

Initially conceptualized in 1996, Maahad Tahfiz Negeri (MTNP) is a private full boarding school, fully funded and owned by Yayasan Pahang (Pahang State Foundation). Its campus, located on an eight point seven-acre land next to the Headquarters of Yayasan Pahang, was completed in 2006, and offers modern labs, classrooms, auditoriums, meeting rooms, sports and recreational facilities, among other things. Its secondary school program commenced the same year. MTNP curriculum makes use of the best of both secular and Islamic education with the aim of producing holistic, well-balanced individuals and professionals.

Student selection

Enrolment in MTNP Secondary School Program starts with Form One (Grade 7). Every year, MTNP receives nearly a thousand applications from primary school students but only about 200 students are invited to attend a weeklong rigorous screening program which requires potential students to demonstrate: 1) academic potential, 2) outstanding qur'anic reading and memorization ability, 3) interest in STEM subjects, 4) proficiency in English, and 5) strong interpersonal skills. Out of this figure, less than eighty are admitted to Form 1 at MTNP. For the next five years, these students are to study at MTNP until they finish Form 5 (Grade 11).

Most students at MTNP are between 13 (Form 1) and 17 (Form 5) years of age. Table 1 below shows student enrolment according to Forms and gender between 2015 and 2024.

Table 1: Student Enrolment between 2015 and 2024.

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Level	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F
Form 5	27	23	29	20	24	24	21	30	23	29	26	23	30	27	30	25	27	29	29	28
Form 4	30	20	24	24	21	30	23	29	26	23	30	27	30	25	26	29	29	28	42	29
Form 3	24	24	21	30	23	29	26	23	30	27	29	25	26	30	30	28	42	27	34	30
Form 2	21	31	23	29	26	23	29	27	29	25	26	30	29	28	42	27	34	30	33	38
Form 1	23	29	26	23	30	27	30	25	27	29	29	28	42	29	34	30	33	38	30	40
Sub-Total	125	127	123	126	123	133	128	134	134	134	140	133	157	137	162	139	165	152	168	165
Total	1	57	24	19	2.	56	26	52	26	58	27	73	29	94	30	01	3:	L7	33	33

Academic Staff

C	Total		
PhD	Master	Degree	Total
1	6	21	28

MTNP Community

Located in Kuantan in the state of Pahang, MTNP is a small-gated community. Teaching and learning take place not only in traditional settings but also in non-traditional settings which may involve student-centered and hands-on activities, discovery through research and innovation experiments which help students to develop long lasting friendships. Students and academic staff members, most of whom live nearby, regularly meet with the students after school hours for extra tuition classes, outdoor activities, or sports preparation, equestrian training, debate or club meets. Many of the academic staff members are also involved in the students selection process, orientation week for new students, cocurricular



activities and student research works or innovation experiments in addition to teaching academic subjects.

Since MTNP is owned by Yayasan Pahang, students from low socioeconomic backgrounds are given financial assistance by the foundation, and as such do not necessarily have to pay for school fees. Those from more affluent families, on the other hand, need to pay some of the school fees.

Being a small, full boarding, gated community, MTNP provides a conducive learning environment which encourages the growth of a community of learners, and the importance of a well-rounded education. Most classrooms are equipped with modern teaching and learning facilities including smart boards, LCD projectors and are within Wi-Fi coverage. Additionally, facilities such as swimming pool, golf course, pétanque court, equestrian center, football field, badminton court, netball court, and pergolas allow students to spend time on leisure or sports activities. Co-curricular activities take place on Wednesday afternoons, and allow students to take part in debates, sports, various clubs, uniformed bodies, and community services.

Curriculum

MTNP curriculum blends the best of both secular and Islamic education. The main crux of the curriculum is the latest Kurikulum Standard Sekolah Menengah Malaysia (Malaysian Secondary School Standard Curriculum), or KSSM for short, which was launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Education Malaysia. KSSM was built based on six fundamental strands: 1) Communication, 2) Spiritual, 3) Attitudes and values, 4) Humanities, 5) Personal Competence, and 6) Science and Technology as summarized by Figure 1.0.

Mahamza Ul Haq, MTNP student, representing Malaysia at Pony Club Queensland State Jumping Equitation and Show Jumping Championship at West Toowoomba, Australia



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A low student to instructor ratio (12:1) allows for individualized teaching with specially tailored programs. Using the national curriculum as the core curriculum, a number of subjects particularly those pertaining to Islamic studies and Arabic are added for enrichment. On top of that, qur'anic studies, qur'anic recitation and memorization are part of the package to train students to become a competent *Hafiz* or *Hafizah*.

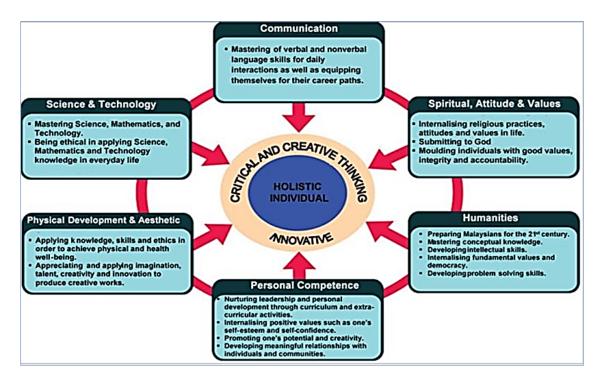


Figure 1: The framework of Malaysian Secondary School Standard-based curriculum.

Students in lower secondary classes take thirteen subjects as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Lower Secondary Education at MTNP: Academic subjects for Lower Secondary classes.

CORE SUBJECTS	ELECTIVES	SPECIAL SKILLS
Malay Language	Tarannum	English for communication
English	Music	
Islamic Studies	Arts	
History		
Mathematics	AL QURAN & TAHFIZ	
Science	AL-Quran syafawi	
Arabic	Al-Quran Tahriri	
Quran & Science	Maharat Al- Quran	
ICT		

Students in the upper secondary classes, i.e. Form Three to Form Five, are given the option to choose from four different steams: 1) Pure Science, 2) Physical Science, 3) Computer Science, and 4) Accounting. The subjects for the different streams are shown in Table 3.

Moreover, they are also expected to participate in innovation and research activities. For language classes, the majority of MTNP students are required to learn Arabic, in addition to English and Malay language (70+% of the inaugural class entered with a fluency in English).

At the end of their Form Five, every student must sit for SPM (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia) examination, a national examination as part of Malaysian education system. For ten years until 2022, MTNP was the top school in the state of Pahang in SPM examination. In 2023, MTNP became the best school for the whole of Malaysia.

Table 3: Upper Secondary Education at MTNP: Academic subjects for the different streams

ACADEMIC	ACADEMIC STREAMS							
SUBJECTS	PURE SCIENCE	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	COMPUTER SCIENCE	ACCCOUNTING				
Compulsory		1103 Malay 1119 English 1249 History 1449 Mathematics						
Additional Compulsory			1223 Islamic Education	1511 Science				
Science & Mathematics	3479 Additional Math4531 Physics4541 Chemistry4551 Biology	3479 Additional Math 4531 Physics 4541 Chemistry	3479 Additional Math 4531 Physics 4541 Chemistry	3479 Additional Math				
Social Science & Religion	5228 Quran & Sunnah Studies 5228 Islamic law Studies	5228 Quran & Sunnah Studies 5228 Islamic law Studies		5228 Quran & Sunnah Studies 5228 Islamic Law Studies				
Economics and Business		3756 Princ of Accounting		3756 Princ of Accounting 3767 Economics				
Technical & Vocational			3770 Computer Science					
Language & Literature	2361 Arabic	2361 Arabic		2361 Arabic				
Total Subjects	11	11	9	11				

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Grading & GPA

Students at Maahad Tahfiz Negeri Pahang have to sit for two major exams every year. Two different grading systems are used for Upper and lower secondary assessment as shown in Figure 3 below.

UPPER SECONDARY (FORMS 3, 4 & 5)					
Grade	Range of marks	GPP			
A+	90 - 100	0.00			
Α	80 – 89	1.0			
A-	70 - 79	2.00			
B+	65 - 69	3.00			
В	60 – 64	4.00			
C+	55 - 59	5.00			
С	50 - 54	6.00			
D	45 - 49	7.00			
Е	40 - 44	8.00			
G	0 - 39	9.00			

LOWER SECONDARY (FORMS 1 & 2)				
Grade	Range of marks	GPP		
А	80 - 100	1.00		
В	65 - 79	2.00		
С	50 - 64	3.00		
D	40 - 49	4.00		
Е	0 - 30	5.00		

Figure 3: Grading Marks for Upper Secondary and Lower Secondary

All subjects are considered in the calculation of GPP.

$$\mathsf{GPP} \ = \ \frac{\sum \ (\mathsf{No} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{certain} \ \mathsf{Grade} \ \mathsf{Achieved} \ \mathsf{x} \ \mathsf{Grade} \ \mathsf{Point})}{\mathsf{No} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{subjects}}$$

GPA on a four-point scale is calculated using the following formulas. Moreover, GPA is not weighted and CGPA is only for each particular year.

Lower Secondary: GPA = 16 - (GPP-1)) / 4

Upper Secondary: GPA = (16 - 1) / 4

It is our policy not to rank students as each of our students is considered unique.

Educational Pathway

After the SPM examination, students enroll in Matriculation or preparatory colleges before they can be admitted to local or international universities. Those who do very well in SPM are offered to apply for scholarship by government agencies such as JPA, MARA, National Bank of Malaysia, or government link companies such as Petronas, PNB, Sime Darby and UEM.

For students who show interest in studying abroad, they are encouraged to sit for SAT, SAT Subject tests, Advanced Placement test, whichever is pertinent, and English proficiency test such as TOEFL or IELTS.

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Samples of Student Research Works between 2020 - 2024

No.	Names of researchers	Research Topic	Supervisor	Achievements
1	Siti Nur Addawiyyah Balqis binti Muhammad Sabri, Adam Hify bin Aris, Nur Auni Qistina binti Mohamed Jafri, Muhammad Faris Nu'uman Mohd Fahmi.	Students' Perceptions on the Use of Pro Map in History Subject	Nurul Farhah binti Hamidi	Silver Medal
2	Nur Amelia Diyana binti Azman, Ayu Farhanis binti Abdul Halim, Siti Nur Addawiyyah Balqis bin Muhammad Sabri.	Interaction Between Verses 38-40 of Yaseen and Kepler's Law	Nurul Farhah binti Hamidi	Best Video Award
3	Siti Nurbaitee binti Elias, Aisyah Syafiqah binti Suhaimi, Amira Batrisyia binti Amiruddin, Wiaamul Adnin binti Edzwady Sham, Hasya Faqeha binti Hasal Masri.	The Effectivity of Awareness Campaigns of Breast Cancer From 2007-2011 In Increasing the Survival Rates Of Cancer Patients In Malaysia	Nurul Farhah binti Hamidi	-
4	Amirul Naqib bin Ahmad Fathil Mubashshir, Muhammad Danial Haqimi bin Mohamad Rozi, Muhammad Noor Naim bin Mohd Noor Fadillah. Auni Sumayyah binti Mohd Hamizan	Pengurusan Kebakaran Hutan Paya Gambut di Negeri Pahang: Tindakan dan Cabaran Jabatan Hutan Negeri Pahang (JPNP)	Nurul Farhah binti Hamidi	Most Promising Award
5	Muhammad Daniel Iqbal bin Mohd Nazori, Anas bin Mohd Lafzul, Wan Nur Adira Safiah binti Wan Hazni, Hana Humaira binti Yazmin Hizam.	Hubung Kait antara Hafazan Al-Quran dan Pencapaian Akademik Pelajar di Maahad Tahfiz Negeri Pahang	Nurul Farhah binti Hamidi	Gold Medal
6	Ahmad Izz Aiman bin Izuan, Muhammad Amirul Hakim bin Khirul Akmal, Muhammad Harish Rayyan bin Muhammod, Shaiful Hafizi bin Mohd Rahaidi.	ICT Literacy Among Elementary School Students in Kuantan	Nurul Farhah Binti Hamidi	Gold Medal
7	Muhammad Al-leman bin Mat Din, Muhammad Aqil bin Mohd Sufian, Adib Naqiuddin bin Mohd Fathmi, Nur Farisha Ervina binti Nurazhansah	Penerimaan Orang Awam Terhadap Aktiviti Pelacongan Menggunakan Kenderaan Rekreasi (RV)	Ainol Izzati binti Abdul Halim	Gold Medal
8	Nurin Amanna binti Mohd Asri, Iris Intishar binti Norzelan, Loubna Humeida binti Badli Shah, Radhwa Aina binti Muhamad Rozaidi	Hubungkait antara Komik Sejarah dan Pemahaman Pelajar: Satu Tinjauan di Maahad Tahfiz Negeri Pahang	Ainol Izzati binti Abdul Halim	Bronze Medal
9	Hariz Adib Aniq bin Zora, Hafiy Rizqiy Jalaluddin bin Mazarul Arif, Abdul Halim Faiq bin Abdul Muariff Tajuddin, 'Afifah binti Mohamad Nazeri.	The Relation Between Surah Al-Imran Verse 154 and The Physiological Phenomena of Sadness	Muhammad Irfan bin Ikhwan	Bronze Award
10	Muhammad Yusuf Aqil bin Mohd Adham Shah, Muhammad Luqman Hakim bin Mazlan1, Muhammad Abu Bakar bin Sirajulhuda, Zulhamqa Farish bin Zulkernain.	Perkaitan Al-Quran dengan Perkembangan Penciptaan Alatan dan Ilmu Astronomi	Muhammad Irfan bin Ikhwan	Silver Award

Selected Samples of Student Participation in International Conference between 2023-2024

No	Names of participant	Title of paper presented	Name of Conference	Venue &Year
1	Amirul Naqib bin Ahmad Fathil	Pengurusan Kebakaran Hutan Paya	Insan Junior	Kolej Permata
	Mubashshir, Muhammad Danial	Gambut di Negeri Pahang: Tindakan	Researchers	Insan, 2022
	Haqimi bin Mohamad Rozi, Muhammad Noor Naim bin Mohd	dan Cabaran Jabatan Hutan Negeri Pahang (JPNP)	International Conference 2023	
	Noor Fadillah.	ralialig (Jrivr)	(ljurecon 2023)	
	Auni Sumayyah binti Mohd Hamizan		(1)41 00011 2020)	
2	Ahmad Izz Aiman bin Izuan,	ICT Literacy Among Elementary	Insan Junior	Kolej Permata
	Muhammad Amirul Hakim bin Khirul	School Students in Kuantan	Researchers	Insan, 2024
	Akmal, Muhammad Harish Rayyan		International	
	bin Muhammod, Shaiful Hafizi bin		Conference 2024	
	Mohd Rahaidi.		(Ijurecon 2024)	
3	Hariz Adib Aniq bin Zora, Hafiy Rizqiy	The Relation Between Surah Al-Imran	Insan Junior	Kolej Permata
	Jalaluddin bin Mazarul Arif, Abdul	Verse 154 and The Physiological	Researchers	Insan, 2024
	Halim Faiq bin Abdul Muariff	Phenomena of Sadness	International	
	Tajuddin, 'Afifah binti Mohamad		Conference 2024	
	Nazeri.		(Ijurecon 2024)	
4	Izz Muhammad Zuhdi bin Md Suffian,	Unveiling the Truth: Understanding	Insan Junior	Kolej Permata Insan,
	Muhammad Izz Harriz bin Mohd Haniff,	Symbols on the Cosmetic Packaging	Researchers	2024
	Airis Nur Nabihah binti Ab Halimb, Anis		International	
	Sumayyah binti Mohd Khalil.		Conference 2024	
			(Ijurecon 2024)	

Samples of Participation in Innovation Competition: 2023-2024 (local & International)

No.	Event & Participants	Location	Date	Awards
1	Student Emotions Detector	Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre	May, 2023	Best Category (Secondary School)
	Siti Nur Addawiyyah Balqis binti Muhammad Sabri, Adam Hify bin Aris, Nur Auni Qistina binti Mohamed Jafri, Muhammad Faris Nu'uman Mohd Fahmi.			Gold Medal
	World Young Inventors Exhibition, 34th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition, Malaysia (iTEX23)			
2	Student Emotions Detector	Seoul, South Korea	July, 2023	Silver Medal
	Siti Nur Addawiyyah Balqis binti Muhammad Sabri, Adam Hify bin Aris, Nur Auni Qistina binti Mohamed Jafri, Muhammad Faris Nu'uman Mohd Fahmi.			
	12th World Invention Creativity Olympic (WICO) 2023			
3	ELLCA: Unveiling the Eczema Scar Eraser – Your Sokution to Beautifully Healed Skin	World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur	February, 2024	Gold Award
	Nur Amalina Farhana binti Roslan, Aimi Nur Zahira binti Ab. Halim, Salsabil binti Mohammad fatin, Muhammad Amar Hamdi bin Kamaruzaman			
	Malaysia technology Expo (MTE 2024)			

Selected Samples of Participation in National & International Competitions

COMPETITION	LOCATION	DATE	AWARDS
CHESS			
Kejohanan Catur Majlis Sukan Sekolah Malaysia (Mssm)	Uni. Malaysia Sabah	3-8 Sept 2022	Runner Up – male, below 15 category
Kejohanan Catur Majlis Sukan Sekolah Malaysia (Mssm)	Johor	Sept 2024	Third place, male – below 18 category
Kejohanan Catur Temasya Sukan Malaysia Xxi (Sukma)	Sarawak	16-26 0g0s	-
EQUESTRIAN			
President Challenge Cup 2023 Csi International Show Jumping	Kuala Lumpur Polo Club	20-21 May 2023	2nd Place - Show Jumping 70 - 80 cm category
President Challenge Cup CSI 1 International Show Jumping	Malaysian Armed Force Equestrian Centre, Negeri Sembilan	23-26 May 2024	1st Show Jumping 40-50cm
Kejohanan Equestrian Exchange Program & Championship 2022	Jakarta Indonesia	Feb 2022	Third place (Dressage & show Jumping)
FENCING			
South East Asia Fencing Championships 2024, 6- 11 January 2024, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.	Kuala Lumpur	6-11 Jan 2024	-
Asian Cadet And Junior Fencing Championships, 16-25 February 2024, Manama Bahrain.	Manama Bahrain	16-25 Feb 2024	-
Junior And Cadet Fencing World Championships, 12-20 April 2024, Riyadh Saudi Arabia.	Riyadh Saudi Arabia	12-20 Apr 2024	-
South East Asia Pacific International, 22-30 July 2024, Manila Philipines.	Manila Philipines	22-30 Jul 2024	-

List of universities which have accepted our graduates

Country	University
	Monash University
Australia	Murdoch University
	The University of Queensland
Canada	
Canada	The University of British Columbia
China	Beijing Language & Culture University
	Ain Shams University
	Al-Azhar University
	Alexandria University
Egypt	Cairo University
671	Maahad Qiraat Al-Azhar Shoubra
	Mansoura University
	Tanta University
Germany	Hoschule Hannover University
	Jade Hoschule University
India	School Of Medical Science
	Gifu University
	Gunma University
	Hiroshima University
1	Kobe University
Japan	Saga University
	Teikyo University
	Tottori University
	Toyohashi University of Technology
	Utsunomiya University
	Jordan Univ of Science & Technology
	Mu'tah University
Jordan	The World Islamic Sciences & Education Univ
	University of Jordan
	Yarmouk University
	Zarqa' University
Kingdom of	Islamic University of Madinah
Saudi Arabia	
Korea	Hanyang University
	Yeungnam University, Korea
Morocco	Universiti Al-Qarawiyyin
New Zealand	University of Canterbury
Turkiye	Gazi University
Turkiyo	Istanbul University
	Brunel University of London
	Cardiff University
	Queen Mary University of London
United	University College London
Kingdom	University of Nottingham
	University of Sheffield
	University of Southampton
	University of Warwick
	Michigan State University
USA	The Pennsylvania State University
	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Yemen	Al-Ahgaaf University

Country	University				
	German-Malaysian Institute				
	Heriot-Watt University Malaysia				
	Campus				
	Institut Pendidikan Guru				
	Intec Education College				
	International Islamic University				
	Malaysia				
	Kolej Profesional Mara				
	Multimedia University				
	Sunway College				
	Universiti Islam Selangor				
	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia				
	Universiti Malaya				
	Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan				
	Abdullah				
	Universiti Malaysia Sarawak				
Malaysia	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu				
,	Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris				
	Universiti Poly-Tech Malaysia				
	Universiti Putra Malaysia				
	Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia				
	Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin				
	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia				
	Universiti Teknologi Mara				
	Universiti Teknologi Petronas				
	Universiti Tenaga Nasional				
	Universiti Tun Abdul Razak				
	Universiti Utara Malaysia				
	University of Cyberjaya				
	University of Wollongong Malaysia				
	(KDU College)				
	Widad University College				
	Yayasan Pahang Advanced Skills				

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