5. Stretching students’ potential beyond the classroom

- **English Academy**

  The English Academy was first introduced in October 2010 when many academic and interest classes started. Cooperating with experienced and passionate course leaders from within and outside the school, we hope to equip our students with different perspectives as well as promote all-round education.

  In the English Academy, we are particularly concerned with the seven strands:

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6. Our outstanding alumnæ: We are proud of you

Our future doctors:

I am quite special among my peers in Med School because I came from a Chinese middle school. They always ask me what it was like in my middle school and every time I tell them, ‘I like my high school and I miss everything in it. I don’t regret studying at KTLMS!’

BOEY LEUNG

Although it has been a year since I left KTLMS, it is a place full of precious memories. I still miss my teachers and friends there. I made lifelong friends and I was nurtured by attentive teachers who equipped me with words of God. I really want to send my deepest gratitude to my mother school.

PHYLLIS CHAN

It is still fresh in my mind how the teachers provided us with guidelines when I was in a maze;
It is still fresh in my memory how the unfailing support from the teachers helped me to believe I was able when facing any challenges;
It is still fresh in my memory how selfless the teachers were in offering their extra time to run the extra mile with us.

I am really proud and grateful to be a True Light girl.

OUR LAWYER: ROSITA CHENG

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

Saint Augustine
Kowloon True Light Middle School

From **CMI to EMI** ...

**A New Era for True Light**

“Thou Art the Light of the World”
In 2010, KTL entered a new era. Most academic subjects are now taught in English in F.1 to prepare these students for F.4, when ALL academic subjects will be taught in English. In order to help our students, many new policies have been adopted.

1. Special Features in our F.1 English Curriculum

- **Language Arts:**
  To expose students to different types of English texts, Language Arts such as poetry, drama and short stories are included in class. Students can learn to appreciate English from a new perspective. The first Inter-class Choral Speaking Competition was held in F.1 in which the students gained experience in performing English poems.

- **Streaming and Split-Class teaching:**
  In English lessons, students are grouped into smaller classes according to their competence. With this policy, we hope to provide more support and guidance to students of different levels.

- **Differentiated Curriculum:**
  A special curriculum is designed for students who are particularly gifted. With appropriate design, more demanding tasks can be given to elite students to boost their English standard as well as develop their potentials.

- **Reading:**
  Reading training is organized on a genre-based approach. Students are encouraged to analyse different texts in the “Short Text Intensive Reading Programme”, in which they are exposed to different types of texts ranging from Science and Geography to Politics.

- **English Enhancement Programme:**
  This programme includes remedial classes such as basic pronunciation, vocabulary building and a grammar clinic to cater for F.1 students.
2. Whole School Language Support – Language Across the Curriculum

We believe that English learning is not limited to English lessons in the classroom – it is everywhere in the school. In this regard, different departments in the school work closely to provide students with a friendly English learning environment. Such activities include:

- **Mini-projects across different subjects**

- **Activities in English:**
  
  **Swimming Gala and Sports Day**

  **Thai Visit**
  – 30 secondary school teachers from Thailand visited our school in October.
  – 20 student ambassadors were selected to welcome the visitors.

- **Cross-department activities:**
  Hymn sharing, English Bible Study Group and academic talks
3. **Partnerships with Experts: HKU and EDB**

Apart from the high-calibre local staff at KTL, we are also working with professionals from other institutes to guarantee excellent development and professional implementation of policies and projects.

4. **Awards:**

   - Scholarships worth up to $10,000 are given to students with outstanding results in public examinations.

   - Immersion programmes will be organized for students with financial difficulties to widen their exposure to different cultures.