

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**December**

**Wednesday 8th**

Girls U16 Football Finals Day @ CISE

**Wednesday 13th**

FoMCE Christmas Bazaar

**Wednesday 13th**

G & B U13 Football Final Day @ NCBS

**Wednesday 13th**

Pre- Nursery – Year 2 Winter Concert

**Wednesday 13th**

Year3 – Year 10 Winter Concert

**Thursday 14th**

CCA's End

**Sunday 17th**

Lego Visit @ MCE – Pre-Nursery – Year 2

**Monday 18th**

Lego Visit @ MCE– Year 3 – Year 6

**Tuesday 19th**

Reports Issued to Parents

**Wednesday 20th**

Class Parties

**Wednesday 20th**

Foster House Dress Up Day

**Thursday 21st**

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Term 1 Ends – Half day

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**January**

**Monday 8th**

Term 2 Starts



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt

**Year 3-10 Winter Concert Travel Arrangements**

Despite a letter home, SMS message and repeated mentions in my weekly email as well as this publication, most of you have not replied informing us of your child's travel pick up details after next week's Winter Concert. Please let us know **NOW** if they will be riding the bus or going with you by car. Thank you.



the designated meeting points when on the school site.

**Safeguarding Your Children and The Unauthorised Taking of Videos and Photographs of Your Children**

At MCE your child's safety is at the forefront of everything we do. Please could I remind parents:

1. You must sign in, and wear your red badges in a visible place and stay in

2. Parents must only use the adult toilets. If you wish to change your child, please use the designated changing rooms for this.
3. Parents when accompanying activities in or out of college should not take photos of classes or activities, as this is a breach of our Safeguarding policy.

Please note below Section 7.8.5 of the Malvern College International Schools Safeguarding Framework.



7.8.5. Photographing children by staff and parents. Photographs of children should only be taken on authorized College equipment, and by authorized personnel. The use of personal devices is not appropriate. All images of children completing activities should be securely stored and only used for assessment purposes. Parents when accompanying activities in or out of college should not take photos of classes or activities, as this is a breach of the Safeguarding policy.

In January, there will be a parent's information session on Safeguarding at MCE. More details will follow. Please make this a priority session to attend, so that you can support the school in keeping your child safe.

If you have any questions about safeguarding at MCE, please contact [tina.marsh@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:tina.marsh@malverncollege.edu.eg)

### **Cooperation with Security**

This is a request for parents to cooperate with the security guards who are trying to help you and your children with parking and access in and out of the College. The road is very difficult at present; we are all in this together and are waiting for the road to operate effectively. Insulting the security guards and use of unacceptable language will result in a campus ban. It is not appropriate and not acceptable.

### **Contacting the College and Correct Channels**

Unfortunately, a number of parents are still not using the correct channels when they have an issue they want to address. Class/form teachers are your contact for minor issues, Heads of School for more serious issues. We will then solve the problem for you immediately. If you do not use these channels, then officially there isn't a problem and we cannot solve it as we do not know about it. As a result, your problem then grows. Using your contacts/friends is an unofficial channel that MCE does not recognise and we will be unable to help - if you do not contact us, it is just gossip! You also need to be aware that by not going through the correct channels you are negatively affecting what we are trying to do as a College. Please contact me directly if you need this clarifying.

### **Explanation of the difference Between IGCSE, A Levels and IBDP Information Session – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

This session is to explain the difference between these three examination courses to alleviate any misunderstandings. Please come along.

### **Christmas Presents for Teachers**

While everyone likes to receive presents at Christmas time, please do not give expensive individual gifts to teachers and co-teachers for obvious reasons. Your class reps should be collecting money to have a collective gift from all the parents.



### **English Courses for Parents During CCA Times**

We are delighted to offer beginners/intermediate English courses for parents next term during our CCA time 3:10 – 4:15. If you are interested in attending, please contact [lamees.day@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:lamees.day@malverncollege.edu.eg) and state your level of English as well as what day Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. **Please do this now** as the programme is being finalised.



### **Shoebbox Appeal**

This initiative is for the benefit of Egyptian children less fortunate than the children here at MCE. Please collect some hygiene items, some educational items and some toys that will fit into a shoebox. These shoeboxes will then be distributed to children at the Al Shaimaa Primary School. Letters have been sent home explaining this initiative and what to do in more detail.



### **Lost Property**

There is a lot of lost property in the lost property room at the College. Please do check if your child's belongings are there. All items will be laid out for students and parents to look at during the day of the Christmas Bazaar and Winter Concert on December 13<sup>th</sup>. After that, items will be given away to charities.

### **Checking Your Child's PE Kit, Training Shoes and Uniform**

Please can you check that you have not got someone else's PE kit, training shoes or uniform at home. Some children are missing items which have their name on and these items are not in lost property. Please send in any named items and hand to your class/form teacher.





### Hazards of Parking on the Service Road

I strongly recommend that you park on the side road when visiting the College. A lot of cars are now using the incomplete service road and travel past the College at high speed. Please be very careful if crossing this road. We are currently working on site access and parking for when the service road becomes fully operational.



### Class Parties – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the Afternoon

Class reps should be organising this with parents.

### CCA's End Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



### Friends of Malvern College Egypt Christmas Bazaar – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Please carry on donating used toys and books that you no longer want, so that we can sell them together with baked and other items which will be on offer on this day. All money raised will go to College charities. Please send to your class/form room where there is a collection box.



### Open Day for Prospective Parents - 16<sup>th</sup> December – 11am

Our next Open Day is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you have friends or colleagues moving to Cairo or thinking of moving school, please introduce them to the College admissions team [Admissions@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Admissions@malverncollege.edu.eg)



### College Guiding Statements - Our focus guiding statement next week is:

#### CGS5: The College respects the natural world and its resources both globally and locally

The College develops individuals who are *knowledgeable* about the world in which they live. Students should aspire to be *caring* individuals with compassion and tolerance for others and an awareness of environmental issues.

## Malvern Qualities

I ask you to discuss these with your children to reinforce what we are trying to achieve at the College. Next week's focus is on **Kindness** which is below:

### Kindness

Recognising that kindness and consideration are an essential part of a civilised society and a happy community. Acting with compassion and showing empathy towards those in difficulty.

## Upcoming Events

Please note that these dates do change. It is colour coordinated for you:

Parent Information Session

Sporting Event

Holiday

Educational Visit

DECEMBER	EVENT	TIME
Friday 8	Girls U16 Football Finals Day @ CISE	All day
Wednesday 13	FoMCE Christmas Bazaar	All day
Wednesday 13	Girls U13 Football Finals Day @ NCBIS Boys U13 Football Finals Day @ NCBIS	AM PM
Wednesday 13	Pre- Nursery – Year 2 Winter Concert	09:00
Wednesday 13	Year 3 – Year 10 Winter Concert	17:30
Thursday 14	CCA's End	
Sunday 17	Lego Visit @ MCE – Pre- Nursery – Year 2	All Day
Monday 18	Lego Visit @ MCE– Year 3 – Year 6	All Day
Tuesday 19	Reports Issued to Parents	
Wednesday 20	Class Parties	PM
Wednesday 20	Foster House Dress Up Day	
Thursday 21	Farewell Assembly Term 1 Ends – Half day finish 12:00	10:00 12:00

Enjoy the weekend with your children

Duncan Grice  
Headmaster

## Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

### *Lines of Communication*

Please can I remind you of our lines of communication if you have an issue concerning your child. Firstly, communicate with the class teacher or the specialist teacher. The member of staff will communicate with you within 24 hours. If this does not happen or you are still unhappy take it a stage further by contacting Mrs Dibb Holland if your concern is to do with the Early Years or if it is a pastoral one, then contact Mr Madden or if it is of an academic nature then speak to Mr Bailey. If you are still unhappy then bring the issue to me. I cannot deal with problems if my staff and I do not know about them.

The children have been working really hard on their performances for the Winter Concert which promises to give us two wonderful concerts next week in the theatre which looks stunning.



Pupils in Years 5 and 6 who are using the bus service to and from school are using phones to listen to music to make the journey more pleasurable must use headphones as not everyone in the bus may

share their taste in music and therefore it is anti-social. May I ask you to remind them that they must also hand in their phones to their form teacher at the start of the day for safekeeping as they are not allowed to use their phone during the day.

I have greatly enjoyed watching the House matches at lunchtimes which has demonstrated great team work and a powerful House spirit. Well done to all of those who have taken part and supported their house.



During this week's Primary Assembly, the children thought about plastic. We considered where it comes from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eg-E1FtjaxY>. We followed its whole journey from the formation of the Earth to the plastic spoon in our hand.

The children then looked at where it ends up <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qT-rOXB6NI>.

They discovered there are great areas of plastic waste in the sea, some the size of Egypt! At this time, humans do not know how to clean it up and solve the problem. They found out it could take up to 1000 years for a plastic cup to break down and even then, it would become micro-plastics and end up in the water we drink. We are trying to say 'no' to plastic and be part of the solution.



### Early Years News from Sally Dibb-Holland – Head of Early Years

As this term draws to a close your children will have benefitted from so much exciting and enriching learning. All the Nursery children are making their way through their Read, Write Inc. phonics programme with a sound a week. The Reception children have been learning a sound a day, and are all making excellent progress at their own pace. Our Pre-Nursery children have been busy learning their colours and shapes as well as building their fine and gross motor skills.



*The Christmas concert* for Early Years will take place at 9am on Wednesday 13th December. We would like the Early Years children to dress up for the concert as they did last year. On the 13<sup>th</sup> December, please send your child to school in their normal school uniform. Their costume should be in school by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, clearly named and in a named bag. We will change the children into their costumes at school, and back into their uniform after the concert is finished.

Costumes should include: -

- Santa Claus
- Stars
- Angels
- Snowflakes
- Shepherds

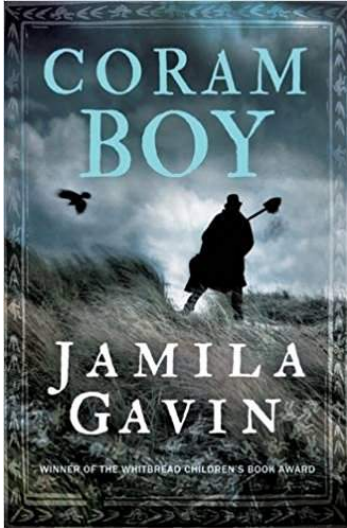






Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary

With the end of term quickly approaching, students have been busy with a wide range of activities from end of term assessments to rehearsals for the winter concert. However, the curriculum at MCE is not stringently tied to holiday dates and as such many subjects may even be starting new topics and ensuring that the students are learning right up to the last day of term. For instance this week, students in the Year 8 first language English class have started studying a new text, *Coram Boy*. This is a play adapted from the award-winning children’s novel by Jamila Gavin. You can check out reviews of the book and play here:



- <http://bit.ly/Coram-Boy-by-Jamila-Gavin>
- <http://bit.ly/Coram-Boy-National-Theatre-London>

The play, which is a historical play set in 18th century England, deals with thought provoking themes such as children’s rights and child abuse.

The students began exploring the context of the play, by looking at objects which might be found in that period and listening to Handel’s music, before exploring words from one of the quotations, and finally deciding what they believe a child needs. By exploring texts like this, children are learning compassion for others, in line with our school ethos, which encourages each student to make ethical choices and treat others with kindness and consideration.



*Celebrating Success*

We are always delighted to share with our community the success of our students both inside and outside of the College. One of our Year 9 students, Yassin, has achieved great results beyond his learning at school through his horse riding and we have previously shared some his results. However, his achievements continue to mount and he

recently won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Egyptian Equestrian Federation armed forces championships. An amazing result from such a young and talented individual.

**House Points**

Although there is no change in the leader board this week, Sanger have widened the gap to be that bit closer to the winners for this term. However, there is still plenty of time for all students to collect House Points and with the ongoing House football tournament still to finish any of the 4 Houses could be named the winners for the term.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sanger
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elgar
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lewis
4 <sup>th</sup>	Foster

**Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport**



**Football**

Last week the MCE Lions played their last football fixtures before the end of season tournaments. It has been a very busy season for the football teams and they have improved significantly since the beginning of term. My thanks to Mr Bailey, Mr Gale, Mr Sussex and especially Mr. Birch for their work with the teams.

We have the end of season tournaments that start on Friday and continue through next week. The arrangements for the tournaments are below:

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December: U16 girls play @ CISE and will need to be there no later than 8.45am, ready for a 09.30 kick off. The day will finish at 2.30pm. **Students need to make their own way to and from CISE and will need a packed lunch.**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: U11 teams travel to NCBIS. They will leave MCE at 8am and return at 12.30pm. **Students will need a packed lunch.**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: U13 teams also travel to NCBIS. They will leave MCE at 12.00 and return at 4.30pm, in time for the winter concert.

***U16 Boys Football: NCBIS 5 v 3 MCE Lions***

This was a game of two halves. In the first, our boys looked like they had failed to turn up and went in at half time with the score at 4-0 to NCBIS. Frustration got the better of our boys who began to argue between themselves. After a lull in the game and an opportunity to speak with them, they started to channel their frustration into a much more determined passage of play. A shot from 20 yards out by Max Wahba resulted in our first goal. A scramble in the box resulted in our second from Omar Osman and our third was a bullet of a header by Youssef Makram. A much better second half performance from MCE boys.

***U14 Girls Football: BISM 1 v 2 MCE Lions***

This was a comfortable victory for MCE girls who dominated the game from start to finish. Despite many missed chances, Sandy Abdellatif scored on debut and a late penalty, taken by our player of the game, Farah Farag gave us our second and winning goal.

***U14 Boys Football: BISM 3 v 1 MCE Lions***

BISM scored the first goal of the game before Hussein Shoukair equalised just before half time. In the second half BISM scored two quick goals to take the score line to 3-1 and despite MCE hitting the post and crossbar the score line finished 3-1 to BISM. Man of the match was awarded to Mohammed El Tayeb for a commanding performance in defence.

**Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music**



***Winter Concerts Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec***

The children have now visited the theatre, and started rehearsing in this magnificent space. I do hope that you are all excited about attending the concerts next week. Please note the theatre is not open to parents until this date.

EYFS – Yr. 2 Concert at 9am. Please be seated by 8:50am.

KS2 – KS4 Concert at 5:30pm. Please be seated by 5:15pm. Children will remain in school. Full uniform please.

So, that parents are aware of our expectations for the performance, I thought I would share these now.





***Phones:***

We expect that during the show all mobile phones are turned onto silent mode and not used throughout the performance.

***Photography / filming:***

We understand that parents will want to video / record their child's performance. Please can we ask that you keep your recording focused on your child only. Please do not record the whole performance, only your child's individual performance. Our official school photographer will be there recording and photographing the whole performance.

If you are recording your child's performance, please stand at the back of the theatre to do this, so that you are not blocking the view for others. Other parents do not wish to watch the performance through your iPad / phone. You will not be able to stand in the aisles as children will be moving to and from the stage throughout the performance, this is also a fire hazard.

We also ask that any photography or filming does not use a flash, as this will disrupt the performances and distract others in the audience.



***Social Media sharing:***

The MCE Facebook page will share an appropriate amount of photos from the concert. These will comply with our safeguarding policy. Please do not share personal photos of anyone other than your own child on your Facebook pages. Please do share the MCE pages as much as you like with family and friends to show off your child's talents.



***Transport home:***

Could I remind all parents that if they have not contacted the transport department to arrange buses home for their children then this must be done this week. We do hope that you will attend the concert, so your child can return home with you, but if this is not possible please contact the transport department as soon as possible.

If you are picking up your child please could you be at school by 6:45pm, so that you can collect your child promptly. Staff have been in school from 7:15am, so will be leaving at 7pm prompt on the staff buses.



### *Instrumental lessons*

New students have the opportunity to start lessons in January 2018. If you wish for your child to take part, and they are not already signed up, please send in the letter, emailed to all parents several weeks ago, and return it to Lamees Daya with the deposit



by the end of term. Full payment will be required before lessons in January can start.

Just to clarify again, we offer instrumental lessons for students in Year 2 and above. However, in exceptional cases some Year 1 students may be permitted. Year 1 students are looked at on an individual basis, and in agreement with the instrumental teacher. The other condition is that the parent is willing to escort their child to and from the lesson each week. Lessons are on a rotational basis, so they are not the same time every week.

### *School Production CCA Sign Up*

Just a reminder that all students doing the School Production CCA this term, will automatically be placed on this in January. So, they will only need to choose their Monday and Tuesday choices. Unfortunately, as the production is now cast, we cannot have any new additions to the CCA in January. Rehearsals will take place in the theatre from January.