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Form Five boys lead gym revamp (The Star – 30 November 2025)



Before and after: The gym was redesigned with new flooring, better ventilation, designated training zones and modern equipment.

STUDENT commitments can be overwhelming – subjects to master, assignments to complete, examinations to prepare for, not to mention extracurricular activities to participate in.

But for Muhammad Aufa Eizdihar Khairul Ariffin and Ejaz Roslan, two Form Five students at Kolej Yayasan Saad Melaka (KYSM), these demands did not deter them from going a step further in the face of necessary change.

Recognising that their boarding school gym was in need of a makeover, the duo galvanised their schoolmates to kickstart a project to renovate the facility.

The effort saw them involved in every stage, from conception to completion, including fundraising, negotiations, logistics management and legal documentation.

Recently opened for student use, the renovated facility, completed within two years from 2023 to this year at a cost of over RM200,000, now serves as a modern training space for the KYSM athletics, rugby and netball teams.

“When I saw my batchmates struggling to excel in sports, I thought to myself that there must be change. I felt that we, as students, must take the lead,” said Muhammad Aufa Eizdihar in a press release.



Armed with only a basic understanding of project operations and leadership, the duo began by consulting teachers and the school’s management before building a framework for what would later become the largest student-led project in the school’s history.