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English Speaking Board UK

Epsom College Gained 100% of the Top Tier Grades

Bandar Enstek, 4 May 2016 — 58 students from Epsom College in Malaysia participated in an external Speech and Drama examinations with a visiting assessor from the English Speaking Board (ESB) UK. These qualifications are recognised internationally and the top levels hold UCAS tariff points on a par with A Levels, Extended Project Qualification and Associated Board or Trinity music examinations. Epsom College in Malaysia is the first and continues to be the only international school in Malaysia to offer these opportunities to students in Malaysia.

The qualifications assess students' ability to present and perform, memorise and engage an audience as well as participate in and lead discussions or Q&A. These are all essential life skills that help develop confidence in the younger years and prepare for the world of university and work at the higher levels.

This is the second year students in the Prep School and first year in the Senior School undertaking these qualifications and the numbers of students electing the external assessment has already increased considerably.

We are thrilled with the success of our students, who gained 100% of the top tier grades. All received a qualification of a Merit or higher. Possible qualifications are Fail, Pass, Good Pass, Merit, Merit+ or Distinction.

The full results are as follow:

- **Junior Qualifications:** 28% Distinctions, 42% Merit+, 30% Merit - 10 Distinctions

These grades represent an immense amount of work from students, parents and staff. Each Prep School child prepared an individual talk, memorised a poem and prepared reading from a novel that they'd read all the way through. It also represents some students who have made quite remarkable progress either in their reading skills or their confidence to stand and speak in front of others.

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- EAL Qualifications (Students on Academic English Programme): 57% Distinctions, 43% Merits

These students started the year with little or no English. All but one of them are on the Academic English Programme and have achieved at least one level higher than their initial Oxford Placement Test score when they joined in September 2015.

“ESB helped me to be able to think faster in English and use more complex sentences,” commented Mao Araki from Japan.

- Senior Qualifications: 63% Distinctions, 25% Merit+, 12% Merits

This is the first time that we had entered senior students and we were just as nervous as they were. Many students had set themselves a great challenge, having read through the criteria they picked levels higher than that expected of their age. They all rose to the challenge as you can see by the amount of distinctions received. Taking part in this also allowed some of our older students to gain additional UCAS points.

“I thought it was very hard at the beginning, but once I started, it got better and better,” said Josiah Castle, Year 7.

“Seeing the students work towards ambitious performance challenges has been incredibly rewarding and the growth in confidence from their successes has really paid off for us,” remarked Sophie Hill, Head of Drama.

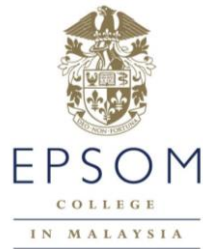
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About Epsom College in Malaysia (ECiM)

Epsom College in Malaysia (ECiM) opened in September 2014, and is a co-educational boarding and day international school for pupils aged 3-18. Epsom College in Malaysia follows the British National Curriculum and aims to mirror the academic excellence of Epsom College in the UK. Steeped in 161 years of rich UK heritage, Epsom College in Malaysia offers students a first- class British educational experience.

The Senior School for pupils aged 11-18 is both a boarding and day school and the Prep School is open for day pupils aged 3 – 11 years old. Strategically located in Bandar Enstek, an hour south of Kuala Lumpur, Epsom College in Malaysia is 15 minutes from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and the Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 (KLIA 2). This 50-acre campus is Epsom’s first overseas campus.



If you would like to learn more about Epsom College in Malaysia or reserve an Entry Assessment test for your child (3-18 years -old), please contact Ms Angie Chee at the school campus:

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