



THE MCE TIMES



Sunday 9th April 2017

Dear Parents

A very long and busy term has finally drawn to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Malvern College Egypt for their hard work and professionalism in ensuring such a positive experience for our children. If you see teachers looking tired, it is because they have given their all for their students.

We have recently had two well attended Open Days and on speaking to these parents many of them stated they had come along due to your personal recommendations, so a huge thank you for your support.

I have just received the Quality Assurance Report from Malvern College UK inspection in March, the results of which will be shared with you after the holiday. It is very positive and reflects the fabulous work your teachers are putting into our children's education.



Summer Uniform

Please note that we will switch to full summer uniform after the holiday. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. For those of you with girls in Early Years, when they put their summer dresses back on, you will suddenly realise just how much they have grown!

AUGUST 2017						
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Academic Calendar 2017-18

Our calendar for the next academic year is now on our website. Please note that some religious holidays may be subject to change due to government alterations.

<http://malverncollege.edu.eg/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-2018.pdf>



Beginning of Summer Term Arrangements

School will re-open on Tuesday 18th April. Please note that CCA's will start on our first day back.



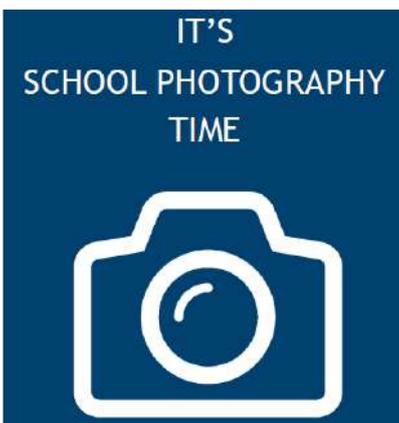
Ramadan Timings

Ramadan begins on the 27th May. As a result, the school day will be from 8.30am until 2pm every day. There will be no CCA's once Ramadan begins. A more detailed academic timetable will be given to all students after the holiday.



Wearing of Security Badges

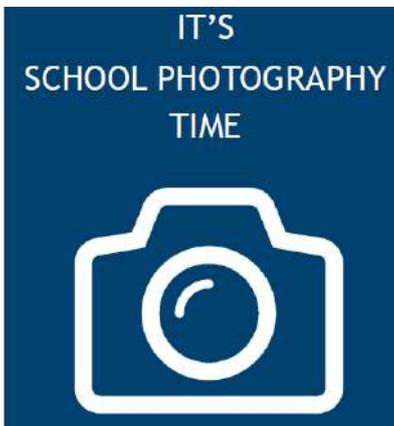
There seems to be an increasing trend among parents recently to not wear their ID badges once they have passed security, instead keeping them in pockets, hands or handbags. Please can I ask you to wear your ID badge at all times when in school. This is about safeguarding your children. I cannot stress enough how important this is.



School Photograph – Ordering

Some parents have communicated that they are having difficulties in ordering their photographs. To place your order online, please go to www.pret-a-portrait.net and enter your sitting ID in the box on the right side of the webpage.

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Please click on the folder you wish to view the pictures from. This will expand into showing you all of the pictures from your sitting.

When you are ready to place your order please select from the 4 tabs at the top of the page (DIGITAL FILES, PRINTS, MULTI-IMAGE PICTURES OR MORE). From here choose the product you would like to go for and click onto the 'CHANGE OPTIONS' drop down menu. This will allow you to choose size, framing or resolution options. Next click on to the green 'CHOOSE' button.

You will now see a page where you can highlight the photos you wish to add to this product. Highlight these by clicking on them. Once chosen, the 'ADD TO BASKET' option will go green. Click onto this to go to your order summary.

You can continue to shop by using the back arrow or go straight to the checkout.

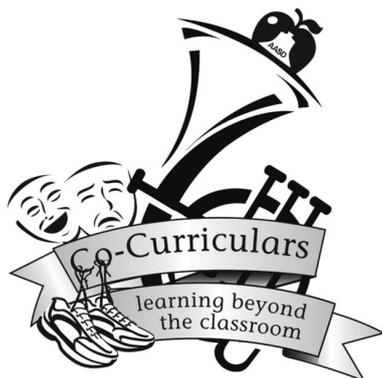
You will be asked to create an account or login using your account details if you already have one.

Do this and follow the stages all the way through to the payment.



Parents Signing in at School

Please can I ask all parents who come into school to sign in at the main reception desk. This is so that we know how many people are in the building in case of an emergency of fire. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



CCA Payments for Term 3

Please note that the deadline to pay for term 3, co-curricular activities was the 4th April. We have extended this to 20th April, but that is the final date.

Any child who has not paid before this date will not be permitted to enter the activity. This also will apply to instrumental lessons. The sessions need to have been paid in full, up front before the course begins. I thank you for your cooperation.



Bus Etiquette

Our buses should be a clean, stress free mode of transport. We are pushing for better behavior on our buses - the poster says it all.



FoMCE -International Day at MCE – Friday 5th May 1pm – 4pm

Tickets for International Day

Thank you to everyone who has already requested tickets for International Day. Your tickets will be issued to the eldest child in your family as soon as possible after the Spring break. Please contact Lamees Daya in Admissions if you don't receive them in the first few days.

We currently have around 500 people signed up to attend; it promises to be a fantastic community event. We have a limited number of tickets left, if you still haven't requested yours then we are going to extend the deadline after the holiday until Monday 24th April. This will be the last chance to request them at jacqueline.belcher@malverncollege.edu.eg or get an extra copy at Reception.

2nd Hand Books, Dvds and Toys Needed

Please donate any unwanted but good quality items for sale at our International Day event. They can be handed in to reception or brought to Room F45 (3M classroom).

Help on the Day

The Friends of Malvern College Egypt would really appreciate your help taking part in the event no matter how small. Please contact Mai Sharawy at mai@radamis.com

Contribution to Stalls

If you would like to contribute to our stalls, please contact Doha El Ghazali - doha.elghazali@se1.bp.com

Your contribution may just be a financial one to help pay for the food, however we'd love you to get involved with cooking or serving food on the day too - even if its not for your own nationality.

Sanger Non-uniform Day - Thursday 6th April

Some pretty horrific fashion disasters were on view today as our students entered into the spirit of the 'Mix and Match' theme in aid of Sanger House Charity.



The Malvern Qualities

I ask you to discuss these with your children to reinforce what we are trying to achieve at the College. The first week back after the holiday focus is Independence below.

Independence

Showing self-reliance and resourcefulness in all actions.



Recycle Egypt Challenge – Rec 2017 – Lewis House Take an Early Lead

Lewis House have taken an early lead in our recycling competition. This is the first recycling championship between schools in Egypt. Pupils and the wider College community are invited to collect aluminium for recycling, such as rinsed drink cans, clean aluminium food packaging and foil. These can all be crushed and collected in the special, labelled bins at the front of the school and put the cans into the correct coloured bin for your house. The recycling will then be weighed each week so we can see who is in the lead. The championship will be held from now until mid-May and it will be an excellent opportunity for our pupils to engage with helping the local and global environment. There will be prizes for the competing schools so if we win we can use this to set up further recycling projects within the school. If you like any further information about the RCE challenge please visit www.recycleegypt.com or contact Nicola.maher@malverncollege.edu.eg. Let's truly embrace Malvern Green!



Malvern's Got Talent

What a fabulous assembly to end the term with our first Malvern's Got Talent competition. Thank you to Petras Verseckas for organizing and hosting this event. Congratulations to our five acts who performed to a really high level – in my eyes you were all winners today and you will all have learned from the experience. You all have a great deal of talent and I do hope you continue to pursue these in the future. The judges decided on Josephine in Year 6 as our first winner – well done Josephine.

Upcoming Events

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

APRIL	EVENT	TIME
18	First Day of Term – CCA's Begin	
25	College Closed – Sinai Liberation Day	
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1	College Closed – May Day Holiday	
2	Ministry Exams Begin	
4	International Dress Up Day	
5	International Day	13:00 – 17:00
9	Inter House Sports Day Nursery & Reception	08:00 – 09:40
10	Inter House Sports Day Year 1 & Year 2	08:00 – 09:40
11	Inter House Sports Day Year 3 upwards Maadi	TBC
16	School Production Dress Rehearsal	
17	School Production May 17	15:00
18	Lewis House Free Dress Day	
21-24	College Exam Week	
24	CCA's End	
25	College Closed – College Holiday	

Enjoy the holiday with your children.

Duncan Grice
 Headmaster, Malvern College Egypt
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Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary

The second term at Malvern College Egypt has been very successful with lots going on. I have been most impressed by the progress that the children have made not only academically but also socially and with their manners. I encourage you to make your child/children read in the holidays and to limit the amount of time spent playing computer games!

We have enjoyed many trips this term with Reception, Year 1 and 2 going to the Sitara Theatre, Year 4 went to Macbeth and visited the Dental Faculty of Future University, and Year 5 have just returned from their residential trip to Wellsprings.



I have been pleased that so many of the boys and girls have represented the College in football matches this term. Although we might not have won as many matches as I would like I have been proud of them for being great ambassadors for the school.

We had a very successful Book Week with every child from Year 3 -5 learning a poem and reciting it before their peers with the winners performing at the whole College assembly. The children looked amazing in their costumes of characters from a book.



Remember to save your aluminium cans as we are taking part in a Recycling Competition within Cairo. Not only is the competition between other schools in Cairo but it also has the added spice of being competitive between our four houses.

Sadly Miss Mona, our Early Years Music teacher, left us and we wish her well for the remainder of her pregnancy. Next term we look forward to welcoming Miss Leen who is a very experienced teacher who impressed me with her energy and passion that she has for music.

After the holiday, the temperature is set to increase. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a full water bottle and with sunscreen applied.

I am sure that you join me in thanking all of my Teachers and Co-Teachers who work tirelessly with your children to ensure good all round progress in developing the future leaders of Egypt.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful Spring holiday and look forward to seeing you all on the 18th April for the Summer Term.



Early Years Arabic from Nesreen Helmy - Arabic Teacher

Today Early Years were celebrating the beginning of the Spring by doing “the picnic” activity around the pool. The students were having so much fun singing and colouring the eggs - an “Egyptian tradition”.

Year 5 Wellspring Residential from Phillip Birch and Hayley Hodges – Year 5 Teachers

Year 5 enjoyed an amazing three days at the Wellspring Camp in Beit el Wadi. From the moment we arrived on Monday the children were active, enthusiastic, engaged and happy. They were divided into two teams, Aqua and Vida, and participated in a variety of games and activities designed to develop teamwork, responsibility, leadership and resilience. In addition, the children had the opportunity to challenge themselves on the zip wire and high ropes. It was wonderful for us, as their teachers, to see the amount of courage and determination shown by our children. We are immensely proud of them all and commend them for their excellent behaviour throughout the camp. The staff at Wellspring were very impressed by the children’s enthusiasm and reflective comments at the end of each day. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mr. Eldridge for joining us and adding so much to the children’s enjoyment of the experience.



Star of the Week

Year 1 M	Seif El Khodary
Year 1 A	Raed Elmokadem
Year 2 M	Lara Ibrahim
Year 2 A	Nasr El Abbas
Year 3 M	Omar Rashed
Year 3 A	Mohamed El Fekiry
Year 4 M	Alia Osman Ahmed Abdelrahman

Best wishes
Johnnie Kittermaster
Head of Primary, Malvern College Egypt
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Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary

A busy end to a very busy term.

On top of the hundreds of wonderful lessons, we have had a huge range of activities this term. From book week to the ski trip and inter-house rugby to the parent teacher conference day this term has been action packed for the staff, students and parents.

Next term is looking just as busy with our first annual International Day, more CCAs, a school production and much, much more. However, the end of the school year always brings the inevitable final assessments. The Ministry of Education assessments for Arabic, Religion and Social Studies will take place in the first half of May, whilst the End of Year assessments for most other subjects (from Yr6 to 9) will take place at the end of May (before Ramadan). We will share exact details of the assessment dates, any associated revision sessions and the timing of the school day for Ramadan with all students and parents shortly after the holidays.

Expectations of students are very high in all areas of the College. This is not just looking at student performance in assessments or attendance at CCAs (which are all important), but also all aspects of behaviour and attitude. I would like to ask parents to help in reminding students of some of these expectations by reading the relevant sections of the student diaries (Pages 3 to 11). Although we are always working with the students on their standards of behaviour we are going to place an even extra emphasis onto this next term. As such the students in Years 8 & 9 will be issued with a monitoring card. This little card will allow the students to easily collect their merit points as well as allow teachers to record any incidents of misbehaviour or breaches of the College rules (such as uniform infringements). I would encourage all students to take time during the holidays to reflect on their past achievements at MCE and decide how they could push themselves even further next term.

Best wishes
Wayne Maher
Head of Secondary, Malvern College Egypt
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Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport

After limited opportunities this term, sport will again be to the fore during the summer term with our swim team training and taking part in swim meets, our Inter-House sports days, Inter House swim meets as well as regular fixtures against other schools. Swimming will be again back on the PE curriculum with both pools ready for our students.

Kind wishes

Iain Driscoll

Director of Sport, Malvern College Egypt

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Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music

Students have been enjoying a range of instruments this week. From xylophone to samba drumming, older year groups have been having a go at composing sound tracks for film.



Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to our students who came 5th in the Battle of the Bands last week held at MBIS. Mariam also enjoyed the day achieving the best vocalist award.

Zeina Hany

Congratulations to Zeina Hany our music prefect, who passed her ABRSM Grade 5 theory examination last week. A wonderful achievement for a Year 9 student.



School Production

This is to remind everyone that rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Wednesdays during CCA times. There will also be additional rehearsals at break and lunch times. Students need to check the music department notice board daily for these. In addition there are 2 Saturday rehearsals on 6th and 13th May. 9:45 - 3pm. Please return your letters to Mrs. Marsh. It is important that we have 100% attendance at all rehearsals. The show will be in Wed 17th May, more details about tickets to follow.



Letters and Payments for Instrumental Lessons

If your child wishes to take instrumental lessons please see Mrs. Marsh for a letter.

Please note that the final payment date is 20th April for next term's private music/instrumental lessons. After this, your child will not be permitted to take the tuition. Your cooperation in paying in a timely manner is greatly appreciated.

CCA News from Sally Madden – Co-Curricular Activities Coordinator

The CCA programme will start on the first day back after the April holiday which is Tuesday 18th April and will finish on Wednesday 24th May 2017. The CCA programme is part of the school day and students must choose an activity for all their CCA days. For Nursery and Reception this is on Sunday only. Year 1 and 2 this is Sunday and Thursday and for Years 3 to 9 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sibling Club will also be running again next term and you will have the opportunity to sign up for this in the last week of this term.

Here are the revised key dates for Term 3 CCAs:

Tuesday 4th April: Payment deadline for CCAs if applicable (please pay at the Finance Office)

Tuesday 18th April: First day of Term 3 CCAs start

Monday 1st May: There will be no CCAs on due to a school holiday.

Wednesday 24th May: CCAs for Term 3 finish

Parent CCA Programme is below, please sign up in the usual way by contacting

sally.madden@malverncollege.edu.eg

Date and time	Activity & Description	Cost
Sunday at the Indoor Gym 8.00 – 9.00am (5 weeks)	BODYATTACK™ run by Dessy Grice in the Indoor Gym BODYATTACK™ is a high-energy fitness class with moves that cater for total beginners to total addicts.	TBC
Monday 8.30 – 9.30am (4 weeks)	French lessons with the Cairo Language School (continued from last term)	TBC
Tuesday at the Indoor Gym 8.00 – 9.00am (4 weeks)	Body Balance run by Dessy Grice - A very enjoyable activity and ideal for anyone and everyone. Body balance is a yoga-based class to improve your mind, your body and your life.	TBC
Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00am (5 weeks)	Cooking Club Run by parents for parents this club is for any parents who would like to learn cooking dishes from different countries. Parents will organise their own ingredients	Free
Thursday 8.00 – 10.00am (4 weeks)	Spanish run by Susana Romani This course is for parents who have taken the Spanish beginners class in Term 2	Free (donation to charity)
Thursday at the Indoor Gym 8.00 – 9.00am (4 weeks)	Body Pump run by Dessy Grice	TBC