

# THE MCE TIMES

## IMPORTANT DATES JANUARY

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Revolution Day – College  
Closed

## IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Safer Internet Day

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Lewis House Dress up day

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Half Term Holiday

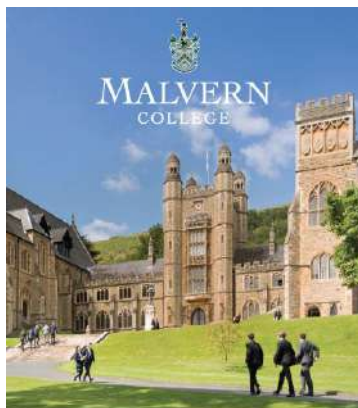
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
School Photographs (Pret-a-  
Portrait visiting from the UK)



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

A short but busy week comes to an end. I had the pleasure of sitting in on both the Early Years and Primary School assemblies this week and was very impressed with the signing of our younger students as well as the acting abilities of 4A who ran an assembly on the theme of Dilemmas.



### MCUK Board Meeting and Visit

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, we welcome a number of guests from Malvern College UK and Malvern College International to MCE for our termly Board of Management meeting. Antony Clark, Headmaster at Malvern College will be among the guests and will be given the opportunity to meet our students and staff during the day.



### CCAs

What a busy week!!!! The start of CCAs across the College was very smooth and it has been a delight to see students getting active in such a wide range of amazing activities.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY



### International Day – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Our annual International Day celebration will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the MCE campus. Our wonderful Friends of Malvern College Egypt (FoMCE) team are looking for volunteers, vendors and sponsors for the event (any little contribution would be greatly appreciated). For further information or to offer support please contact the team at [FoMCE@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:FoMCE@malverncollege.edu.eg)



### Toyworld discount to all Malvern College Egypt parents and staff

Toyworld stores in Cairo are very kindly offering a 10% discount to all parents and staff at Malvern College Egypt by presenting you MCE ID to the cashier.

### **Book Week Wacky Reading Challenge**

Book Week takes place across the school during the week commencing Sunday 11th March. We would like all students to contribute to a display of photographs showing them reading in a wacky and unusual place. This is to promote the idea of reading for pleasure wherever you are! Please help your child to think of a place they can read and have their photo taken. If you are travelling in the half-term break this could be an ideal opportunity. Please send in a printed copy of the photo with the name and tutor group of the class written on the back, to Ms Griffiths by the week commencing **Sunday 25th February** so we can have our displays ready for Book Week. We had some wonderful photographs last year and I look forward to seeing more this year.

### **Malvern College UK Summer Camp**

A letter was distributed today to all students in Years 3 and above regarding an exciting opportunity for MCE students to take part in the MCE UK Summer Camp in July/August. For more information please see their website <http://www.malverncentral.co.uk/summer-school/2018> and contact Lamees Daya if you would like to sign your child(ren) up for the camp [lamees.daya@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:lamees.daya@malverncollege.edu.eg)

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

Wayne Maher  
**Headmaster**

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



This week, I have completed all the Read, Write Inc (RWInc) assessments and I am delighted with the progress that your children have made. This progress demonstrates the value added for each child since Mr Madden and I did the last assessments in September. Each of your children is grouped according to their stage rather than their age, and each small group works on the particular phonic needs of that group. The RWInc programme includes all of the spelling, grammar and comprehension requirements of the revised British National Curriculum. We were all trained for this programme by the UK RWInc trainer in August of 2017 who was flown out for 2 days to update those of us already trained in Cairo in August 2016 and to train new staff. We recently hosted the British School of Alexandria who wanted to see how RWInc is working here at MCE. We are fully resourced to teach this excellent programme which really is making a difference every day to your children's ability to read, write, spell and comprehend.



### Reading in Strange Places Photographs - for Book Week

Book Week takes place across the school in week commencing Sunday 11th March. We would like all students to contribute to a display of photographs showing them reading in a strange place. This is to promote the idea of reading for pleasure wherever you are! Please help your child to think of a place they can read and have their photo taken. If you are travelling in the half-term break this could be an ideal opportunity. Ideally, we would like photographs printed by you and sent in, although it is possible the class teacher or form tutor may accept an emailed digital file. Please try to send the photograph in week commencing Sunday 25th February (after half-term) so we can have our displays ready for Book Week.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable family weekend.

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

Once again it has been a busy week as we have tried to squeeze five days work into four!

I enjoyed meeting the Primary School Form reps on Tuesday morning and they brought forward some very interesting issues which I will take forward to Mr Maher. We discussed all sorts of issues, from signing of homework diaries, the large amounts of lost property which is unnamed, healthy packed lunches, phones in Years 5 and 6, positive use of WhatsApp, the delay in recommencing swimming until the weather warms up, bullying, security and monitoring air quality. Your form rep will feedback in greater detail.



Miss Phillips and 3A have been looking at the number of plastic cups used in the school in just the Year 3 and 4 corridor and came up with some startling figures! That a day we used 366 cups which was 1833 a week and in a year, we threw away 65,880 cups. Bearing in mind many more cups are used in other parts of the school the figure is quite frightening particularly as the weather is cool at the moment and we all drink more water in summer. So, from 1<sup>st</sup> February we ask that the students bring in their own water bottles.



On Wednesday, we had Open Day which was well attended and prospective parents were impressed by the displays and the way the students conducted themselves around school and by their manners.

I am pleased to report that Mrs Hardwick is well on her way to full recovery after a successful operation on her knee on 16th January and will now return to Cairo from the UK on 12<sup>th</sup> February. However, I am delighted to tell you that we have been able to employ a teacher who will now work with the co-teacher Mariam Nour, to look after the class until Mrs Hardwick returns. Her name is Miss Katie Hamdi. Katie is from the UK and holds a wide range of qualifications related to Early Years teaching (including being certified to train Nursery school teachers). She comes to us with an exceptional background of teaching as well as establishing and managing in Early Years schools in England, Dubai and Cairo. Mrs Dibb-Holland and I were most impressed by her at interview and we welcome her to the Malvern College Egypt team. She will start on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and I know that you will all welcome her.

Mr Stewart and 4M gave a wonderful assembly on dilemmas that the children face and the importance of making correct decisions or face the consequences of poor decision making. There were some super theatrical displays and clearly there are some budding actors and actresses in this class.

This week we would like to highlight some activities that Year 2 have been engaged in.



ICT – 2L have been learning how to be Computer Scientists by beginning to investigate simple coding. After watching a short video clip about bugs, debugging and how to persist at a task by finding different ways to solve a problem the students investigated why the marble run Mrs Boulos had made did not work efficiently. Lots of useful suggestions were made and in the end the students “debugged” the marble run and solved the problem.



English – all the students in Year 2 have been studying the engaging story of “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt. They have written letters to their teachers posing as a particular colour in an attempt to persuade them to choose them as the class colour.

IC – our topic this term is fashion and upcycling and in order to prepare the students to be able create their own piece of fashion from an old piece of clothing they are being taught various joining techniques. This week they have been taught how to finger knit and have been practising hard.



### French in Primary

In your son/daughter’s French exercise book, you will find the new word lists for the rest of this term. There is also a link to Quizlet where they can practise and play interactive games. They will be tested on these words every week and towards the end of term, there will be a test which will be based on both

sets of word lists that they have received to date. The students will be told when their test is and will write it in their diaries. In their diaries, you will also find a letter with further information regarding the weekly *Vocabelle* tests. Below are the links to Quizlet for both Units 3 and 4:

**Unit 3 (8<sup>th</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> February)**

Year 3: <https://quizlet.com/46kaib>  
 Year 4: <https://quizlet.com/46v11t>  
 Year 5: <https://quizlet.com/487ogn>  
 Year 6: <https://quizlet.com/487ppg>

**Unit 4 (25<sup>th</sup> February – 29<sup>th</sup> March)**

Year 3: <https://quizlet.com/46vkck>  
 Year 4: <https://quizlet.com/46v11t>  
 Year 5: <https://quizlet.com/487p76>  
 Year 6: <https://quizlet.com/487qir>

Please note that this week, all students have been tested on the second list of words (w/c 21.01.2018). We would encourage you to help them practise these words on a regular basis – little and often is always best! Please remind them to bring their exercise books, diaries and pencil cases to French lessons on the following days:

Year 3: Tuesdays and Wednesdays.  
 Year 4: Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
 Year 5: Tuesdays and Wednesdays.  
 Year 6: Mondays and Wednesdays.

Have a great weekend and create memories with your children.

Johnnie Kittermaster

STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Khadijah Radwan
PNA	Yassin Fouad
NM	Loyal El Domiaty
NA	Eissa Kamel
NL	Muhammad Rateb
NV	Ali Abass
RM	Talya Shehata
RA	Yang Fan
RL	Mohamed Hazem
Year 1M	Beau Bennett
Year 1A	Adham Mubarak
Year 1L	Mohamed Ouda

Year 2 M	Rebecca Driscoll
Year 2 A	Yaman Al Nuseirat
Year 2 L	Hannah Elsayed
Year 3 M	Hanin Ahmed
Year 3 A	Adham Nasser
Year 4 M	Alhassan Hassan
Year 4 A	Matthew Shenouda
Year 5 M	Dana Hemdan
Year 5 A	Dania El Fekiry
Year 6 M	Omar Elsayed
Year 6 A	Sandra Fanous
Year 6 L	Omar Elmorsy



### House Points Standings

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

### Secondary School News from Mr. Richard Moore – Head of Secondary

It is good to see the CCA's now in full swing with the students having the opportunity to enjoy the vast array of activities available. I would strongly advise students to use their time in these activities to fulfil their potential!



I would like this opportunity to thank Mrs Leggett and Mohamed Dayer for all their work with the Student Council so far, this year. They have an exciting programme of events and ideas for the remainder of the year and Mohamed is talking to all students this week. Wherever possible I expect students to support him and play a part in all the activities.



With regard my previous report on the Year 10 Mock Exams you should have received a letter explaining the arrangements. If you have not, please contact Samar. In relation to the mock exams revision should be well under way!

Here are a few tips the students should follow **BUT** all students should have good study habits from an early age!

1. Study in a quiet place away from the TV and computers and is both light and comfortable
2. Make a '**revision timetable**' and always let your family know when you are revising.
3. Create **summary notes** and anything simple that helps your **memory** – as short notes, drawings and sayings are much easier to remember.
4. **Get help.** Ask friends and family to **test you**. Also talk to your teachers – as teachers will know better than anyone what will be in tests and exams!
5. **Record yourself** reading notes **and occasionally listen** to them instead of reading.
6. Take a **5 or 10 minute break** every hour and do some stretching exercises, go for a short walk or make yourself a drink.
7. Allow yourself some fun-time each day to **relax...**and make sure you get a good **8 hours of sleep** each night.
8. **Eat well.** Good brain foods? Wholegrain foods (cereals, wheat bran, wheatgerm and whole wheat pasta). Blueberries. Blackcurrants. Broccoli. Tomatoes. Oily fish. Nuts.
9. **Don't panic** if you feel a bit nervy. A certain amount of **nervousness actually helps you perform** to the best of your ability, producing a rush of adrenaline that helps you to feel alert and focused.
10. **Think positive**

### Use of Student Diaries

Please could I ask you to sign your child's planner, it is an important communication tool with the teachers and yourselves!

### Appearance

At MCE we are proud of our students' appearance and we have high standards which I know you support us in. We will be reminding the students of the following this week and thanks for your help in an advance.

*"Hair must always be clean and tidy, worn off the face and styled so as not to invite comment for any reason. All students with hair longer than shoulder length are required to have it **tyed back**, using green or navy blue ties. Hair may be coloured if of a natural colour, discrete and appropriate to a school environment. Boys must be clean shaven."*



**Note for your diaries** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February Parents Information Session on (I)A levels for next year and the application process. More information next week!

### **Secondary House Competition**

Support your House by designing a House Mascot!

The competition is open to all secondary students who can submit a maximum of one entry.

You can take part in the competition as a single candidate (for 2 House Points) or as part of a group (up to 2 people, for a total of 5 House Points).

Please hand in your entry idea to your Head(s) of House by **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: 3 credits

2<sup>nd</sup> place: 2 credits

3<sup>rd</sup> place: 1 credit

## Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



Next week sees the start of our basketball fixtures. The U11 and U16 boys take on CES on Monday in what I am sure will be two very good matches. The girls take to the court the week after for their first fixture.

Sports days are fast approaching, and it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the College's second annual inter-House sports days. Our students in Nursery and Reception will have their sports day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of March and Years 3 – 10 will once again travel to the Maadi Olympic stadium on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. All three sports days are

shaping up to be the sporting highlights of the MCE calendar. A letter with more information regarding the events will be sent to you before the half-term break.

Athletics is a combination of various disciplines and provides students the opportunity to display their sporting abilities. In the build up to this event, all students within the College will have had the opportunity to practice and perfect their chosen events via the PE lessons and extra coaching sessions.

As this will be the second MCE sports day, it will be fascinating and exciting to see the students aiming to break the previous year's records. I am sure that all students will be highly motivated to run faster, throw further and/or jump higher, in the hope of their names etched on the record books.



The PE department have been fantastic in the build up to this event so far and I would like to personally thank them for making this event possible through each PE lesson and various coaching sessions tailored for specific events. We still have some time before the event and therefore are expecting outstanding results!

## Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



We are now pleased to announce that the popular Parent choir will be starting next week: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Rehearsals will be **Mondays at 8 - 8:40am.** All parents, including Dads, are welcome to come along and enjoy singing together. We will be working towards an item for our International Day. So, come along have fun and sing!



### Instrumental Lessons

into Ms Daya by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.

Please could I remind parents that the deadline for payment for the next block of lessons is **Wednesday. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.** Full payment of 2000LE for each block of 10 lessons is due in full by this date. Currently we offer lessons on: piano, voice, violin, guitar, drums. New students are always welcome, so please get your forms and payment

Our Voice lessons will be starting in February, so those students who have been patiently waiting will finally be able to start lessons. I will contact individual parents with the timetable.

We are also delighted to be able to offer woodwind lessons: flute, clarinet etc. If your child is interested in woodwind lessons, please return the form stating which instrument they wish to learn. If there are over 4 students interested I can arrange lessons.