend with my family, creating precious memories and maintaining a healthy work-life harmony. These moments of connection provide me with the energy and inspiration I need to be fully present for my students.

We hope you have enjoyed learning more about these three Upper Primary teachers. Stay tuned — our next newsletter will highlight three more amazing educators from Concord!

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