

Mastering English helps students achieve their goals

If the mainstream and social media are to be believed, our education system is in crisis.

While this may or may not be true, it is certain that two good things have emerged:

The government's Educational Blueprint, which seeks to address many of the quality and development issues that concern the public.

And more parents realise the importance of being both engaged with and involved in their children's education.

Parents set goals for their children that will go beyond preparing for government exams.

One of the most important goals is to make sure their children are proficient in English by the time they reach Form Five.

This is all the more important now that a pass at SPM English is going to be compulsory.

There is a lot of talk about the importance of learning English, and the fact that acquiring proficiency in English at an early stage opens up wider horizons for children.

It offers them options at school and college, at work and at play



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which they may lack without it.

One of the undesirable side effects of the decline in English language proficiency among Malaysian school children is the general knowledge gap between children today and those from previous generations and their contemporaries in the developed world.

Those confident in speaking and

reading English will inevitably broaden their knowledge and be better prepared to make informed decisions about their future on their own.

Language schools that offer flexibility and accountability in their programmes are the ones that provide the best chance for success.

Children must be assessed and

tested periodically for English proficiency and steps taken to assist the child who is not achieving the level of progress necessary to meet the goals that have been set.

The key to achieving mastery of English is a result-oriented, consistent and systematic teaching methodology, a tried, tested and proven curriculum and a team of well-trained teachers.

The Cambridge English For Life (CEFL), with almost 60 centres throughout Malaysia, is well-placed to provide this kind of service.

As an authorised centre of 14 years for the Cambridge English Language Assessment examinations, CEFL offers English language courses for children of all ages and adults, to prepare them for the Cambridge exams.

It currently puts more than 3,000 candidates through the Cambridge English Language Assessment examinations every year.

CEFL uses the communicative approach to learning. Classes are small and interactive so that learning is enjoyable and teachers have the opportunity to address the

needs of individual students.

Students also look forward to their classes because they are introduced to a wide range of both literary and cultural knowledge that they seldom encounter in school.

CEFL's teachers are all qualified teachers trained in the CEFL method. They bring their enhanced skills to the classroom, monitor the performance of their students, and keep them and parents/sponsors in touch with developments as their courses progress.

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