

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES MAY

Sunday 13th
Closed College

Tuesday 15th
School Production

Wednesday 16th
Ramadan school timings begin



Thursday 10th May 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

Another full and busy week has passed successfully. In the UK a "blue day" might be thought of as a sad or rainy day, but here at MCE we have taken the theme to a new level and the students were looking particularly happy during our Sanger House Smurf non-uniform day.



Over the last two days we have been pleased to host, Allan Walker, Director of International Schools and Nicola Dudley Director of Education, from Malvern College International with us as part of our annual Quality Assurance (QA) process and termly board of management meeting. Following the very successful QA visit last year, that focused on Teaching and Learning, the focus of this year's QA visit was on Management and Administrative areas of the College. The process is a very honest and reflective look at a range of areas of the College and we are pleased to have this help to put perspective on what we think we are doing well or what we need to improve. A full report will be provided to the College in due course and we will share information with our whole community once we have the report.



Lessons for our older students have been starting to look towards the end of year examinations, that take place starting in the week of 20th May. Although we do place an emphasis on the importance of assessments we do also want to stress that formal end of year or end of topic assessments are only one of many tools that the teachers use to monitor the progress and development of students. From knowledge gained through in class discussions, marking of classwork and monitoring even of homework, the teachers will

adapt their planning based on the strengths and needs of every child in the class and work to challenge them all to improve as much as they can. Our Year 10 students can certainly attest to the strain and pressures of examinations with an almost

full week of IGCSE Examinations this week, including both English and Arabic IGCSE examinations. Although the teachers will continue to push their IGCSE students they will also be conscious of the pressures they are under and try not to overload them beyond what is needed for success in the examinations.



The final rehearsals of the College production were in full swing today and I was really impressed by the students on the stage. I would highly recommend you securing your tickets while they are still available (information on how to book tickets has been emailed to all parents).



Can I please ask all parents to read an important email sent to everyone today regarding reminders for our transport and security arrangements at the College. We really do appreciate the tremendous support of all parents and just wish to clarify processes related to ID Badges (please wear these when you are on the campus), late arrivals (all must be through the main entrance after 08:00) and early pick-ups (informing the College before 12:00 of changes and picking up children from the main entrance).

Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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

Dear Parents,



Your children have enjoyed another week full of rich and varied learning opportunities. You should all have received your baker books catalogues, do take the opportunity to purchase some books which will come directly from the UK for you to share with your children at home. Sharing books with your children is one of the most enriching experiences, it builds the bond between you and extends both their vocabulary and imagination. Building a love of books so early on is a truly special gift for your children.

In Pre-Nursery this week the children have been busy revising their numbers 1-5. They have benefitted from many different approaches, singing number songs and rhymes, counting on their fingers, art activities and using our Numicon mathematics equipment. This week the Pre-Nursery children have made ice-creams with two scoops, made flower pots with four petals and a penguin with five fish in his tummy! Amongst all the other enriching activities available to them each and every day.



The Nursery children really enjoyed their trip to Kidzania last Thursday. We set off from school and the ride on the bus to Kidzania was the first part of our adventure. Upon arrival, each child received their own special electronic bracelet and the cash they needed to begin their travels. All children were accompanied by an adult in groups of two or three children with one adult. Thank you to our parent volunteers, without whom we wouldn't have been able to take the children on the trip. The morning activities included an eye-test in preparation for our driving test followed by

driving around the track. Many children will have brought their driving licences and eye tests home with them. Some children were lucky to be able to fly the Kidzania Jumbo Jet, other to be Police men and women and others to take part in being a Firefighter. Your children were so well behaved throughout, they sat and ate their lunches very well and were polite and considerate throughout.



This week the Nursery children have been very involved in using the *Handa's Surprise* story book and story sacks. They have used the story sacks for counting activities with fruits and beans, adding together and taking away. They have used small world play and created their own African animal hunt. Mathematics activities have extended to sorting fruits and veg with toy fruits and pictures. They have taken part in discussions about healthy and unhealthy foods and considered why vegetables are healthy for our bodies. All children have matched pictures of rhyming words – on leaves and put these together to

form a plant. In the role play area, they have used their imagination to pretend to be fruit sellers using a variety of toy fruits and toy money. The teachers have brought in fruit to make fruit salads, so that the children can look at the textures of different fruits. The children continue to examine their plants, looking at how they are growing, and have planted vegetables and flowers in pots and planters in the garden.



In Reception this week the children are learning about endangered animals and why they are in danger. They are making posters about endangered animals and considering why the dinosaurs became extinct. They have written stories about dinosaurs and continue to make fossil's, role playing a palaeontologist's dig. The children have continued with junk modelling dinosaurs, do take a look at their wonderfully imaginative creations as you pass by our classrooms! In mathematics the children are sorting odd and even numbers, whisper counting 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 and hand printing groups of 5. All children are encouraged to try their estimating skills by estimating a large group of objects and thinking of the best ways to count them, in either 2's, 5's or 10's. In Literacy the children continue to write their news from the

weekend and are involved in daily phonic and sentence writing activities in class. They benefit from interactive phonics board games and our Read Write Inc small group phonic, blending, reading and writing activities.

Baker Books – another exciting opportunity to gather more books for your children to share and enjoy at home.

Baker Books will be distributing catalogues to pupils on: Sunday, 6 May

Pupils to return their order forms on: Monday, 14 May

Delivery of books will be on: Wednesday, 13 June

Reception class assemblies coming up in the College Theatre: -

RM on Monday 28th May

RA on Monday 4th June

RL on Monday 11th June

All the assemblies will start promptly, so pleased be seated in the Theatre for 1pm. Your attendance is so important to your children, all of whom will be looking out for you in the audience.



The College is closed on Sunday 13th May for vital maintenance work, re-opening on Monday 14th May as normal.

Ramadan begins at MCE on Wednesday 16th May with the shorter days from 8am until 2pm.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful family weekend,

Sally Dibb-Holland

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,



On Thursday afternoon Years 3-6 enjoyed Malvern's Got Talent in the theatre. There were a total of twenty two acts ranging from singing performances, dance troupes, rapping, acting and magic acts. The experienced judging panel of Miss Phillips, Miss Durkan, Miss Hodges and Mr Bailey had a tough time deciding who was the best performer but eventually they decided that this year's winner was Reetal Al Madani with her acapella version of Birds of a Feather. Well done to her and to all of the other performers who displayed not just great talent but enormous confidence as well.

I am delighted that we will be on mains electricity after the weekend and we can move the generators away! It does however mean that we have another short week as the electricians need two full days to attach us to the mains and to test everything.



Next week heralds the start of the Holy month of Ramadan. In Years 3-6 the students have been issued with a letter regarding fasting Ramadan. Please can you fill in the tear off strip so that we can let Lite Bites adjust their catering amounts for the number of students who are still having lunch.

Thank you to those of you who have brought food items in for our Ramadan boxes which will be distributed just before Ramadan



Fortnite

Mr Bailey gave an interesting assembly on Tuesday about the dangers of online gaming and the possible threat from cyberbullying and what to do if it were to happen to your child.

In the UK there have been reports of cyberbullying and unwanted comments being made to children when playing Fortnite, which is a hugely popular online game. It can be played on Playstation4, Xbox One as well as PC and Mac. Fortnite is set in a dystopian world where 98% of the Earth's population suddenly disappears and the players job is to survive. A surprisingly large number of the students from Years 3-6 play the game even though the age for playing it is 12 and over!

Because the game is live there is the option as with many online games to talk to other players. Some of these conversations may not be appropriate and disturbing.

So what can you do if this happens? The Child Exploitation and Online Protection team suggest that it is important that parents involve themselves in their child's online life by talking to them about what they are doing. Play with your child so that you are aware of what your child is playing. You can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu. You can also make a report by emailing the creators of Fortnite. Voice chat can also be switched off via the settings menu but text chat cannot be disabled which the NSPCC believes it creates a potential minefield for children who could be targeted by sexual predators and paedophiles. Figures from O2 and the NSPCC show one in four children have been contacted by someone they do not know. Be safe and make sure you know which games your child is playing and whether it is age appropriate.

Year 3 Science



Year 3 are having lots of fun in their Science lessons about Forces. This week they have learned about friction and air resistance. They made different paper aeroplanes and tried them out to see which one was better. We got some help from Yassin in Miss Clark's class too - he is an aeroplane expert! We then discussed why some aeroplanes flew better than others. We apologise to Year 3 parents in advance if you get dive-bombed at home by a demon jet!



STAR OF THE WEEK	
PNM	Jude Hills
PNA	Adam AbouElfetouh
NM	Ismail Abo el Abbas
NA	Eissa Eissa
NL	Selim Mostafa
NV	Mohamed Marzouk
RM	Ahmen Mohamed
RA	Omar Geneina
RL	Mohamed Ahmed
Year 1M	Eyad Shalaan
Year 1A	Yasmine Sidky
Year 1L	Youssian Hany

Star of the Week	
Year 2 M	Indie Madden
Year 2 A	Maryam Al jabri
Year 2 L	Celina Eladrousi
Year 3 M	Mahmmod Abdulaleem
Year 3 A	Zeina El Bakry
Year 4 M	Reetal El Madani
Year 4 A	Hamza Amir
Year 5 M	Sedra El Ghandour
Year 5 A	Kiana Boraei
Year 6 M	Alia Hussein
Year 6 A	Farida Wahba
Year 6 L	Mostafa Awwad

House Points

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

Warm regards,
Johnnie Kittermaster

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

Dear Parents,



Parental Views

In every school in the world there are issues which need to be addressed. I would ask you and welcome any comments you have or suggestions to make how we can make MCE the best it can be! Please do feel free to make an appointment with me or email me. I really do want to hear from you.



Internal and External Exams

When revision time comes around, it's always handy to have a few tricks up your sleeve to help you understand and memorise all the different facts and formulas you'll need. And thankfully, there are lots of useful revision apps, sites and even a few games online to help us train our brains and test our knowledge. I thought I would share with you some of the best ones for IGCSE and other exams.

1. Flashcard apps and Quizlet

Save paper and the pain of trying to decipher your handwriting with a flashcard app. Look for a version like Flashcards+ (iOS), which lets you create your own cards or import existing sets through Quizlet, a brilliant community site for students to share study notes.

Revision App is another great free option for iPhone, Android and desktop users with over five million flashcards available to download.

2. BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize breaks down subjects into handy smaller chunks (there's a clue in the name here..) and lets you revise topics, watch video summaries, complete activities and test yourself as you go. The site covers subjects from Key Stage One to GCSE.

3. Revision planning apps

A big part of revision is getting organised and keeping track of your study. The Revision Ace app lets you make a revision plan, record your time spent on each subject and track your progress as you go. Alternatively, you can create a colourful PDF timetable with the help of getrevising.co.uk, which will even suggest a schedule for you to follow

4. Khan Academy

Khan Academy is a not-for-profit learning tool that aims to provide a world-class education to anyone with Internet access. The site includes video tutorials and tests in Maths, Science, Economics, Computer Programming and History. The site keeps track of your progress and gives you awards for achievement. This is a great tool for getting to grips with the basics or taking on advanced study for extra credit.

5. Spark Notes

Explore English Literature texts, watch video summaries and study a host of other subjects with popular study notes site Spark Notes. Try out No Fear Shakespeare, which puts the original text side by side with a modern translation to help you pick up the story and translate new words as you go.

6. S-Cool

Revise GCSE and A-level subjects, test yourself, make a revision timetable for free and download apps from this comprehensive revision website.

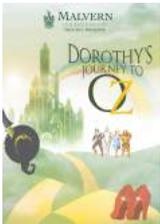
7. BBC Brain Smart

Need a quick study break? Why not stay productive and wake up your brain by playing a game from BBC Brain Smart. There are fun games to help you boost your memory, remember chains of numbers, get motivated and manage stress. And all without feeling like you are doing any real work (we promise).



Uniform

At MCE we do expect our students to be smart and follow uniform guidelines. Students do try and bend the rules and we would like your support in ensuring students do follow the rules. If there is a uniform issue which cannot be resolved quickly, please do provide your son or daughter with a note. Thank you in advance.



Oz

Good luck to all the secondary students on or off stage! Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly after school and at weekends it is a big commitment!

Congratulations to the students who made it to the World Scholars Cup Global Round! I am very proud of you and I wish I was joining you in Kuala Lumpur!

YEAR 9 HISTORY WORKING LUNCH

Year 9 IGCSE History students are currently studying the process of change in China between 1900 and 1989. The epoch begins with the last dynasty, the Qing or Manchu, and stands witness to brutal revolution, rule by warlords, war with Japan, civil war and the rise of Communism under Chairman Mao. China underwent a process of dramatic political, economic, social and industrial changes, famines and struggles to emerge as the world's new superpower.

History is so important, not only does it develop sharp analytical, research and communication skills that are crucial to so many careers, but many of the students want to enter the world of business" explains MCE's resident Historian, Mr Gillespie-Payne. "If they are to do that successfully they must understand the people they do business with and hence a lot of the IGCSE is focused on the USA and China and how the two nations and peoples developed in the Twentieth Century. As George Orwell once pointed out, he who controls the past controls the future.

The class decided that they would like to prepare some Chinese food for a 'working lunch' and so they all chose a different dish to make and a feast was rustled up. Chow-mein, sweet & sour chicken, egg-fried rice and genius home-

made fortune cookies, complete with Ahmed Osman’s sage advice, were all available. Mr Gillespie-Payne knows the students are keen to repeat the experience when they study the struggle for Civil Rights in the USA in the 50s and 60s and is more than happy for the students to embrace this, “...but I’ll try to steer them away from burgers, hot dogs and pizza towards more traditional and nutritious offerings like Gumbo and Jambalaya or some of the Tex-Mex classics!



World Scholars Cup

On the weekend of the 20th - 21st April the secondary students listed below represented Malvern College Egypt at the regional round of the World Scholars Cup (WSC) event. Over two days they competed against other Cairo schools in quizzes, tests, collaborative writing and team debates covering the Arts, Literature, Science, History and Social Studies. The event was challenging. However, I am proud to say that each member of the team rose to the challenge, and due to their efforts, they have qualified for the global round in Kuala Lumpur on June 18th - 22nd! This will be the biggest and most ‘global’ of all the Global Rounds and will be an inspiring and unforgettable experience for our WSC team.

THE WSC TEAM PROUDLY WEARING THE ALPACA (WSC MASCOT)

Secondary House Points Standings

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

Upcoming House Events – get involved and win House Points!



Environment Week

It was Earth Day on Sunday 22nd April and there were celebrations and events taking place across the globe to raise awareness and show their support for environmental protection. Over 193 countries encouraged people to minimise waste, conserve energy, reduce water consumption, use public transports, ride a bike, and many more. At MCE, we care for the Earth and want to take time to celebrate Earth Day! Students and staff who went on the

Cyprus Trip in March shared some of their amazing experiences and contribution to the environment with the Secondary School this week which was truly inspiring. They have also launched an exciting pledge open to all students and members of staff to sign over the next 3 weeks to show their support and commitment to making the Earth a greener place! As a thank you, we will be issuing House Points for every signature! While signing a pledge can seem like a huge responsibility and commitment to take on, especially when most of the dramatic changes need to come from corporate and 100-010-51010-510-5governmental scales, everyone can make a difference and lead a more eco-friendly life starting with the smallest actions from as simple as walking more, shopping online and learning to love leftovers!

Check out ideas on how to save the planet <https://greatist.com/happiness/ways-help-environment>

Warm regards,
Richard Moore

Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport

Dear Parents,



This week saw our last sports fixtures take place. The boys and girls U11 football teams travelled to TBS and NCBIS for their final friendly fixtures. Full reports of these games will be featured in next weeks' Sports Focus. Our swim team will be competing in their final meet of the season at CAC on Saturday. This is one of the biggest meets of the year and I know the students are excited about it. A report of this will also feature in next weeks' news.

As the sports seasons have ended, I would like to say a massive thank you to all MCE staff who have coached teams, help with the organisation of buses and supported the students in all of their training and fixtures. It takes a huge amount of time and effort to coach teams, often giving up early mornings and returning home late but the staff at MCE do so to ensure the students are given the best possible sporting opportunities. I hope that when you see your child's team coach, you will join me in thanking them for their efforts over the course of the year!

Wishing you an enjoyable long weekend

Warm regards,
Iain Driscoll

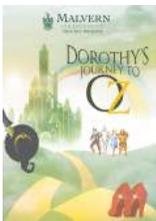
Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music

Dear Parents,



Year 7 & 8. Popular Music and Musical Theatre Topics

This term Year 7 & Year 8 are working on group projects. They are taking responsibility for their own work, arranging rehearsals etc. I am delighted to see how both year groups have taken to this task. I am expecting some excellent work from them all. There will be performances on the school stage of their work at the end of year assemblies.



School Production

Please note that the production, 'Dorothy's Journey to Oz' will be taking place on **Tuesday 15th May at 9am** for parents and students in Years 6 - 9. Students had a full day of rehearsals today and will perform a dress rehearsal for Years 1 to 5 on Monday.



Please remember that the use of mobile phones or cameras to take photographs or to record the performance is strictly prohibited. This is both very distracting for the students, but is also considered rude and disruptive for other members of the audience. MCE works in a spirit of international mindedness where consideration for those around us is a crucial part of education. You are very welcome to take pictures of the students after the performance. Alternatively, a DVD of the whole show including photographs of the 'Making of the Show' will be made available.



Also, no food or drink are permitted in the Theatre!

We appreciate your co-operation in this.

Warm regards,
Tina Marsh