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**CONCORD COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA MARKS
FIRST ANNIVERSARY WITH KEY LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS**

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 July 2025: Concord College International School Malaysia (“Concord”) proudly celebrated its first anniversary, capping a year of significant growth, academic distinction, and community-building.

Situated in Sunsuria City, Sepang, Concord is the first international school in ASEAN modelled after the prestigious Concord College UK – a top-tier independent day and boarding school in Shropshire, England.

Concord was established through a strategic partnership between Sunsuria Education Sdn Bhd (“Sunsuria Education”) – the education arm of Sunsuria Berhad (“Sunsuria”) – and Concord College International Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bell Concord Educational Trust Ltd, which owns and operates Concord College UK.

Since welcoming its inaugural cohort of over 200 students in September last year, Concord has grown into a vibrant, multicultural, and internationally diverse learning community that reflects a shared commitment to excellence.

Embracing the core values of Rigour, Kindness, and Creativity, Concord delivers the English National Curriculum across its primary and secondary divisions, supported by a strong pastoral care and a well-rounded boarding programme. Its dynamic enrichment activities further promote joyful and holistic learning experiences.

Throughout the year, Concord has hosted major events such as National Day celebrations, STEAM Day, inter-house competitions, and cultural festivals, reinforcing its balanced focus on academic achievement, character development, and global citizenship.

As the school looks to the future, Concord has announced key leadership appointments to guide its next phase of development.

Mr. Neil Hawkins, a University of Cambridge graduate who currently serves as Global Principal of Concord College International and the Founding Executive Principal of Concord Malaysia, will now assume the role of Founding Principal – a title that honours his visionary leadership and enduring influence. A member of the Board of Governors, Mr. Hawkins has been instrumental in shaping Concord Malaysia’s academic standards, team structure, and ethos, successfully extending the Concord College UK legacy to Malaysia.

Succeeding him in operational leadership is Dr. Phil Outram, who has been appointed Executive Principal following his outstanding contributions as Founding Head of Secondary. A PhD and Master’s graduate from the University of Cambridge, Dr. Outram previously served as Assistant Principal of Concord College UK for 12 years.

In his new role, Dr. Outram will oversee academic and strategic leadership across the school, charting its long term direction and sustaining Concord's vision in Malaysia.

Phase 2 of the campus expansion is now underway and will raise the school's capacity to 900 students by 2027. New facilities will include a state-of-the-art auditorium, music suites, additional classrooms, and a second boarding residence for younger students.

"I am deeply proud of what we have accomplished since my first meeting with Tan Sri Ter in 2017, when we shared a bold vision of bringing one of England's premier international schools to Malaysia. This journey has been far more than founding of a school – it's about creating a centre of excellence that inspires young minds, upholds the Concord ethos, and nurtures future leaders. I look forward to continuing my support for Concord under the capable leadership of Dr. Phil Outram, a dedicated and deeply respected educator," said Mr. Hawkins.

"It is a great honour to take on this new role and to lead Concord as it grows into one of the region's most respected international schools. Our mission is to cultivate globally minded, empathetic, and intellectually curious young people. I look forward to working closely with our staff, students, and families to bring this vision to life," said Dr. Outram.

Tan Sri Datuk Ter Leong Yap, Executive Chairman of Sunsuria Berhad and Chairman of Concord's Board of Governors, shared: "Our warmest congratulations to Concord on this meaningful milestone. It reflects the unwavering dedication of the school's leadership and academic teams in delivering an education founded on rigour, kindness, and creativity. This achievement also underscores the trust that families and the wider community place in the distinguished Concord College brand."

He added: "Our partnership with Concord College UK enables us to make a lasting contribution to the education landscape in Malaysia. We are deeply grateful for the trust extended to us and will continue working hand in hand to empower the next generation with world-class learning opportunities."

In September last year, Sunsuria Education signed a Territorial Exclusivity Agreement with Concord College International Ltd, granting it the exclusive rights to establish and operate Concord-branded British international schools in Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, India and other markets across Southeast Asia and South Asia.

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About Concord College International Limited

Concord College International Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bell Concord Educational Trust Limited, a UK-based educational charity. Founded in 1949, Concord College UK, which is owned and operated by the Trust – is an independent international day and boarding school with a longstanding reputation for academic excellence and global engagement.

With a student community representing 40 nationalities, Concord College UK is consistently ranked among the top co-educational independent international schools in the UK. It regularly outperforms national averages in both GSCE and A-level results and is also listed among the Top 100 global schools.

In 2024, 69% of Concord College UK students were accepted into the world's Top 20 universities, including 10 offers from the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge.

That same year, the school produced over 1% of England's national cohort of triple A* A-level; 90% of its students achieved GSCE and IGSCE grades of 7, 8 or 9; and over 80% of AS-Level students attained the highest grade of grade A.

About Sunsuria Educational International

Sunsuria Education International is a subsidiary of Sunsuria Berhad, a diversified conglomerate with a strong commitment to education. Through its strategic collaboration with Concord College International Limited, Sunsuria aims to bring world-class British international education across key Asian markets, further cementing its role as a leading contributor in the region's international education landscape.

About Sunsuria Berhad

Established in 1989, Sunsuria Berhad is a dynamic public-listed company involved in multiple sectors including property development, construction, landscape, education, healthcare, property investment and retail, as well as other strategic ventures. Guided by its philosophy of 'Building Today, Creating Tomorrow', Sunsuria strives to create meaningful and lasting value for the communities it serves.

Key projects under its property portfolio include:

- Sunsuria City, a 525-acre township in Sepang
- Bangsar Hill Park, an urban resort-style condominium in the heart of Kuala Lumpur
- Sunsuria Forum @ 7th Avenue, a vibrant mixed-use development in Setia Alam
- Sunsuria Kejora Business Park, a 60.8-acre industrial development in Bandar Puncak Alam
- Mullum Ringwood, a collection of loft-style homes and apartments in Melbourne, Australia

In education, Sunsuria facilitated the establishment of Xiamen University Malaysia, the first overseas campus by a Chinese university, and brought Concord College International School to Malaysia.

In healthcare, Sunsuria has partnered with Icon Group, Australia's largest cancer care provider, to establish cancer centres across the country, enhancing access to high-quality healthcare.

Sunsuria's contributions have been recognised both locally and internationally, including the StarProperty All-Stars Award and a listing in Forbes Asia's Best Under A Billion. The company continues to grow with intention – guided by its values and committed to creating long-term, meaningful impact.

Find out more at <https://www.sunsuria.com/>.

About Mr. Neil Hawkins

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Founding Principal
Concord College International School
From August 2025

Founding Executive Principal
Concord College International School
Academic Year 2024/2025

Global Principal
Concord College International
September 2021 to present

Principal
Concord College, UK
September 2005 to August 2021

- PGCE from the University of Cambridge, obtained in 1989
- Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Cambridge, obtained in 1988
- Master of Arts from the University of Cambridge, obtained in 1992

Mr. Hawkins is a highly experienced and successful educator. He studied History at the University of Cambridge and has spent 32 years in education, first as a teacher, then as a middle and senior manager, and served for 16 years as Principal of Concord College, UK.

During his time as Principal, Concord became one of the UK's most successful and prestigious schools, doubling in size and for his last ten years was one of the UK's top 5 co-coeducational schools. For five years he was also Chair of Governors of one of the UK's top-performing government primary schools.

He has great skills in leadership, team building, change management, marketing, financial planning, and governance. Hawkins is also Chair of Befrienders Worldwide, the globe's foremost network of emotional support centres. He is also Chair of two UK national charities: Humanists UK and Tough to Talk.



About Dr. Phil Outram



Dr. Philip James Outram

Executive Principal,
Concord College International School
From August 2025

Founding Head of Secondary,
Concord College International School
Academic Year 2024/2025

- Doctor of Philosophy in Astrophysics from the University of Cambridge, obtained in 2000
- Master of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Cambridge, obtained in 1996

Dr. Philip James Outram is an accomplished educator and academic leader with a distinguished background in astrophysics and mathematics. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Astrophysics (2000) and a Master of Arts in Mathematics (1996) from the University of Cambridge.

Dr. Outram began his academic career at Queens' College, Cambridge, and completed his doctorate at the Institute of Astronomy. He then pursued postdoctoral research at the University of Durham, where he spent six years focusing on large-scale surveys of distant active galaxies to explore the structure and evolution of the universe. During this time, he also taught and mentored both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Motivated by a passion for teaching, Dr. Outram transitioned to secondary education and taught mathematics at the renowned Rugby School before joining Concord College UK in 2008. He quickly became a cornerstone of the school community, drawn to its culture of friendship, compassion, humility, integrity, and academic excellence.

During his 12-year tenure as Assistant Principal at Concord College UK, Dr. Outram oversaw critical areas such as examinations and enrichment. He also led numerous student expeditions to locations such as Costa Rica, Madagascar, Bolivia, and Kenya, combining academic learning with global awareness and personal growth.

Following a highly successful year as Founding Head of Secondary at Concord College International School Malaysia, Dr. Outram has been appointed Executive Principal. In this new role, he will lead the school into its next phase of growth, driving its mission to become one of the region's leading international schools.

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