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Bring out your child's best academic achievement through MERCUTM's P6 Guaranteed Results[©] programme.

Introduced in 2003, the P6 Guaranteed Results Programme assures parents that their children will pass their PSLE and move on to at least, the Normal Academic stream. Failing which, parents will be refunded up to 50% of their total tuition fees. The Guaranteed Results[©] Programme curriculum has been designed to ensure that students are given a comprehensive coverage of the standard MOE school syllabus in preparation for the PSLE

Nur Sakeenah, a student in the P6 Guaranteed Results Programme, has successfully attained an aggregate of 275. She is the top student in Si Ling Primary and among the top 5 Malay Muslim students. Her mother, Mdm Yurlina Yusuf, shared that *"Sakeenah often looked forward to her tuition. She enjoyed attending the tuition conducted by Ms Selena. Ms Selena used good illustrations to explain the topics she taught. This method was proven effective, especially for English and Science, where Sakeenah has improved and obtained good marks."*

Mdm Chua, whose son attained an aggregate of 241, commented, *"I am very pleased with the services rendered by MERCUTM. The staff is very friendly and approachable thus, making communication easier for both parties. I also would like to thank the tutor, Miss Wan, for her guidance."*

A total of 610 students enrolled in the **Guaranteed Results[©]** Programme since it started in December 2003. 290 students enrolled in the programme for 2006 intake. Out of which, **35%** passed the PSLE and progressed to Normal Academic. 5%, who were unsuccessful, progressed to the Normal Technical stream. 60% achieved Express Stream and this is an improvement from 55% for last year's cohort.

Features of the Guaranteed Results[©] Programme:

- Establish an Advisory Board, consisting of teachers and Head of Departments (HODs) with more than 5 years' experience, to ensure that a wider perspective is taken into account in developing, reviewing and assessing the curriculum and its applications.
- Topical worksheets and mock examinations given to students prior to school examinations.
- Scheme of Work used by tutors as a guide for their lessons.
- Bursary Award for PSLE, which rewards the top five PSLE students in MERCUTM based on their aggregates. Recipients can expect to be presented with up to \$2000.
- Practical approach to Mathematics and Science, through fun and educational activities: MerQTMMatics and MerQTMLab.

- Small tutor-student ratio of 1:8 will still be maintained to allow for better monitoring of students' performance
- Parent-tutor meetings held twice a year.

MERCUTM also offers tuition for Primary 1 to 5, and Secondary 1 to 5 at its centres. Each student in MERCUTM tuition programme will be given **progress reports** detailing their topical test and mock examination results. This is an improved version of the previous progress reports that was presented to parents during the Parent-Tutor Meetings after the CA1 and CA2 examinations. Now, the report will enable the parents to identify their child's strengths and weakness in the various topics for all subjects. **Parent-Tutor Meetings** that will be held in March and September 2006.

Scheme of Work (SOW) will also be given to the tutors, which serves as a guideline for them to cover the weekly topics stated in the SOW and ensures that lessons will be more organized.

About MERCUTM Learning Point

MERCUTM 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, MERCUTM has an extensive network of early childhood educational centres, student care centres, learning centres and a career centre.

MERCUTM comprises of one preschool centre and two childcare centres, three student care centres and two learning centres that offer academic and enrichment for students; one Private School offering private GCE 'O' Level programme; and one Career Centre that offers Career Coaching and Employment Assistance.

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 6892 6944 or e-mail: sumarni@merculearning.com

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