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King Henry VIII College, Malaysia

King Henry VIII College Malaysia brings nearly 500 years of British educational heritage to Southeast Asia as the sister school of Christ College Brecon, founded by King Henry VIII in 1541. Based in Cyberjaya, the school offers a UK-style education for students aged 3–18, with boarding available from Year 6. Students follow the British curriculum through IGCSEs and A levels, supported by strong pastoral care and a co-curricular programme designed to develop confidence, independence and academic ambition. The school has an outstanding EAL department with a whole school vision for language support for multilingual learners.



How we use Password tests

“We use Password at the point of entry. We established a baseline for admissions into Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 and we set our standards for entrance into the school. Password is used to determine whether a student meets the minimum language level that we are looking for in terms of English proficiency for each of the key stages. For us Password provides a really clear baseline that we are able to use assess students against before they even arrive at the school.”

How has your experience been working with Password as a school?

“Setting up with Password has been really easy for us as a school. It’s easy for us to communicate with the staff at Password to help us administer the tests, attend to any issues that we might be having, which are addressed promptly. Helen and James are always on hand to offer advice, for example in terms of developing the type of package we offer around admissions, and we’ve been lucky at the school to invite Dr Helen Wood to the school to deliver CPD training, based on building the good teaching practice that using Password supports.”

Why choose Password?

“As a school it’s very easy for us to recommend working with Password – the ease of use for example means we can administer tests ourselves remotely to students anywhere in the world, and that we are able to gain instant access to their results and understand where they are in their language- learning journey and see if that’s a fit for our school. For us, with the service, the support, the CPD materials and the fact we can buy bulk packages – it represents really good value.”

About the contributor

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