



# THE MCE TIMES



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Dear Parents



## Malvern College Book Week

During the week commencing the 12th of March, the whole College will be celebrating World Book Day by having a week celebrating books and reading. A variety of events will be taking place, and you may want to start preparing for some now.

### Wacky Reading Photos

We would like all our students to bring in a photograph of themselves or your whole family reading in crazy and wacky places.

### Dressing up day

On Thursday the 16th of March, we would like all students in the College to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books. I know I will be starting to prepare my costume this week.

### Visiting Author

The school is fortunate to have been able to organise a visit from an author who will give an assembly for Year 4 and above and provide workshops for selected students in Years 5 -9. Jamie Thomson has been writing books and computer games for many years. His novel 'Dark Lord: the Teenage Years' won the 2012 Roald Dahl Funny Prize and was nominated as one of the top 100 books of the last ten years by the Sunday Times. Check out his website for more information. [www.jamiethomson.com](http://www.jamiethomson.com). There will be opportunities to buy his books and have them signed on the day. A letter will follow outlining how to purchase the books. Numbers of books are limited. More details of events will follow!



## Malvern College UK Annual Quality Assurance Visit March 7-9th – Parent Questionnaire

The emphasis of the visit will be on discussions with groups of students and staff, and observations of lessons, CCAs and life around school in general, and focused on the key areas of the Malvern College Quality Assurance Framework. The purpose of the visit is to help the ongoing development of our school.

As part of this process, please click on the link below in order for you to complete the parent questionnaire:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/mceparents>

You will need to do one for each child. It does not take long to do and your feedback will be gratefully received by the Q&A visiting team.



## Malvern College Egypt Board Meeting and Official Launch of Malvern College Hong Kong – February 22nd

I will be in London attending the College's Board Meeting as well as the Official Launch of Malvern College Hong Kong on February 22nd. I will be available by email. For anything pressing please see Johnnie Kittermaster who will be acting headmaster on these days.



## Introducing New Staff for the Next Academic Year

I am delighted to introduce Isabel De Sousa. Isabel will be teaching EAL and French. Isabel joins us from Hockerill Anglo-European College, a renowned Boarding school in the UK where she has been teaching French, Spanish and Italian three years. A natural linguist, she is looking forward to helping our students develop their English and French language skills.



## FoMCE Quiz Night

I am delighted to announce that we will be having another community quiz night for adults only on Wednesday 19th March beginning at 6pm and lasting to around 8pm. Will the Artisans be able to defend their crown? It is open to the community so do bring your friends from outside the College. The quiz will be very international and is always a lot of fun.

**Date:** Wednesday 19th March: 6pm – 8pm

**Venue:** College Piazza

**Team Size:** Maximum 6

**Entry fee:** 50LE per Person (all money goes to FoMCE Charities)

**Refreshments:** Some nibbles will be provided but please bring your own as well  
Confirm: Team numbers and name to [Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg)



## FoMCE - Malvern College Egypt International Day - Friday 21st April 12pm - 5pm

Planning has already begun by the Friends of Malvern Committee to make our first International day as successful as possible. You may well be contacted by the Friends Committee shortly or through your class rep. Please do help us bring together the whole expat and Egyptian community for a memorable day. A date for your diary. Our first International day will take place on Friday 21st April.

## School Photographs



A reminder that our school photographs will be taking place from Sunday 19th to Wednesday 22nd February. Schedules for children will be going out next week through their form teachers/tutors. Students need to be in best dressed for the days of their photographs.



## Bad Language in Arabic

It has been brought to my attention that some students are saying extremely bad words in Arabic after or during a teacher speaking. These words are often said very quietly so that the teacher does not hear, but they are causing offence to many students. We have been mentioning and asking for support all year regarding the use of English in the classrooms. I am afraid that Arabic being spoken which is overheard will be assumed to be offensive and students will be removed from that lesson and may be sent home. Your support is greatly appreciated with this. Please talk to your son/daughter today as this has to stop.



## Lost and Found

We have a growing number of items in the Lost and Found located opposite Year 1M class I the Primary school entrance. Please encourage your child to check for any missing items. Next Thursday 23rd February, all items will be on display at the side of the netball court for students to collect. After that, we will begin to wash items and deliver them to charity.

## Upcoming Events

Please note that these dates do change as we add more fixtures and charity events.

FEBRUARY	EVENT	TIME
22	Boys Football @ CES	PM
19- 22	School Photographers	
MARCH	EVENT	TIME
1	Year 9 Parent Information Ses- sion – 12 and 13 Year Pathway to University	08:30
2	U11 Boys & Girls Football @ Hayah International Academy	PM
5	U12 Boys & Girls Football @ Hayah International Academy	PM
7	U14 Boys & Girls Football @ Hayah International Academy	PM
7, 8, 9	Malvern College UK Quality Assurance Visit	
9	Elgar House Secondary School disco	18:00-20:00
14	World Pi( $\pi$ ) Day	
14	WC Parent Information Meet- ing - Ipads for Learning	08:30
12-16	Book Week	
16	Book Character Dress Up Day	
16	Progress Card 2 to parents	
17-24	Ski Trip	
19-23	WellSprings Adventure & Sports Residential	
19	FoMCE Quiz Night	18:00
26	Parent Teachers Consultation Day	All Day
APRIL	EVENT	TIME
1	Battle of the Bands @ MBIS	TBC
6	Last Day of Term 2	

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

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## Bad Language

It has been brought to my attention that there are too many bad words and bad language being used at school. Clearly this is unacceptable at Malvern College Egypt.

We as a school are doing all that we can to stamp it out. If the children are speaking in English, which they should be, we can hear them using bad words, we will catch them and deal them accordingly. However if they are speaking in Arabic, while teachers know some words, we do not know everything they are saying and all we can do is to tell them to stop speaking in Arabic. To this end I have asked the Co Teachers to be more vigilant and I have asked the bus matrons to report any incidents on the bus to staff.

In the spirit of partnership I am asking for your help. Please monitor carefully what your children are watching on television, Youtube and which films they are viewing. Also if there is an age guide for games then it should be adhered to, as often the language and content is inappropriate. Today in the playground I was stunned by the numbers of boys in Years 4 and 5 who have played Grand Theft Automobile or Black Ops games which are 18 rated games and wholly inappropriate for pupils of this age. Some pupils are even playing this game before they come to school!

By working together we will stop this.

Thank you for your support.

## Lego

Primary school students have thoroughly enjoyed using Lego this week. Lego is a super resource for engaging children's creative sides.





## Use of Manners

Throughout the college we are encouraging the students to use good manners and be more responsible for their own behaviour and attitude. There are two new initiatives to support the students in this quest: “Malvern Manners Matter” and our Playground Rules, “Safety”. Please share these posters with your child and discuss how they can improve their manners and behaviour in the canteen and playgrounds.

**MALVERN COLLEGE EGYPT Malvern Manners Matter! MALVERN COLLEGE EGYPT**

<b>Be respectful</b>	 Use inside voices.	 Use kind words.	 Use good manners.
<b>Be responsible</b>	 Don't waste food.	 Follow instructions sensibly.	 Clean up after yourself.
<b>Be safe</b>	 Stay seated while eating.	 Keep hands and feet to yourself.	 Walk and line up sensibly.

**Playground Rules**

**S**hare equipment and space fairly.

**A**lways follow instructions.

**F**ind your friends and play nicely.

**E**veryone must play gently — no rough games.

**T**reat others the way you want to be treated!

**Y**ou must *freeze* on the first whistle and line up quietly on the second whistle.

## Star of the Week

Pre Nursery M	Dinah Ramoatlhodi	Year 1 M	Jacob Maher
		Year 1 A	Lily Tarek
Pre Nursery A	Lama Youseef	Year 2 M	Hanin Abdallah
Nursery M	Hla Diab	Year 2 A	Tayem Elkenawy
Nursery A	Ahmed El Fekiry	Year 3 M	Lara El Deeb
Nursery L	Haya Eledrisi	Year 3 A	Karma El Zir
Reception M	Rola Abou Seeda	Year 4 M	Lilya Sidky Yaseen Khairy
Reception A	Hana Hassan	Year 5 M	Alia Hussein Hanna Koriem
Reception L	Adham Mubarak	Year 5 A	Hala El Gebely

## House Points Standings

1st	Elgar
2nd	Foster
3rd	Lewis
4th	Sanger

Best wishes

Johnnie Kittermaster

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## Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary

I have had the pleasure again this week to visit many lessons and witness for myself the efforts many students are going to take advantage of the wonderful learning opportunities being made available to them by their teachers. We have also had students being taken to the library for the first time to explore the books now available. We will soon share with students a schedule of times when they can visit the library during break and lunch times. Reading for academic purposes as well as for enjoyment (hopefully these two areas can often be the same!) are areas we wish to encourage and provide more opportunities for. As such we will be holding a range of events during our Book Week in March and more information will follow soon.



### Year 9 Parent Session on the 12 and 13 Year Pathway for Students

This highly important meeting will take place from 08:30-10:00am on Wednesday 1st March.



### Mathematics – Mr. Hills

Next month the world of mathematics celebrates one of its most famous (and peculiar) days. March 14th is World Pi(π) Day. If you are wondering why this particular date has been chosen then consider how it would be written in American date format. To celebrate, students will take part in various pi-related activities. One such activity will involve students attempting to recite pi to as many digits as they can. The current world record is held by Lu Chao of China who was able to recite 67,890 digits of pi. If you wish to get your child started on preparing for this challenge then there are many websites you will find that will give them tens of thousands of digits of pi (more than they will need, I'm sure), and even allow you to practise.



## ICT / Computing – Mr. Lawman

Years 6, have been working on making an interactive game using a programming language. There have been some notable games from Amina and Josephine which have instructions, interesting sounds and keyboard control as well as being fun to play. There are many more students in the process of making their game and I look forward to seeing all the results soon.

Year 7 and 8 have been learning about web design using raw HTML code. This is a very difficult topic but already many students have created pages with: video, text, hyperlinks and images using a blank notepad page and a few tags! Notable pages from Maximilian in year 8 who has used the table tags to good effect and has become a guru at helping the class.

Year 7 have also planned a history page based on the Norman's and Samuel and Amir of 7M are notable web developers.

In Year 9, I gave one student, Mohammed, the current Year 11 materials for the IGCSE exam in Computer Science and it was returned the next day fully complete and working. The code was also very elegant. Finally, in Year 9 ICT Ahmed gained an A on a full spreadsheet past paper which is truly amazing. His hard work and dedication really paid off. Generally, the children at MCE are so enthusiastic about Computing and ICT it is really a joy to teach them.

Best wishes

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## Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



This week in PE students have started learning about athletics and the many different events that they can participate in within this fantastic sport. Students have been focusing on the technique involved in running the 100m sprint and have had great fun perfecting their arm technique. Over the next few lessons, students will further their learning by looking at the correct start procedure and 'dip' finish before being challenged to beat Usain Bolt's current 100m world record of 9.58 seconds!



## Football News

Next Wednesday (22nd Feb) we have the opportunity to take 3 boys football teams to Cairo English School (CES). Mr. Birch has selected the teams based on performances in training and selected students should have received a letter on Thursday. Selected students will need to be collected from CES no later than 4.45pm on Wednesday.

We have also confirmed fixtures with the Hayah International Academy for the U12 and U14 teams.

U11 Boys and Girls – Thursday 2nd March

U12 Boys and Girls – Sunday 5th March

U14 Boys and Girls – Tuesday 7th March.

More details regarding these fixtures will follow shortly.



I was pleasantly surprised this week when I was approached by Mariam (Year 7) and Yassin (Year 8) who very proudly shared with me their successes in gymnastics and horse riding. Mariam has been competing in gymnastics for a number of years and recently participated in the Egyptian National competition. She performed exceptionally well and won a Bronze medal for her efforts. Her brother, Yassin recently started riding and is progressing very well. His performances on his horse 'Isobel' are getting stronger by the week and I look forward to sharing with you how he gets on over the coming year.

I look forward to telling you all about our tennis superstar next week!

Kind wishes

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## Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



### Busking Concerts

It was a delight to see students perform at the first of our Thursday Lunchtime Busking Concerts. There will be more of these to follow over the coming months. We want to give students the opportunity to perform in front of their peers, whether they have been learning for 2 months or 2 years. It is the aim of these concerts to celebrate all levels of success. If you wish to take part in these concerts please see Zeina Hany, Music Prefect as she is organising these events.



## Music Tuition

It is also a pleasure to announce that more students are taking the opportunity to learn instruments in school. It is hoped that many more will make the most of this opportunity and participate in our instrumental learning program. Please see me for a letter if you are interested.



## Inter - House Singing Competition

Mr. Gillespie-Payne announced this week the first musical Interhouse event. Using songs by The Beatles, each house will battle it out. Points will be awarded for performance style and creativity. So even if your group is not the most musical come along and give it a go. Please sign up on the Music noticeboard for your rehearsal times.



## School Production

Students are very busy rehearsing during CCA times for the school production. It is a real joy watching students working together, taking risks and cooperating with each other to produce what is sure to be a performance to remember. Remember to learn lines and rehearse at home as well.



## Year 7

Year 7 have been performing their Garageband performances based on Holst's The Planet Suite. If you have an apple device GarageBand comes free with the set up. Why not have a go at creating your own music at home. I look forward to hearing your creations.



## International Day

I am also looking for performers for International Day if you have a group- instrumental, singing or dancing come and speak to me. This applies to parents as well!

Warm wishes  
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