



THE MCE TIMES



Monday 8th May 2017

Dear Parents

What a fantastic day International Day was! It was a true community event and a magnificent celebration of the different nationalities present at the College. The food on offer was exceptional and the entertainment was wonderful. The Friends of Malvern College Egypt, FoMCE, put in a fantastic amount of effort into organising the day along with tremendous contributions from all staff at the school. Special mention must go to Ms Jacqui Belcher who drove the whole idea from beginning to end – without Jacqui, what you all experienced would not have happened. A sincere thank you on behalf of our community to you all. FoMCE are now looking at what worked well and areas for development ready for next year's event!

It was a pleasure to be able to send to you this week the letter to parents from the Malvern College UK Quality Assurance team who visited in March. Such a glowing academic report is very unusual in a school in its infancy and is a testament to the dedicated teaching staff we have at the College. The full report's recommendations will be incorporated in our College Improvement Plan.

New Sports Hall

I am delighted to announce that our new sports hall has been given the go ahead and that construction work will be beginning very soon. It will be located on the land at the end of the school building, past the Secondary School and will consist of two full size indoor basketball courts. This will greatly add to the PE curriculum and sports provision for our students.



International Dress Up Day

How fabulous our children and staff looked on Thursday in their national costumes as we celebrated the diversity of our community.

Ministry Curriculum Examination Timetables

We can now confirm all of the ministry examination times for the Years 2 to 9 May examinations. The times below outline the actual examination times for each year group. Please note that further information will be shared with parents of Year 6 and 9 whose examinations will take place outside of MCE and will therefore include transport to and from the examination centre.

Primary School

	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5
Social Studies	NA	NA	Sunday 7th May (09:00-10:30)	Sunday 7th May (09:00-10:30)

Secondary School

	Yr6	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9
Arabic	Sunday 7th May (09:00 - 11:30)	Tuesday 9th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Tuesday 9th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Saturday* 13th May (09:00 - 11:00)
Religion	Monday 8th May (11:00 - 12:30)	Monday 8th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Monday 8th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Tuesday 16th May (11:30 - 13:00)
Social Studies	Wednesday 10th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Monday 8th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Wednesday 10th May (09:00 - 11:00)	Thursday 18th May 09:00 - 11:00

*Please note that the only weekend examination is for Year 9 (Arabic) on Saturday 13th May



House T-Shirts

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.



Hats on the Playground

Please remember to ensure that your child has a hat with them in school for breaktimes.



Academic Calendar 2017-18

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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 shortly.



The Malvern Qualities

I ask you to discuss these with your children to reinforce what we are trying to achieve at the College. The focus next week is on being Self Aware below.

Self awareness

Being reflective about the process of learning and what we do. Showing an awareness of both strengths and weaknesses and taking responsibility for personal development.



Recycle Egypt Challenge – Rec 2017 – Lewis House

The bins will be out at international day tomorrow so please do use the correct bins!

1st Place = LEWIS = Total 5000g

2nd Place = SANGER = 2210g

3rd Place = FOSTER = 950g

4th Place = ELGAR = 600g

Upcoming Events

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

May	EVENT	TIME
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	10:00-14:00
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	
27	Beginning of Ramadan	

Best wishes.

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Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary

It has been another busy shortened week when we have to cram five days work into four days!

I would like to congratulate your children on their attitude to learning as they had their Arabic, Religion and Social Studies Ministry Exams. Both the children and staff seemed confident of strong passes which reflect the preparation given to them by the staff and how well your children have retained the necessary knowledge.

I would like to thank Miss Belcher and the FOMCE, who are mainly Primary School parents, for all of the time and preparation that they have put into making our first International Day so enjoyable. It was a wonderful community event with parents, children and staff coming together to enjoy being part of an International School learning about other cultures, enjoying delicious food from around the world and having fun together.

I look forward to the different Sports Days next week and have witnessed the effort going into it as the children practice for the different events. It should be a wonderful occasion and I hope that you are all able to support it.

Early Years Sports Day is on 9th May, Year 1 and 2 Sports Day is on 10th May, and Years 3-9 Sports Day is at the Olympic Stadium in Maadi on 11th May.

Assessment week is the week before Ramadan commences and a timetable will be forthcoming so that the students know which tests are coming up on which particular day, ensuring that there is a good spread of papers throughout the week and there are no surprises!

Due to the shortened week we have rolled over the House Points until next week when Stars of the Week and other certificates will be given out.

Congratulations once again to Rola ElDebakey and Alia Hussein for winning First place in MCE's Got Talent.

The Early Years Cooking Activity has proved extremely popular



Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary



It was great today to see so many students representing their country in the National Dress Up Day. From Egypt to England and way beyond it was a colourful display of national pride.

Next week sees our first ever Sports Day and I look forward to seeing many of you there. The students have been busy preparing for this during their PE lessons and even in their CCAs. With sports day being a House tournament and every single student involved it should be a fantastic day for all.

It has been great to witness more and more students taking time to visit the library during their break or lunch times (although I can certainly name a few students who have never visited the library during their own free time). The focus at MCE is not just to encourage students to read for a particular subject, or even just to improve their reading skills but simply to enjoy reading. In order to encourage a student to want to read beyond the school environment we aim to develop a deep love for reading. With events like our book week last term and Ms. Griffiths taking the students for regular guided reading sessions all students have the opportunity to read for pleasure as well as for their studies. Below are a few ways in which studies have shown that parents at home can help to boost a passion for reading:

- 'Seeing Reading' – If a child sees others around them, particularly adults, reading then they are much more likely to pick up a book themselves
- 'Talking about Reading' – Speak to your child about their reading. Ask them why they have chosen the book, what it is about, have any parts stood out etc.
- 'Listening to Reading' – Even in secondary school it has been shown that students who regularly read to others are more likely to engage with reading on their own. One great tip here is to encourage older siblings to read to their younger brothers or sisters

I would like to wish the best of luck to all of the students in Years 6 to 8 who are taking their Ministry examinations. Examination time can be just as stressful, if not more so, for parents. The following article gives some good advice to parents on how to support their child(ren) through the revision process and hope to remove the stress from the process:

Revision Techniques For Kids: 11 Tips For Parents To Help Their Children Revise For Exams - http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/revision-techniques-tips-for-kids_uk_57289074e4b0ade291a0d-4ab

Some other useful websites for planning revision include:

<https://www.tes.com/revision-tips>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/> (GCSE and above)

<https://gothinkbig.co.uk/features/five-fun-ways-to-revise-no-really>

Best wishes

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Sports Focus from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



MCE Sport Days

Next week I will have the pleasure of hosting the first annual Malvern College Egypt Sports days. The sports days are an opportunity for students to display their sporting prowess and for parents to come and watch their children in action. The dates and times for the sports days are below:

YEAR	Date / Time	Venue
Nursery and Reception	Tuesday 9th May. 08:15 – 09:30	Malvern College Egypt
Year 1 and Year 2	Wednesday 10th May 08:15 – 09:30	Malvern College Egypt
Year 3 – Year 9	Thursday 11th May. 09:30 – 14:00	Maadi Olympic Stadium

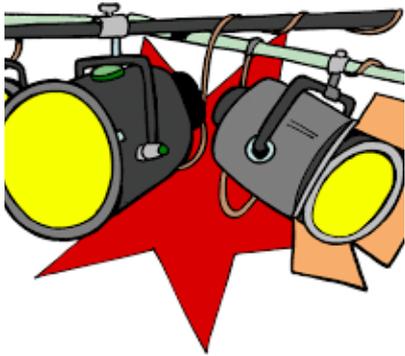
Students are expected to wear their House T-shirts and PE shorts to the events. They must also bring a water bottle with them which they will be able to refill. Students in Year 3 to 9 must bring a packed lunch and snacks to the Olympic Stadium as they will not have the opportunity to purchase food on the day.

I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming sports days.

Football News from Mr. Phillip Birch

On Wednesday May 3rd football teams from Year 7 and Year 8, continued their rivalry with CES. Although both MCE teams lost 7-0 and 5-1 respectively, there were much improved performances, which the boys can build upon. I was particularly pleased that they did not lose heart and battled on. They must also remember that CES have over 5 times as many students to pick from than we do. Great team play and some individual finesse resulted in the only goal for MCE, this coming from Year 8's Ziad El Khazindar. Their attitude was in the spirit required and expected of MCE students.

Kind wishes
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School Production

We are now in the final two weeks of rehearsal for the school production. The performance will be on Wednesday 17th May at 3pm. Parents are very welcome to attend. Tickets will be available from next week. All students in Year 3 and above will be watching during their CCA time. For all students Year 3 and above please could you send your child in with a hat, as it will be hot. Buses will leave school at normal time.

As we are now on the final approach, rehearsals are getting more intense. Please can I remind you of the weekend rehearsals that are happening on 6th May and 13th May 9:45am – 3pm both Saturdays. 100% attendance is required for both these rehearsals. Parents are responsible for transport.

Students are reminded to daily check the music notice board for additional break and lunchtime rehearsals.

Students should be rehearsing songs and lines at home, please help them by reminding them to rehearse.

Best wishes
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