

# THE MCE TIMES

## IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER

**Tuesday 23th**

Reception Dress-Up Day

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Students are allocated from their Wish lists

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sanger Charity House Dress-Up Day

**Thursday 25th**

Parent Teacher Consultation Day

**Friday 26th – Saturday 3rd Nov.**

Half Term Holiday



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

Another extremely busy week comes to a close at the College. On top of the huge range of exciting and interactive lessons we have had; school trips to Sitara and the Future University Egypt dentistry department; Netball and Basketball teams competing at other schools; French and Early Years Parent Information Sessions; Secondary School House Benchball tournament.

The highlight of the week was our College wide celebration of our host country through our Egyptian Day on Wednesday. Pupils from across the College dressed up in a range of national costumes or colours and we enjoyed song and dance performances from pupils in Years 2 to 11.



## Parent Teacher Conference

The first Parent Teacher Conference Day of this academic year will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. This is a chance for all parents and pupils to meet with the class and subject teachers to discuss how the child has settled in to their new classes and what progress they have made so far in their learning. More details on the format of the day and how to access the booking system, for Early Years to Year 6 class teachers, will be shared by each school next week.

### **Sanger Charity House Dress-Up Day - Wednesday 24th October**

On this date, pupils may choose to come dressed in a Halloween themed costume rather than uniform. They should pay a minimum 20LE donation for this. Funds raised will be used to support our Sanger Charity, the Association for the Protection of the Environment (<http://www.ape-egypt.com/>). We hope all pupils will take part, however if they choose not to they should wear their normal uniform that day.

### **Transportation Changes**

Parents are reminded that any changes to the usual transportation arrangements should be requested through the College ([FrontDesk@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:FrontDesk@malverncollege.edu.eg)) as far in advance as possible. Due to the need to coordinate with a large number of people from teachers to bus drivers about changes we have a very strict deadline of 12pm each day for request to be made. If you have a need to make a regular change to transportation arrangements, we do ask that you communicate this in writing to the above email address.

The parent portal is still open for you to help assist your child(ren) in indicating their CCA choices for Programme 2. The timeline for the Co-Curricular Activity programme (CCA) for Programme 2 is as follows:

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Students are allocated from their Wish lists. Students registering after this may miss out of some CCAs due to classes being filled or cancelled due to lack of demand. Once pupils are allocated to their CCAs you will **NOT** be able to amend your choices on the parent portal.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** Confirmation of CCA activities will be sent to pupils (for parents who have registered Wishes and submitted payments)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** CCA deadline for **any payment** if applicable to the course. (please return money in a clearly marked envelope to Lamees Daya)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November:** First day of CCA Programme 2

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** CCAs for Programme 2 finish

Please note the CCA programme will not run during any MCE holiday

Warmest Regards



Wayne Maher  
Headmaster

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

Dear Parents,



**Year 1** have had an extremely busy week! They started the week with a fantastic trip to Sitara where they enjoyed watching a show called 'The Jolly Postman' followed by a workshop where the children wrote and posted their own letters. The children also watched a performance called 'Ali Baba and the Four Thieves'. All of your children's behaviour was wonderful and they were excellent representatives for Malvern College, Egypt. The Malvern Quality focused on this week is 'Respect' and we have discussed ways in which we can respect ourselves and

others. Within our topic lessons, children have begun learning about the modern-day explorer; *Levison Wood*. Amongst other expeditions, he is famous for travelling the length of the River Nile and the children have been interested to learn about his journeys and explorations. Samir and Aly Stationary store were invited into school this week and Year 1 students were given the opportunity to participate in an Art competition involving the technique of 'collage'.



**Reception** discussed the Malvern quality 'Respect' this week and played a game to highlight the importance of accepting everyone's differences. In mathematics the children have been sorting objects by size-order and measuring things around the school. Ask your child who are the tallest and shortest members of our class! Below is a link for a game we enjoyed playing

this week. <https://www.education.com/game/ordering-lengths-and-heights/>

The children continued to learn about the history of Egypt, going back even further in time to see how the Ancient Egyptians lived. They enjoyed making their own papyrus paper, which they used to print their names using hieroglyphics. Exploring artefacts from a tomb was a lot of fun and the children guessed who the treasure may have belonged to. **Next week will be the final week of the 'Egypt' topic. Please contact your class parent representative for details of the 'Egyptian food tasting' day and remember to send your child to school dressed in Egyptian costumes on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October!**



Within **Nursery** this week, the children have been introduced to our new topic "Egypt." We travelled all over Egypt with Barnaby Bear and explored the River Nile, Red Sea, Luxor and Cairo. The children have studied famous landmarks including the pyramids and have been building life-sized pyramids with the large bricks and Lego. Thank you for sending in Egypt related items and photos, the children were very excited to talk about their adventures during

Show and Tell. The children enjoyed "Egyptian Day" during their Arabic lessons in which they participated in Egypt related activities, Egyptian crafts, singing along to traditional Egyptian music, and making pharaonic masks to take home. The children have been practising different acts of respect and have decorated a "respect flower" for the class display. Our Stars of the Week were proud of being able

to demonstrate respect and take home their certificates. Next week, we will continue to learn all about “Egypt” and explore different areas of the classroom with Egypt related books and activities.



Within **Pre-Nursery** this week, the children have continued to focus on the Malvern Quality of respect and consider how their actions and words can help them to respect each other. The children have taken part in a variety of craft activities to help them to name and learn each of the parts of their body. The children have been singing songs and nursery rhymes to support this learning. The teaching team have continued to build on the concept of emotions and feelings with the children, helping and supporting them to understand what makes them feel happy or sad.

The children have taken part in physical activities to help them to grasp the concepts of hopping/skipping/walking/waving/sliding/jumping/sneezing and yawning. The teaching team have modelled these actions and used flashcards to help the children to make the association between the word and the action.

### Dates for your Diary

- Reception Dress-Up Day for Egypt on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, check with class representatives for more details.
- Sanger Dress-Up day for Halloween on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We will have a parade within the Early Years Shared Area from 8am, if you would like to watch please make your way to the upstairs balcony area. LE20 donation to dress-up.
- All of the Early Years and Year 1 teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents at the Parent Teacher Conference day next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Please book your appointment online.

Sally Dibb-Holland  
Head of Early Years

STAR OF THE WEEK			
PNM	Nuoyi Li Talia Ellithy	RA	Omar Elsayed Mohamed Attia
PNA	Hashim Khalifah Seif Elbaradei	RL	Mohamed Metawea Tia Ramzy
NM	Camillia Fahmy Yusuf Gad	RV	Adam Badran Diala El Azar
NA	Carla El Mawy Adam Ghaly	RE	Razan Hassan Adam Awad
NL	Khadijha Radwan Omar Elshenawy	Year 1M	Muhammad Radwan Karma Ahmed
NV	Mohamed Basyouny Aly Ashour	Year 1A	Kenzy Mansour Farid Eltarouty
NE	Dalida Shahin Lilly Mattar	Year 1L	Farida Elenizi Talya Shehata
RM	John Marshall Alya Aly Elzoghby		



## Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,



It has been another busy week in Primary at MCE. Last Thursday we had the investiture ceremony for our new Head Boy and Head girl, plus our Prefects and our House Captains. It was a wonderful occasion and I wish them all good luck in their new posts.

We have also finished interviewing teachers for positions of responsibility and I am delighted to announce the following appointments.

My new Assistant Head responsible for 'Pastoral Care' is Mrs. Rachel Hardwick.

'Pastoral Care' involves meeting the personal and social needs of students, promoting students' personal and social development and fostering positive attitudes. Pastoral care helps students to develop positive self-esteem, healthy risk taking, goal setting and negotiation, thus enhancing their resilience as well as developing a sense of social cohesion.

If you have concerns about your child and their social or emotional welfare, for example you think that they might be being bullied or that your child is unhappy about any aspect of school life, you should Speak to the class teacher first. The class teacher might then ask for support from the senior leadership team or you might want to take the matter further. This is when Mrs. Hardwick will get involved, to help and support pupils, parents and teachers. The Primary Leadership Team, known as the PLT, is now made up of three people; the Head of Primary (Mr. Hunter), Assistant Head in charge of Academics (Mr. Bailey) and Assistant Head in charge of Pastoral Care (Mrs. Hardwick.)

The other two key appointments this week are our new Head of Maths and Head of English for Primary. The new Head of English for Primary is Miss Olivia Clutterbuck. The new Head of Maths for Primary is Mr. Callum Watt. Miss Clutterbuck and Mr. Watt will work very closely with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Stewart (the Head of Science) and together, they will be responsible for developing teaching and learning across Primary and raising academic standards to new heights.

A reminder for your diary, dress-up day for Sanger House is next Wednesday. Please see Year Group newsletters for more details.



Parent Teacher Conferences will take place next week, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. If you haven't already done so, please use The Portal to sign up for an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Specialist teachers will be available for you to see without an appointment.

This week's year group focus comes from Year 5. I hope you enjoy it!

Year 5 have had a fabulous first half term with learning focused on 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes' in Humanities and 'Earth and Space' in Science. We have used Oreo cookies to replicate the movement of the earth's crust during earthquakes and we have all learned the procedure of how to stay safe if one should occur.



All classes have tried to make scaled models of our solar system, applying our maths skills of measuring during these tasks. A scientific experiment on shadows was also carried out and we all made predictions about how we expected the shadows to change before recording our results in a graph. This week, 5L recreated the moon's orbit of earth using Malteasers to show the light and dark side of the moon, whilst 5M and 5A have created fantastic adjustable models of this.

Our Art work has culminated this week in our final one-point perspective drawings of earthquakes, in which we have used all the skills we have learned this term about perspective and shading in a final picture.

English has seen us working towards writing our own reports about volcanoes following a process of gathering research, planning and editing.

### House points

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

### Star of the Week

Year 2 M	Rola Abdouseeda Philopateer Beshara	Year 4 A	Hannah Orme Lara Mostafa
Year 2 A	Isaac Belal Selim Elbehiry	Year 4 L	Salah El Khidir Yara Khattab
Year 2 L	Malak Mahmoud Adham Abdelhamid	Year 5 M	Grace Ramothodi Hussein Sabek
Year 2 V	Malak Ibrahim Loreen Khalafalla	Year 5 A	Merla Beshara Jana ElFekiry
Year 3 M	Mohamed Abonaeum	Year 5 L	Youssef Sayed Omar Hassan
Year 3 A	Sofia Kanarachou Yassin Abdalla	Year 6 M	Hala Mostafa Karim Taher
Year 3 L	Sherif Said Retaj Felfel	Year 6 A	Muhammad Arffin Mazen Elbeltagy
Year 4 M	Muchiri Githinji	Year 6 L	Omar Diab

Have a great weekend!

Phillip Hunter  
Head of Primary

## House System News from Jacqui Belcher – Head of Primary House System

Dear parents,



### House News - Primary

Our schedule of House events is developing well! We are also planning to update the Primary House display in school. Our House Captains will take responsibility for this.



### Sanger Fundraising Day - Wednesday 24th October

Please support your child in bringing a minimum donation of 20LE and dressing up in Halloween themed costume, in order to support our fund-raising for the Sanger Charity.



For **Years 2 to 6**, we are also planning some additional Halloween themed activities and sales for children to participate in at break-times. These will require a small payment (around 5LE per activity or item). Therefore, a little extra money would be appreciated. (For Early Years up to Year 1, teachers will organise class activities and no additional payment is needed.)



**Inter-House Primary Football Tournament (Years 3 to 6)**  
**Monday 5th November to Wednesday 14th November**

All students from Years 3 to 6 may participate in this tournament, which will take place during lunchtimes on the dates specified. Further details will be available soon.



**House t-shirts**

The Uniform Department have ordered a new stock of House t-shirts which will be arriving soon. Please contact the Uniform Department to purchase a House t-shirt for your child, it will be needed for Sports Day and other House events. Your child's teacher can tell you which House your child is in if you are not sure about this.

Jacqui Belcher

**Head of Primary House System**

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

Dear Parents,



**Attendance and Punctuality**

We are having a big push on attendance and punctuality at present and thanks for your support in this matter. We have explained the importance of attendance in previous MCE times. Punctuality to the College and to lessons is equally important! Any lateness results in messages being missed or disrupts the learning of others. We expect all students to move promptly to their lessons.



Please could I ask again for your support in the use of Arabic at MCE. This has been reiterated in the MCE times on a regular basis and most students do understand why we insist on them speaking English. Unfortunately, there are persistent few which haven't been following the rules, we have no option to but to exclude them from lessons for a period of time to ensure they understand they are deliberately breaking the rules but also to show other students that we mean what we say! I am sure you understand.



**PTC Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Please note there is no booking or appointment system for the PTC day. I strongly encourage you to bring your child with you. Teachers will be available to discuss the content of the recent reports/grades and any further details you may wish to discuss. Please note there will be no student buses running on this day.

Richard Moore

**Head of Secondary**

## House System News from Isabel Pante - Head of Secondary House System

Dear Parents,



This week has been filled with exciting House events! It was a pleasure to watch Foster House lead our Secondary Assembly last Thursday and all the Houses come together on Sunday for the Inter-House Quiz organised by Miss Harries, Head of Elgar. The results for the Quiz will be announced shortly as I am sure students are eager to find out. During every lunchtime this week, we have been eagerly following the Inter-House Benchball Competition which has been incredibly well supported by the students and staff. So, congratulations to Sanger the winning House, and thank you to all for participating!



I have had the pleasure of interviewing many remarkable applicants for the positions of House Captains this year. I was very impressed by the passion, commitment and enthusiasm displayed by students and look forward to a successful year with another strong House leadership team!

We have some exciting events after the October half-term, including the **Elgar Dress Up day**, **Mr Webb's Inter-House Competition** (more details to follow soon), **Inter-House Swimming**, amongst other events.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Sanger Dress Up Day**

Theme: Blue or Halloween

Ms Pante

**Head of Senior House System**

## Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education

Dear Parents,



It has been yet another busy but successful week within the PE department, all of the team and students have been working extremely hard in making as much improvement for their understanding and physical abilities within basketball.

The students have really enjoyed these lessons and have started to make excellent progress.



The under 18 side played Egypt British International School (EBIS), displaying excellent resilience, determination and courage. The match unfortunately went in the favor of EBIS, winning the match by one point (18-17) but it was a very good start for the MCE under 18 boys. A very well done to the boys and Mr. Davidson for competing in their first match. The U15s netball girls played

exceptionally well on Friday 12th October. They had their final tournament as U15s against BISC and



NCBIS before they move up to play as U18s and make room for a new team. The girls worked hard on mastering their skills and taking on the challenge of the very experienced BISC Netballers who were strong and tough competitors. The new under 18s team played 2 great matches at NCBIS against the home team and MES. They were congratulated by the other coaches for their great effort and competition, winning 5-2 and drawing 4-4. The under 13s tried hard but the competition was tough, and they are still finding their feet but their enthusiasm allowed for a tie of 1-1 against NCBIS and only a narrow loss against MES with a 2-1 finish. All girls played with team spirit and should be congratulated on the hard work.



It has been a fantastic week for sport here at Malvern College Egypt and we will be continuing this in the coming weeks with various matches for both boys' and girls' basketball, football and netball. Please encourage your children to take part when and where possible and even yourselves to come along and support all of the hard work our students are putting in.

Joshua Sussex

**Head of Physical Education**

### **Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts**

Dear Parents,



The new and budding secondary Drama department at Malvern College Egypt offers pupils the opportunity to develop a passion for the theatre while also developing many transferable skills necessary for all walks of life. Drama at MCE provides every pupil with the opportunity to acquire knowledge and experience of this subject from both a historical and a practical perspective, whilst developing skills and talents in the various aspects of the theatre

making process.

The College's seat Theatre lies at the heart of the department's activities, and is equipped with a range of Fresnel, Parcan and Gobo lanterns as well as fully computerised lighting and sound control equipment. Pupils are encouraged to play a full part in all aspects of theatre, as actor, director, stage hand, costume assistant or technician.

**CCA**

The department also offers plenty of opportunities outside the academic curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular possibilities such as House performances, whole school events and the annual school production. Taking pupils to local theatres and running an annual trip to London are also an integral part of curriculum planning. We invite professional theatre companies as visitors, and they both perform and run workshops for pupils on a variety of theatrical styles and topics.



### KEY STAGE 3

Key Stage 3 are the foundation years for MCE Drama. Pupils receive one 50-minute lesson a week. Through the practical study of Drama, we aim to help all pupils develop confidence, independence, organisational skills, resilience, empathy, communication skills and collaboration skills. The course uses theatre games and exercises, improvisations and short script extracts to develop pupils' skills of movement, response, speech, use of performance space and audience awareness.



### IGCSE

For the IGCSE pupils can opt to take the Edexcel IGCSE course in Drama, which consists of practical assessments and a written examination.

In the first year of the IGCSE course, pupils develop experience of working practically with scripts and on self-devised pieces. They are expected to work together quickly and purposefully in groups of various sizes and with different people. This course is designed to give IGCSE students a broad introduction to all the aspects of theatre making on both a production and performance level.

### Sixth form

In the Sixth Form, the A level Drama and IB Theatre courses feature a combination of textual study and scripted/devised performances, together with responding to live theatre productions, providing pupils with two stimulating courses from which to choose, both with strong practical and creative theatre making elements.



Whatever your interest is, whatever your talent, the Drama department will support you in your endeavours. There are many ways to become involved, requiring various levels of time and commitment yet being involved in

Drama activities often prove to be some of the most rewarding time spent at the College providing life-long memories.

Please can all the pupils in the production follow the below links to the music and choreography for the school production. You are expected to learn these off by heart over half term so that we can rehearse without the words when we get back.

Well done to those of you who have already learnt your lines! Mr Russell and myself and the other members of the cast truly appreciate your efforts. If you have not learnt your lines yet, please do so!



Rehearsals: It is **Imperative** that you attend the Tuesday CCA rehearsal, and that you check to see when you are needed for the lunchtime rehearsals. There is no excuse not to attend these as you all have a rehearsal schedule (If you do not please come and see me for a new one) the schedule is also posted on the performing arts noticeboard by



G06. Lunchtime rehearsals are particularly short so please be **on time at 12:00 sharp**. If for any reason you cannot attend a rehearsal, you must see myself or Mr Russell to be excused. From now on, if you do not turn up we will be issuing strikes.



The school production is a **commitment** and requires many of the internationally minded skills we at Malvern College Egypt are trying to promote: consideration, teamwork, punctuality, open mindedness and respect. In recent weeks many of you have become a little too forgetful of this. I'd like to see a big change in the next few weeks please.

Links:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11hB72GkLI5L6LT6xfuiJ8FQVXbfXleeZ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VAroqalfL4&t=271s>

Kim Harries

**Director of Performing Arts**