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MERCU introduces enriching value added features in its tuition programme

In its continuous bid to provide value added learning, MERCU Learning Point has incorporated several new initiatives in its tuition programme beginning 2012.

The General Manager of MERCU Learning Point, Mr Azman Atan, shared "As part of MERCU's relentless efforts to provide quality and innovative programmes, we have been consistently reviewing our curriculum. We gather feedback from our most valuable partners - tutors, parents and students. In January 2012, MERCU introduced new approaches and features which are in line with the curriculum guideline set by the Ministry of Education (MOE). Through these initiatives, we hope to enhance students' learning process."

Brain Based Teaching & Learning Environment

MERCU tutors are trained to identify students' learning style thus allowing them to apply different approaches appropriate to each student. Four strategies are adopted to enhance the students' study skills - Memory, Attentional Skills, Processing Skills and Sequential Skills (MAPS) which can be achieved by conducting engaging activities for the students.

Students learn and understand better through talking and writing about what they have learnt, relating it to their past experiences and applying it to their daily lives.

Math Olympiad (Primary School)

To instil understanding of Math concepts in the long run, students would be challenged to solve Math Olympiad questions after every 9 lessons. This Math programme aims to sharpen their thinking skills and information processing skills. Students will learn how to reason, communicate and connect concepts, thus making them more confident to tackle non-routine questions.

Outdoor & Indoor Experiential Learning

MERCU organises outdoor and indoor tuition programme during the June school holidays for Primary 3 to 6 students. This programme emphasises on experiential learning through challenging and mind-boggling activities. Secondary 1 and 2 students are not left out, as we put their minds to test in an exciting islandwide 'Amazing Race'. Students would be tasked to complete varied challenges related to English, Math and Science.

Math ELITE (Primary 4)

Math ELITE is offered as an enrichment programme consisting of 3 levels. Each level comprises 10 lessons with a duration of 1.5 hours per lesson. The programme uses Math as a means to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. It integrates problem-solving skills to develop lifelong learning skills. The programme supplements school's Math curriculum by filling gaps, expanding scope and adding depth. Math concepts will be explored in an intellectually stimulating and fun environment.

Students' cutoff marks for enrolment into this programme is 70% in Primary 3 Math SA2. Through ELITE, they will be more skilled in dealing with challenging examination questions and be more confident to attain Band 1 in Math.

These initiatives have been incorporated in the tuition programme starting January 2012, as part of our ongoing efforts to provide quality education to students.

The current features in the tuition programme for Primary 3 to 5 and Secondary 1 to 5 are:

- Advisory Board: Teachers, with more than 5 years' experience, ensure that the programmes by MERCU are in line with the current MOE curriculum.
- Mock Examinations: preparation for upcoming school examinations
- Small tutor-student ratio of 1:12: to better identify student's academic needs

About MERCU Learning Point

MERCU Learning Point is an education and training provider that offers a comprehensive range of programmes and services to the general public, corporate, grassroots organisations and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs). Set up in 1999, MERCU comprises of a kindergarten and three childcare centres, five student care centres and four learning centres that offer tuition and 2 of which also offer GCE 'N' and 'O' level programmes.

We kindly request the media's support and assistance to inform members of the public of these programmes so that they may take advantage of its benefits. Should you require more information, please contact Ms Sumarni at 6346 8301 or e-mail: sumarni@merculearning.com

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