School Timeline : 1994 to 2015

1994



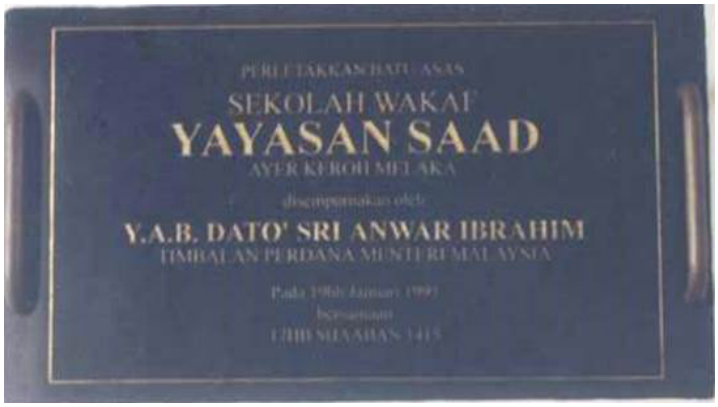
A concept co-educational boarding secondary school was incubated by YBhg. Tan Sri Halim Saad, who was then the CEO of Renong Berhad. The task to get this residential school up and running in six months was handed down to Mr. Rozalli Noordin in late 1994 who were at that time heading the Renong Education Centre.

A 131 acres of land in Ayer Keroh, Melaka was acquired from Metacorp for the construction of this concept residential school.



1995 **The groundbreaking ceremony on 19 January, officiated by the then Deputy Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Anwar Ibrahim, marked the beginning of a round the clock construction work. There were close to 200 workers on site working 24 hours 7 days a week. The school, a Yayasan school when completed will**

provide full scholarship to all its students, basic wear and pocket money included.



By end March, the sub-structure and super structure of the main buildings - administration, academic, resource centre, hostels, cafeteria, dining hall multipurpose hall and surau had been completed.





The first Board of Governors was constituted, comprising Dato' Syed Abu Bakar Barakbah, Dato' Abdul Shukor Abdullah, Rozalli Noordin, Frances Hamzah, Muzaffar Desmond Tate, Zulkifli Hashim and Hasnah Saad.





The first Board of Governors meeting was held on 9 March 1995 at Ramada Hotel in Melaka. The main buildings and the campus were at its final stage of construction.



The school's pioneer team consisting of Principal Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman, Academic Manager Sulaiman Ibrahim, Student Affairs Manager Mohd Sharif Haron, Food and Accomodation Executive Zaharin Sidek, Resource Centre Executive Mizi Ibrahim, Administration Assistant Khamis Ibrahim, Clerks Fatiah Jais and Zaleha Ramli, started operating from the Faber Tower in Jalan Kelang Lama, Kuala Lumpur. This pioneer team moved to the school premise on 2 May 1995. Since the administration building was not ready, the team had to work from container cabins.





The pioneer 21 academic staff reported for duty on 1 June. The first staff meeting was held on 8 June.

The school was all ready to bring in its first batch of Form 1 students – 40 boys and 20 girls, mostly from low socio-economic background. They were sourced via the Ministry of Education's residential schools. The selected students underwent a Summer Camp program to develop their physical strength and maturity from 21 to 23 May in Ulu Langat, Selangor followed by an English Proficiency course at MARA Language Academy from 24 to 27 May.





On 11 June 1995, the then Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad made an unofficial visit to the KYS campus and he was very impressed by its facilities, especially the 300 m lap pool which took 17 days to fill it up with water.







The school officially opened on 25 June 1995 with the registration of the first batch of 60 Form One students. Construction work was still ongoing.







The key concepts of the school that would make Kolej Yayasan Saad as a Centre of Excellence were progressively institutionalized under the professional advice of the Board of Governors.

1996

The KYS campus originally a fruit orchard and rubber plantation was transformed into a resort environment lush with greenery and refreshing atmosphere. Ornamental trees were planted to enhance the landscape of the campus.



To fast track a full enrolment school and to quickly see the results of KYS's quality education, the first batch of 60 Form 4 students – 36 boys and 24 girls were brought in on 25 January 1996.



The Manual of Conduct was officially launched on 8 April 1996

The KYS Tree Planting Project was officiated on 20 July 1996 by the then Education Minister, Dato' Seri Najib Abdul Razak.





The Bolshoi Ballet Theatre Orchestra, Tashkent, Uzbekistan performed in the KYS Great Hall on 22 July 1996.



The school held its inaugural Speech Day on 23 November 1996. The Guest-of-Honor was the first Chairman of the Board of Governors, Dato' Syed Abu Bakar Barakbah.



The first Athletics Championship was held and attended by Tan Sri Halim Saad and Dato' Syed Abu Bakar Barakbah.







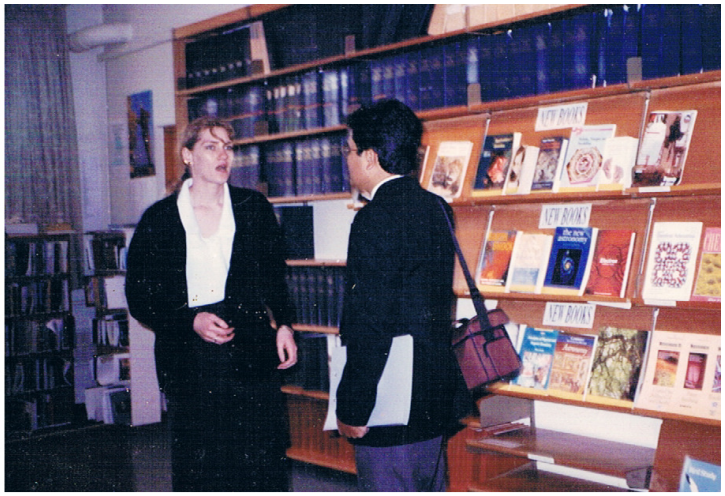


1997 First sitting of KYS students in the national Penilaian Menengah Rendah and the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examinations in October and November/December respectively.





The school continued to push forward in realizing its vision as a concept school, placing the highest priority on best practices in all aspects of education. In order to understand what a quality boarding school is like, a team from KYS, headed by Mr. Rozalli Noordin made a study visit to 3 reputable UK boarding schools – Winchester College, Millfield College and Eton College.



The first Penilaian Menengah Rendah examination results were announced on 30 December 1997 and from then on the school improved progressively to become one of the top performing schools in the country.

The first Biannual KYS-MCKK Rugby Match was held on 19 July on KYS grounds.

1998 The first Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia examination results were announced on 30 March 1998 and Kolej Yayasan Saad emerged as one of the thirteen schools in the country to have achieved a 100% Division One passes.



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SPM: 92 sekolah lulus 100 peratus

Oleh Mohd Fuad Razali dan Mohd Feroz Abu Bakar

SEBANYAK 92 sekolah, termasuk sekolah agama negeri dan swasta, mencatat kelulusan 100 peratus dalam peperiksaan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) tahun lalu.

Jumlah itu termasuk 13 sekolah yang mencatatkan keputusan 100 peratus pangkat satu dalam peperiksaan berkenaan.

Daripada jumlah itu, enam adalah sekolah berasrama penuh (SBP), enam Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (MRSM) dan sebuah sekolah swasta, Kolej Yayasan Saad.

SBP berkenaan ialah SMA Persekutuan Kajang, Selangor; Sekolah Tun Fatimah, Johor Bahru; SM Sains Pokok Sena, Kuala Nerang, Kedah; Kolej Tunku Kurshiah dan SMA Persekutuan Labu, Negeri Sembilan serta SM Sains Dungun, Terengganu.

MRSM pula ialah MRSM Taiping, Perak; MRSM Pengkalan Chepa, Kota Bharu; MRSM Muar, Johor; MRSM Jasin, Melaka; MRSM Balik Pulau, Pulau Pinang dan MRSM Kuala Berang, Terengganu.

SM Sains Pokok Sena dan Kolej Yayasan Saad adalah dua sekolah yang pertama kali mengambil peperiksaan SPM.

Bilangan sekolah yang mendapat 100 peratus Pangkat Satu itu meningkat lapan sekolah berbanding lima sahaja yang dicatatkan dalam peperiksaan SPM 1996.

Sementara itu, daripada 92 sekolah mencatatkan 100 peratus lulus, 34 adalah sekolah berasrama penuh, sekolah menengah agama (20), Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (12), sekolah menengah harian (lapan), sekolah agama negeri (lapan), sekolah swasta (tujuh), sekolah menengah teknik (dua) dan Maktab Tentera. Bilangan itu bertambah sembilan buah berbanding 83 sekolah pada tahun sebelumnya.

Pada keseluruhannya sekolah bagi semua kategori terbabit menunjukkan peningkatan bilangan sekolah yang mendapat kelulusan 100 peratus.

Bagi sekolah menengah kebangsaan agama, bilangan yang mendapat kelulusan mencatatkan kelulusan 100 peratus pada 1996 ialah 17 sahaja berbanding 20 tahun lalu.

Sekolah menengah agama negeri pula menunjukkan pertambahan sebuah sekolah kerana pada 1996 hanya tujuah sekolah mendapat keputusan 100 peratus.

Begitu juga dengan sekolah menengah teknik yang mencatatkan pertambahan sebuah lagi mendapat 100 peratus dalam SPM 1997 berbanding hanya sebuah pada 1996 manakala sekolah swasta mencatatkan pertambahan tiga buah berbanding empat pada tahun sebelumnya.

Bagaimanapun, bilangan sekolah menengah biasa yang mencatat kelulusan 100 peratus menurun kepada lapan berbanding sembilan sekolah yang mendapat kelulusan sedemikian pada 1996.

Lapan sekolah itu ialah SM Seri Jengka, Maran, Pahang; Kolej Datu Patinggi Abang Haji Abdillah dan Kolej Tun Datu Tuanku Haji Bujang, Sarawak; SM Sultanah Asma, Alor Setar; SM Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh; Maktab Sultan Ismail dan SM Datuk Ahmad Maher, Kota Bharu serta SM Aminuddin Baki, Kuala Lumpur.

Daripada 304,475 calon yang mengambil SPM tahun lalu, seramai 50 calon mendapat 10A1 termasuk tiga pelajar Kolej Tunku Kurshiah. Pada 1996 cuma 26 pelajar mendapat 10A1.

Bilangan pelajar yang gagal dalam semua mata pelajaran tahun lalu juga menurun mendadak kepada 414 orang berbanding 1,159 tahun sebelumnya.

The first Annual Swimming Championship was held on 11 July 1998.



The Melaka State Governor, TYT Yang DiPertua Negeri Tun Datuk Seri Utama Syed Ahmad Al-Haj bin Syed Mahmud Shahbudin visited the school on 13 August 1998.



The official launching of the KYS Orchestra Performance by Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali was held on 20 November 1998. It was also the first orchestra performance.



2000 Kolej Yayasan Saad opened its doors to fully sponsored non-Bumiputera students to add diversity to its student demography.



The first batch of 7 non-Bumiputera students – 5 Chinese and 2 Indians were admitted into the school on 6 January 2000.



The first KYS Family Day was held on 30 September 2000.



2002 The KYS Orchestra performed in Istana Budaya on 30 January 2002 with Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali as guests-of-honour. Dato' Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak and Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Tan Sri Halim Saad and Puan Sri Shaesta Said were also in attendance.

After years of systemizing the educational approaches, Kolej Yayasan Saad formalized its vision, mission, objectives and 5 pillars of excellence in an official launching of the KYS first 5 Years Plan by the Founder cum Chairman of Yayasan Saad, Tan Sri Halim Saad on Tuesday, 23 April 2002.

The Principal Mr. Rakikat Ratanamani, College Doctor Col. Dr. Cheeven Vichapant and International Affairs Officer Mr. M.R. Bhandu Rangsi Bhanubardh of Vajiravudh College, Bangkok visited the school from 14 to 16 August 2002.

School Director Mr. Faruk Jabucar, 23 students and 4 teachers of Camil Sijaric School, Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina visited the school on 19 September 2002. A cultural performance was staged by the visiting school.

The Malaysia Representative Association of Social and Economic Solidarity with Pacific Countries Mr. Abdullah Tuncay Antepli visited KYS on 1 November 2002.

2003 The orchestra performed abroad for the first time in Thailand on 20 February 2003 at the Thai Cultural Centre, Bangkok. This performance was attended by The Malaysian Ambassador to Thailand H.E. Dato' Syed Norulzaman b. Syed Kamarulzaman, Tan Sri Halim Saad and several orchestra musicians' parents.





KYS Orchestra was given the honour to perform in Istana Budaya on 25 February 2003 for the spouses of delegates from 52 different countries in conjunction with the XIII Non Aligned Movement Conference held in

Kuala Lumpur.

KYS was awarded the *Anugerah Kecemerlangan Akademik dan Kokurikulum : Kategori Institut Swasta Sekolah Menengah* in conjunction with *Malam Pendidikan Swasta* on 9 June 2003 by the Minister of Education.

The first biannual KYS-Vajiravudh rugby match was held on 14 July 2003 in KYS grounds. The Director of Vajiravudh College Prof. Dr. Chai Anan Samudavanija and Tan Sri Halim Saad were present.





2004 | On 15 July 2004, the KYS Under 18 rugby team played its first rugby match abroad in Vajiravudh College.

2005 & 2006 A KYS expansion plan was incubated after a surge in demand for KYS by students from affluent homes. The Board of Governors, headed by the Chairman Mr. Rozalli Noordin was given the task to convert KYS from a foundation school to a private school where its students are a mixed of Yayasan Saad scholars and paying students. KYS College Sdn. Bhd was formed to take over from Yayasan Saad as the entity that holds KYS. This move is inevitable as it is a requirement that KYS is a private school in order to admit paying students.

2007 KYS is committed in providing quality education to potential students of low socio-economic background. The school management and the Board of Governors began reaching out to private firms with CSR work that have the provision for education scholarships.

2008 KYS becomes a fully co-educational residential private school. Talks with Yayasan Daya Diri regarding junior scholarship for secondary school began.

2009 Talks with Yayasan Khazanah and Axiata Foundation regarding junior scholarship began.

The Fourth Venezuelan Week opening ceremony was held in Melaka. In conjunction with this event, the Venezuela Embassy screened the movie 'To Play and To Fight' and showcased Venezuelan cultural activities in KYS on 29 June 2009. The Ambassador of the Bolivian Republic of Venezuela, HE Manuel Guzman and wife was present at KYS on that day.

The first Yokohama Science Frontier High School Science and Cultural Exchange commenced on 28 October 2009.

KYS became the first school in the country to have achieved 100% PMR straight As 3 years consecutively, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

2010 Yayasan Daya Diri sponsored its first cohort of 7 scholars in KYS.

KYS Education Group was formed.

Construction of two new buildings started on KYS campus - KYS International School and a girls' hostel.

KYS SPM 2009 results under the new examination format were the top school in the country with School Average Grade 0.58.

201 1 Axiata Foundation sponsored its first cohort of 15 scholars in KYS. Yayasan Khazanah sponsored its first cohort of 10 scholars in KYS.

The Mayor of Kagoshima City, Japan Mr. Mori Hiroyuki and a group of Japanese delegates on an exchange

program in Melaka visited KYS on 30 May 2011.

2012

Axiata Foundation after a year in partnership with KYS decided to put all its Form One scholars in KYS.

KYS introduced a blended curriculum in Form 4 and Form 5 - KSSM plus IGCSE.

The first KYS Musical – *The Sound of Music An Adaptation* was staged on 24 October 2012.

2013

Axiata made a change to its Axiata Young Talent Program, splitting its full scholarship to full scholarships and partial scholarships.

Axiata initiated the Ax-Factor program for all Form One students.



Axiata provided one year Professional Learning and Development teacher training to all KYS teachers. This training was conducted by Cognition Education, New Zealand.



The Deputy Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, Dr. Djoomart Otorbaev visited KYS on 31 January 2013.

The KYS Chamber Orchestra's first abroad performance in Vajiravudh College on 3 July 2013.

KYS International School offering the Cambridge A-level officially opens in KYS on 13 July 2013. The first cohort of A-level students consists of 11 students.



First sitting of KYS students in the IGCSE exams in May/June at Melaka International School.

The New Zealand High Commisioner, HE David Pine came to KYS together with Tan Sri Halim Saad on 1 August 2013.



The Chairman of Governors, Shrewsbury School, UK Mr. Richard Burbridge and the school's headmaster Mr. Mark Turner visited KYS on 4 November 2013.



Tana Umaga, a New Zealand Rugby Union player and a former captain of the national team, the All Blacks, gave a motivational talk to KYS students on 11 Nov 2013.



2014 Managing Director, Vice Chairman, Investment Banking Division, Bank of China, Ms Amy Cheng visited KYS on 4 February 2014. She was pleasantly entertained by the KYS Chamber Orchestra.



The Tan Sri Halim Saad Challenge Trophy first inter-school KYS English Debating Championship was held from 28 to 30 March 2014.



Second sitting of KYS students in the IGCSE exams in May/June at the newly opened KYS International School.

ASTRO Malaysia Holdings Berhad Director of Community Affairs, Datuk David Yap visited the school on 16 December 2014.

KYS Education Group takes over the business development of KYS.

2015 Mr. Kurihara Mineo, the Principal of Yokohama Science Frontier High School headed a group of students

for a science and cultural exchange with KYS on 21 March 2015.



The Tan Sri Halim Saad Challenge Trophy first inter-school KYS Bahasa Melayu Debating Championship was held from 12 to 15 April 2015.



The KYS Chamber Orchestra in their first tour to Japan performed at Yokohama Science Frontier High School on 15 June 2015.

KYS in its 20th year of providing quality education on 25 June 2015.

The launching of KYS 20 Years Anniversary Coffee Table Book was held in October.

KYS 20 years anniversary was celebrated from 1 August to 15 November 2015.