



THE MCE TIMES



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Dear Parents

Malvern College UK

I thought that you would like to see a photograph of Malvern College UK when I visited in November. This photograph looks up the hill from near the sports hall with the cricket pitches to your left, boarding houses to the right and the main school building and chapel straight ahead of you. The Malvern Hills are right behind on what was a beautiful, if cold, autumnal day.



Obviously we are not identical – Malvern College UK is a boarding school where the children live, they have chapel in the morning before school, the army cadet force is a CCA choice etc. etc. However, being a branch of Malvern College UK here in Egypt we are very similar schools in many ways regarding curriculum, our ethos, beliefs, approach to learning, expectations about traditional values of respect and manners etc. Our Quality Assurance visit from Malvern College UK will take place in March so that you can be certain that the best of Malvern College UK is being applied at Malvern College Egypt.

The Dangers of Whatts App

This is something that I spoke about earlier this week at the parent rep meeting. Any whatts app class chat group should be used to coordinate social events for our parents and classes e.g. helping with class parties, coffee mornings etc. They should not be used to vent any frustrations or negative comments about the College. If you have an issue about anything to do with the College, please contact your child's class teacher/form tutor directly, or your relevant Head of School. You can always contact me if you feel that this is appropriate to do so. We are here to help and create the best learning environment for our community. Public moaning only does harm to what we are all hopefully trying to achieve for our children.

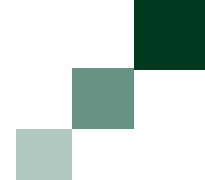
Because our language of inclusion is English, all messages should be in English. We cannot tell our children one thing and then do something else ourselves. Our message must be consistent for our whole community. I have asked parent reps to reinforce this.

Run in to the End of Term

Our after school CCAs have now come to an end for students in Years 3 to 9. Remaining school days will now finish at 15:10 with the exception of our last day of term finishing at 14:00 for all students.



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Enjoy the weekend with your children.

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Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary

On Tuesday, Year 3 went to Wadi Digla with WESC to learn more about their current science topic on rocks and soils. They participated in lots of different activities and investigations to understand concepts like permeability, rock formation, fossilisation and porosity. The trip was an extremely valuable learning experience, and also lots of fun!



Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary School

It has been great to see so many Shoe boxes arriving at the College from our Secondary School students for our current charity event. Please note that collections of boxes will now continue until Thursday 15th December. Members of the secondary school student council will help to deliver the boxes to one of the chosen good causes on Sunday December 18th.



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Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music

Winter Concerts:

I am pleased to announce that the Early Years, including Years 1 & 2 concert will be at 8:30am on Tues 20th December, in the Piazza.

The Winter Concert, Years 3 and above, will be at 5:30pm, on Tues 20th December, in the Piazza. Please arrive early to ensure a seat. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

School Production Update

Please could I remind all students, Years 3 and above, if they wish to take part in the school performance in April 2017, they need to sign up for the School Production CCA in January.

Cairo Opera House Trip

I am hoping to arrange a trip for Year 5 and above to hear professional performers, The Cairo

Symphony Orchestra.

There is a concert on January 28th at 8pm - The Best of American FilmScores. Music includes

the themes from Star War, James Bond, and The Sound of Music. I appreciate it is a late performance. If you wish for your child to attend this concert, please see me for at letter the first week back in January 2017.

Cost will depend on the number of students attending.

Co-Curricular Activities News from Sally Madden – Co-Curricular Activities Coordinator

Information about the choices of activities for the Co-Curricular Activities programme will be sent out to parents on Thursday 15th December with details of how to sign up for the activities for Term 2. The Term 2 CCA programme will run for 10 weeks from Sunday 15th January – 30th March 2017. Please can I remind you that the CCA programme is considered to part of the school day and students must choose an activity for all their CCA days. For Year 1 and 2 this is Sunday and Thursday and for Year 3 to 9 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

I am pleased to announce that in Term 2 CCAs will be running for children in Nursery and Reception on a Sunday from 2.10 – 3.20pm. During this time they will get a choice of many different activities. New CCAs for Year 1 and 2 include Cosmic Yoga, French, Arabic, Keyboard Fun, Cake Decorating and Singing. Year 3 to 9 students will be able to enjoy a wider choice of CCAs next term and new activities include Netball, Touch Rugby, Athletics, Body Attack, Beginner Boxercise, Keyboard, Band Practice, Spanish, Yoga, Film Animation, Silly Science, School Production and many more. Don't forget that you can choose Arabic Ministry support for your child so they can practise their Arabic for the Ministry exams. The classes will be small and we have some experienced and specialist Arabic teachers who will be teaching these additional sessions.

Term 2 will also see the introduction of activities for parents and we will be offering some morning classes from 8.15 – 9.15am. So far we have Body Balance classes confirmed and hope to also be offering Spanish, French and English lessons. Further details will be available next week when the CCA information will be sent out. Please contact me if there is a class you can offer parents or you are a parent and there is a class you would like see offered. As we approach the final day of the Term 1 CCA programme; Thursday 15th December. I would like to say a huge thanks to all the parents, staff and students for their support.