

SPH KEMANG VILLAGE

Middle School

Vision

To bless the nation through a total transformational education based on **True knowledge, Faith in Christ, and Godly Character.**

Mission

Proclaiming the pre-eminence of Christ and engaging in the redemptive restoration of all things in Him through holistic education.



Why a Middle School Program?

Dr. William Alexander, the "Father of the Middle School Movement" once wrote,

"The goal of the Middle School should be to stimulate in the child a love for learning, an attitude of inquiry, a passion for truth and beauty, a questioning mind. The learning of right answers is not enough... beyond answers alone, we must help children ask right questions, and discover their answers through creative thinking, judging, and understanding."

The Middle School model was proposed and crafted to **provide a specialized focus** for this important age group. These students need a strong sense of **community**, a **culture** that uplifts and challenges them, a **learning environment** that gives them applicable problems to solve, and a **teaching team** that is passionate about Middle School students. The Middle School model is intentionally designed with these pillars in mind, and we are very excited to share it with you.



Why Should You Choose Our Middle School Program?

The Middle School Program at SPH Kemang Village is specifically designed to cater to the unique needs of students who are transitioning from Junior School to Senior School. Our team of highly dedicated and experienced teachers are committed to providing more focused attention and support to ensure that our students are well-equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in the IB Diploma Programme in Grades 11 to 12.

Through our Middle School Program, students in Grades six to eight will be **given various opportunities to develop their interests and passions while receiving personalized guidance from our team of teachers.**

We do this because we believe that every student has unique talents and strengths that can be nurtured and developed through a comprehensive and holistic approach to education.

The Four Pillars of Our Middle School Program



The values of SPH are reflected in the four key pillars of SPH Kemang Village's Middle School Program. These pillars have been a part of the educational life here at SPH, and we have ensured that they remain in place as we build our new Middle School.



Middle School is a time for students to be curious, to explore new topics and to learn about themselves and the world around them. SPH Kemang Village's new Middle School will specifically focus on **creating a culture that empowers students to take bold risks in their learning journey, grow in their self-awareness of their interests and passions, and make intentional and purposeful choices about who they are becoming.** Teachers and staff are dedicated to continue providing high-quality education in this new Middle School program, in addition to emotional and social support to help students navigate the challenges of adolescence.

Overall, our ideal Middle School culture is set up to prioritize the well-being and success of all students and provide a positive and enriching experience for this critical stage of development.



Our new Middle School model allows us to form an even more **positive and cohesive community of learners.** Students will have more opportunities to develop together. From the structure of the schedule to the layout of our classrooms, everything has been tailored to assist our young learners in achieving their goals collaboratively.



The SPH Kemang Village Middle School learning environment has been designed to be **collaborative, interactive, and engaging**. It will encourage students to take ownership of their learning by providing opportunities to explore, experiment, and reflect. Teachers will be incorporating **inquiry-based learning**, asking students challenging questions, and requiring them to **creatively solve real-world problems**. The learning schedule is also structured in a way that allows students to learn and work on multiple subjects at once in an interdisciplinary setting.



As a Middle School, we are committed to supporting each and every one of our students with an understanding of their own unique strengths, weaknesses, needs, and passions. To prioritize this **student-centred approach**, our Middle School core teachers will be able to focus on two subjects (i.e. math and science) and only one grade level. The teachers' timetables will allow them to collaborate as a grade level and as a subject team on a regular basis, creating strong unit plans that will challenge students while giving them opportunities to express their own creativity and unique talents.

Intentionally Designed Framework

The SPH Kemang Village Middle School framework was intentionally crafted with our ideals for Middle School learners at the forefront. We align with the Association of Middle Level Education as they explain that adolescents at this age best thrive with the following educational setup:

"[A school] that helps them become competent and confident individuals who feel a sense of agency, are proud of who they are, are optimistic about their future, feel connected to those around them, and are prepared to succeed in our ever-changing world."

In order to meet these ideals, our program framework will provide substantial amounts of support for the students through these three key features:

- 1 More time with core teachers
- 2 Student collaboration
- 3 Dedicated Middle School space



More time with core teachers

Students will spend over half of their school day with two core teachers, ensuring these teachers can encourage, challenge, and support them, while also providing opportunities for interdisciplinary units in our two cores (Math/Science and English/Humanities).

Student Collaboration

Student schedules are defined to maximize the potential for students to collaborate with students outside of their class. For example, this could be two grade six classes working together on a major project, a grade seven class presenting their findings to other grades, or a grade eight class helping guide a group of grade six students.

Middle School- specific space

The Middle School will be our students' 'second home,' and so we are committed to providing the space students need in order to learn, grow, and develop in a holistic community.

Holistic Development



Spiritual Growth

Middle School is a time of asking questions, **learning to know who God is, and deepening one's personal faith.** At SPH, we allocate time each day to dive into the Word of God as we seek to know Him more. We are moving away from an assessment-based Bible program to a discussion-oriented curriculum carefully designed to create a safe space for students to wonder, question, and learn.



Learning Skills

Education goes beyond what textbooks have to offer. To be fully prepared for the future, students must develop skills that bring success in both academia and the workforce. These range from basic skills, such as organization and note-taking, to more complex ones, such as problem-solving and critical thinking. These skills are vital for students as they progress in their educational careers and into their future jobs.



Social-Emotional Learning

Middle School students are at a crucial developmental stage as they transition out of childhood and into adolescence. To support students in this vital process, core teachers will guide students in five key areas of Social-Emotional Learning: **self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.**

Engaging and Challenging Academics



We are proud of the high-quality academic program we have provided for many years now at SPH Kemang Village. Our new Middle School will take this **strong Cambridge-based foundation** and build upon it with a few specific focuses. This curriculum has and will continue to provide our program with the **rigor and international recognition** that has supported our students so well over the past decade. Building on top of this foundation of content, our commitment is to provide students with the opportunities and support needed to not only grow in their understanding of the content but, more importantly, in their **ability to think critically and creatively, to collaborate, and to persevere through challenging problems**. These opportunities will be provided through inquiry-based learning activities in which students are given freedom and flexibility to explore different topics and answer real-world problems in dynamic and meaningful way.

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