

CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION KARACHI

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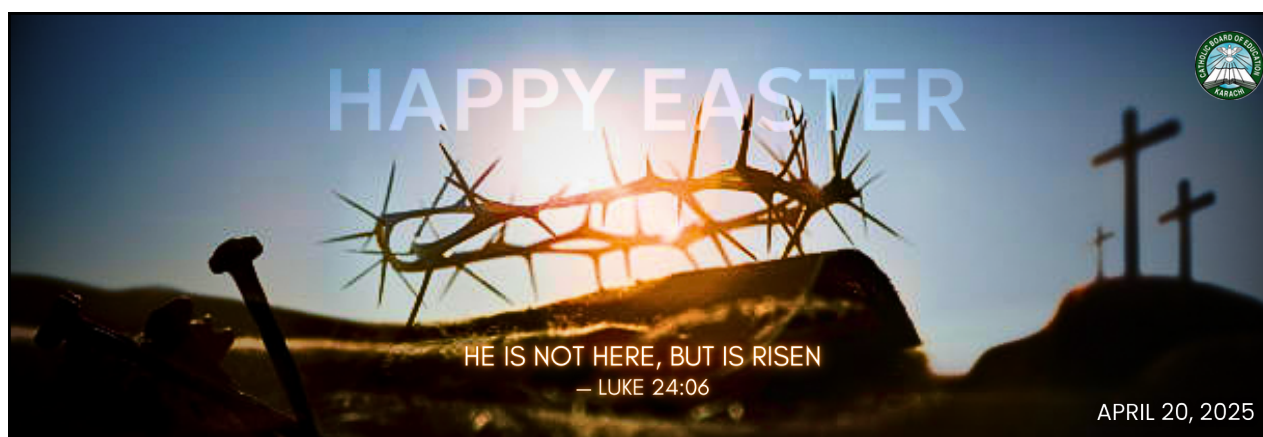
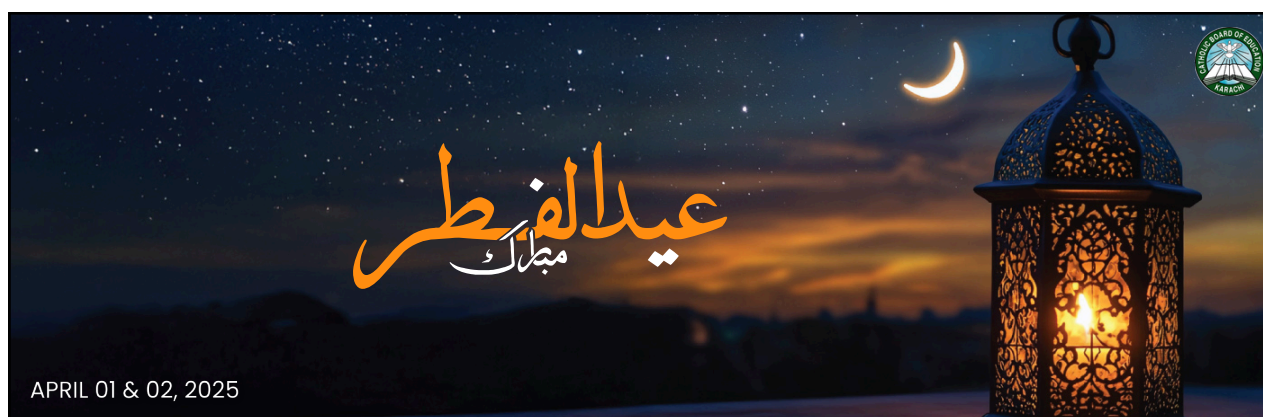


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ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Catholic Board of Education officially commenced the Academic year 2025–2026 on April 7th across all institutions affiliated with the Board of Secondary Education Karachi.

This year, CBE-K has set a renewed strategic focus on enhancing leadership skills, strengthening STEM education, and integrating ICT into the daily classroom. These priorities reflect the Board's commitment to fostering innovation in educators, and preparing students to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving professional landscape.

By investing in leadership development and digital literacy, CBE-K continues to uphold its mission of delivering quality education rooted in academic excellence and holistic growth.



SEDER MEAL — PASSOVER 2025

On April 15, the CBE-K commemorated Passover with a solemn and meaningful event held at St. Patrick's High School, Saddar. The observance included symbolic rituals — the Seder meal and the Washing of the Feet - reflecting themes of humility, service, and spiritual renewal. The event offered our Principals and staff an opportunity to reflect on the values of liberation, gratitude, and compassion — virtues that align closely with the mission of the Catholic faith and the educational vision of CBE-K.

STEM PROGRAMME — SESSION FOR MASTER TRAINERS



A one-day session for the Master Trainers of the STEM Programme Pakistan – Phase II was held on April 25, 2025, at St. Patrick's High School, Karachi. The event was hosted by the Catholic Board of Education – Karachi, and facilitated by Science Fuse. Two Master Trainers from the Catholic Board of Education Karachi, along with four representatives from other diocesan education boards participated in this session. This dynamic, hands-on training focused on inquiry-based learning and innovative STEM methodologies, laying the groundwork for collaboration and impact in science education.



SESSION BY NCEC - CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

On May 27, 2025 a comprehensive virtual session on the Safeguarding Policy was recently conducted for teacher educators from all dioceses by Mr. Asher Javaid, CEO of NCEC. The session aimed to strengthen awareness and understanding of child protection practices within educational institutions. Mr. Asher highlighted key aspects of the safeguarding framework, including prevention, early identification, and appropriate response to any concerns. Participants found the session informative and empowering, reaffirming their role in creating safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments for all students.



SCIENCE SHOW

On May 19, 2025, Master Trainers from the Catholic Board of Education Karachi conducted an amazing Science Show under the STEM Programme 2025 at Our Lady of Fatima School — Randle Road.

The event featured interactive demonstrations and hands-on experiments designed to spark curiosity and promote inquiry-based learning among students.

This session introduced innovative teaching strategies rooted in real-world scientific concepts, encouraging critical thinking, scientific experiments and creativity in the classroom. The show was also attended by STEM Trainers from various CBE-K institutions, who later replicated the same engaging experience within their respective schools, further extending the programme's reach and impact. It marked a significant step in advancing the goals of the STEM Programme and strengthening science education across Catholic schools in Karachi.



CBE-K ANNUAL PICNIC — ALCAZAR RESORT

On June 5, 2025, the Catholic Board of Education Karachi (CBE-K) hosted its Annual Picnic for Principals and Heads of Institutions at the scenic Alcazar Resort. The event provided a well-deserved opportunity for school leaders to recharge, and enjoy a day of fellowship outside the academic setting, in a serene and green environment. The picnic

featured a variety of group activities, hearty meals, and informal conversations that encouraged connection and collaboration among participants. It served not only as a gesture of appreciation for the dedicated efforts of leadership throughout the year, but also as a platform to strengthen camaraderie at CBE-K.

SCOTTISH SCHOLARSHIP 2025

The Scottish Scholarship Programme was successfully implemented across our CBE-K schools, bringing significant support to deserving students. The scholarship aimed to promote inclusive and equitable access to education by

easing the financial burden for young girls and encouraging continued enrollment and academic progress. Eligible students across multiple CBE-K campuses were awarded scholarships after a careful selection process based on merit and need. The distribution process was conducted smoothly and transparently, in the presence of school heads and community representatives.



ECCE - CPD SESSION

On June 10 & 11, 2025, a two-day Continuing Professional Development (CPD) session for ECCE teachers at St. Paul's English High School - Campus B.

This sessions was led through interactive activities, hands-on demonstrations, and open discussions focused on the books and topics adopted by CBE-K institutions.

The training created a collaborative environment where teachers actively engaged with the content, shared insights, and explored practical strategies for early years instruction.



CLOSING OF COORDINATOR COURSE PROGRAMME 2025 (FEBRUARY – JUNE, 2025)

As part of its commitment to strengthening instructional leadership and institutional effectiveness, the Catholic Board of Education Karachi (CBE-K), in collaboration with the Notre Dame Institute of Education (NDIE), successfully concluded its School Coordinator Course Programme 2025.

The programme, held from February 01 to June 04, 2025, was designed to build the professional capacity of school coordinators across CBE-K institutions. Delivered through a series of intensive and interactive sessions, the course focused on key areas including leadership development, academic oversight, communication, and school coordination strategies. Sessions were facilitated by experienced educators and trainers from NDIE, who brought both practical insight and academic depth to the learning experience.

The Closing Ceremony, held at NDIE, celebrated the successful completion of this transformative initiative. A key highlight of the event was the presentation of Capstone Projects, where participants showcased actionable school improvement plans developed during the course. These projects reflected the coordinators' growth in leadership, critical thinking, and their renewed commitment to fostering academic excellence and positive change within their respective institutions.

CBE-K extends its appreciation to NDIE and all participants for their dedication and active engagement in this capacity-building journey.



CBE-K AND CARITAS KARACHI SIGN MOU FOR CLIMATE CHANGE & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION EDUCATION

On June 13, 2025, the Catholic Board of Education Karachi (CBE-K) and Caritas Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at St. Philip's Parish, launching a joint one-year initiative titled, *"Empowering Karachi's Future: Climate Change Education and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for School Children"*. The project aims to equip students and school staff with essential knowledge and practical skills to respond effectively to natural and manmade disasters such as heatwaves, urban flooding, earthquakes, and fire emergencies. The programme will be implemented through structured sessions and training activities in selected Catholic schools.



The signing ceremony was attended by His Grace Benny Mario Travas, Archbishop of Karachi, along with Rev. Fr. Ashir Ifitkhar (Diocesan Director of Caritas Karachi), Mr. Denzil D'Souza (Executive Secretary, CBE-K), Rev. Fr. Anthony Abrasz, and Mr. Mansha Noor (Executive Secretary, Caritas Karachi). In their remarks, all speakers highlighted the significance of this partnership in promoting climate resilience and safety awareness among school communities. The MoU represents a collaborative step forward in strengthening preparedness and sustainability in Catholic educational institutions.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
— NELSON MANDELA