

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER

Saturday 6th
October Holiday

Tuesday 9th
Secondary School Open Morning

Wednesday 10th
Primary School Open Morning

Thursday 11th
Foster House to lead Secondary
Assembly

Thursday 25th
Parent Teacher Consultation Day

Friday 26th – Saturday 3rd Nov.
Half Term Holiday



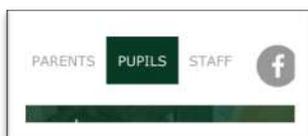
Thursday 4th October 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

After another incredibly productive week at MCE I trust you will all have a very restful long weekend with your exhausted children as Sunday 7th October has been declared a holiday.

Following the long weekend, we have some opportunities for parents to become more familiar with life at the College. The following two Open Days will take place for parents of children in Primary and Secondary school. These days provide you with the ability to come and visit classrooms while your child(ren) are learning. This is not designed for you to get updates on your own child's progression in class, but simply give an insight into what a normal lesson would be like for them. Specific school information will be shared with parents by email. We encourage you all to visit the College on the specific day to visit one or more lessons.

Below you will find a wealth of information from each school section. However, we are keen to know what parents think of our newsletters and other forms of communication. As such if you have any ideas about ways in which we can improve how we communicate our news and other College information we would be happy to hear from you. Please send an email Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg with any suggestions you may have.



An area that we are spending a significant amount of time on developing is our website and parent portal. Over the last few days both of these areas have seen updates to improve how parents, pupils and indeed staff can access information about the College. Can I please encourage you all to visit our website www.malverncollege.edu.eg and click on either the Parent or Pupil link at the very top of the page.



A number of links to additional MCE online subscriptions in place to support learning at the College)



A direct link to the MCE Parent Portal where you can access information specific to your child(ren) from CCA options to visit to the medical clinic.

Warmest Regards

Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



Within Pre-Nursery this week, the children have continued to understand the importance of kindness paying particular attention to having kind hands. The teaching team have introduced the concept of emotions and feelings to the children exploring being happy or sad. The children are learning about who they are and naming their body parts, singing songs such as “Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes.” Using mirrors and different skin tone paints, the children have examined their facial features and tried hard to record what they see using a variety of media. During my visit to award the Stars of the Week, I was delighted that all the Pre-Nursery children are learning to sit on the carpet and take part in singing and nursery rhymes.



This week in Nursery we are exploring our five senses, learning about our families and discussing our feelings. The children have been singing family songs including “Daddy Finger,” and senses songs including “Do you Like Broccoli.” They have been making family portraits, counting family members, and exploring our sensory stations through sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing. For Read, Write, Inc., we have been learning the letter sound “s” (snake, spider, snail and sun), and have engaged in activities including exploring our “sound bag”, tracing the sound in sand or rice, making shiny stars, and painting our own suns. Do look at the Read, Write Inc. website for more information – www.ruthmiskin.com. Our Personal Social-Emotional theme is “Kindness” which ties in with our Malvern Qualities. The children have continued to practise kindness towards one another and our Stars of the Week were extremely proud to celebrate kindness and take home their certificates.



This week in Reception the children have been excited to start learning about Egypt. We have been finding Egypt on maps and looking at where Cairo is located. The children have been learning about different places of interest in Egypt and have been sharing their own holidays and adventures in class. Next week we will continue with our Egypt topic and begin to think about how Egypt has changed since our grandparents were children. We will be looking at old pictures in class and thinking of questions to interview one of our Arabic members of staff - finding out how life has changed. It would be helpful if children could talk to their grandparents about their childhoods, highlighting things that have changed in their homes or games they used to play as children. Looking at old family photographs, spotting things that have changed such as clothes is also another good way to begin those conversations.



Year 1 have continued learning about senses through different activities, one of which was to try to trick the children's taste buds. We made all the food green and children had to try to guess the flavour! We have been learning how to write-up our experiments using scientific vocabulary. Read, Write, Inc has also started this week and the children have been organised in moving to and settling into their groups. There has been lots of work on spelling and reading new words. For Topic, we have had fun getting messy and making clay aliens. Next week we will introduce our next Malvern Quality of "Respect" during our PSED lessons and following it up in our weekly star of the week assemblies.

STARS OF THE WEEK			
PNM	Twana Mohamed Masa Elbatal	RA	Mostafa Rashed Aliaa El Baroudy
PNA	Duru Yucel Habiba Albayome	RL	Yousef Desouky Mohamed Ali
NM	Nour Ghabrial Aly Elhalawany	RV	Mohamad Abdelaziz Leenah Elbeltagy
NA	Mohamed Boghdady Moez ElSallab	RE	Selim Mostafa Adam Ramadan
NL	Zeyad Marghany Jude Nour	Year 1M	Mohamed Al Johani Fatma Kamel
NV	Sophia Yehia Rashdan Youssef Hamad	Year 1A	Moustafa Radwan Luca Abdelshahid
NE	Ammar Ahmed Asya Kassem	Year 1L	Malak Saeed Hamza Abdel Hady
RM	Jana Omar Dinah Ramoatlhodi		

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

Dear parents,



It has been another busy and productive week in Primary school at MCE. We have been interviewing some outstanding candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl and both me and Mr. Bailey have been extremely impressed by the confidence and maturity of each pupil who put themselves forward.



To clear up a little bit of confusion about PE kits, pupils in Years 3 and 4 come to school in their PE kit if they have PE before lunch and then change into their uniform after the lesson. However, if they have a sports CCA that day, which needs them to wear PE kit after school, they can stay in their kit all day. I hope that this clears up a little bit of confusion for a few families.

This week's year group focus comes from Year 4. I hope you enjoy it! Year 4 have had a tasty start to the year with their new topic, 'Chocolate'. They have shown a real hunger for learning as they began to trace the journey of a cocoa bean to a chocolate bar.



They kickstarted the topic by enjoying a mouthwatering sample session, in which they described the flavours and textures as the chocolate melted in their mouths. As you can imagine, it went down a treat!

Pupils then investigated where cacao trees grow and how the tropical climate influences this. They used atlases to locate cacao producing countries and traced the journey from the farms right to our shops. This ignited their curiosity and so we developed several lines of enquiry – Why is chocolate not produced in cacao producing countries? Who makes the most profit in the production of a bar of chocolate?

With a geographical focus, we honed in on the typical life of a cacao farmer in a local village in Ghana, one of the world's leading cacao producers and compared his standard of living with our own. The Year 4 pupils recognised that the farmers are not adequately compensated for their labour. Next, we intend to devise a campaign to persuade local businesses to stock Fair Trade goods. Food for thought...

Our topic finale will be a school trip to Ganache, a local chocolatier, where we will get to make our own chocolate and even add our own fillings. We can't wait!



Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

MFL Secondary School News from Mrs Kerry Moore – Head of MFL Department

Dear parents,



We have subscribed to Linguascope, an interactive subscription-based website that allows users of all levels to practise their French. There are numerous activities as well as printable worksheets and words lists all designed to increase vocabulary as well as engage learners. There are three different levels: Elementary, Beginners and

Intermediate. Elementary is aimed at primary pupils, Beginners is aimed at Key Stage 3, i.e. years 7 and 8 and Intermediate is aimed at (i)GCSE pupils.

The log details will be emailed directly to parents for their amazing resource.

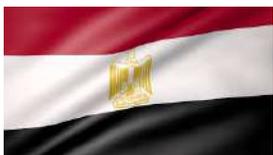
As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Kerry Moore
Head of MFL

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

Dear parents,



Another week has flashed by and the pupils have been working hard! Happy 6th October celebration to you all!

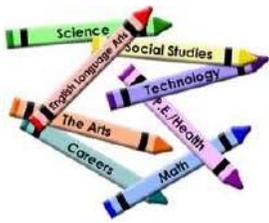


University Visit

We were very fortunate to have a visit from the University of Southampton who were able to discuss with the pupils what University Life was like and offer a presentation. We hope to have more of these visits and to run parent sessions to help make an informed choice about the next step in your child's education!

Water Bottles

Please could I remind you to ensure your child has a water bottle! This not only helps hydrate them but refreshes the brain! We provide water station around the school but, being an environmentally friendly College, we do not provide cups.

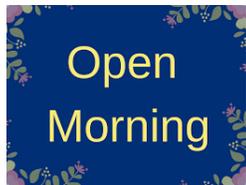


Curriculum Overview

Last week I emailed you all the Secondary School Curriculum overview if you have not received it please do let Basma know. basma.elkersh@malverncollege.edu.eg

Secondary School Open Morning 9th October.

We will soon be sending more information on this but I hope to see you on Tuesday!



Meet the Head of Faculty!

I hope in the next few weeks to run a session for parents where you can come and meet all the Heads of Faculty to discuss on an informal basis how each subject runs and what we do to ensure your child receives a high standard education.

Appointments with Teachers

Please could I ask, if you wish to see a teacher or arrange a meeting you do not turn up to MCE and expect to see them immediately. You will not be seen and this causes stress and upset on all sides. Teachers have very busy schedules and it is not fair to ask to see a teacher without at least 48 hours' notice.

Please can I suggest you email the teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time including the reason why you wish to see them.

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



House Points

It has been great seeing so many pupils working hard to support their Houses and win House Points. Several pupils have reached 50+ points and have been enjoying the use of Cilantro Pass. Well done everyone!

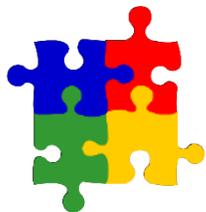


Important deadlines:

Head Boy/Girl: applications are now closed.

Prefects and House Captains: Sunday 7 October (Years 10 and 11), by email.

Members of the Student Panel: please see Ms Pante in S04 if you are interested (Years 7-9)
Do not miss out on the opportunity to represent your school and develop important skills, such as leadership, organisation, working as a team, resilience, public speaking, and much more.



Upcoming events

Foster House to lead Secondary Assembly on Thursday 11th October
Inter-House Benchball Competition. Years 7-11. More details to follow soon!

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education



It's been a very busy week within the PE department, we are drawing close to the end of the first sporting activity in benchball where the Pupils have shown excellent levels of progress. We are building towards the interhouse benchball sporting event coming up soon, where the pupils will be able to display their excellent levels of progress and compete for their respected Houses. The next activity we are focusing on within PE will be basketball, where I am hoping to see all of the transferable skills from benchball being used within these lessons. **Please ensure your son/daughter has the correct PE uniform, including appropriate footwear, for basketball.**

The Swim team have been working very hard within both day-to-day lessons and the CCA programme. Pupils have continued to make excellent progress from last year and we are very much looking forward to our first swim meet on the 19th October at British International School Cairo (BISC). I would ask all parents to come along and support our pupils at this event and encourage as many pupils as possible to compete for their place in the swim squad.

This week saw Ms Swann's netball squads compete in a local school's competition on Friday 28th September where the MCE girls displayed excellent levels of motivation, determination and resilience. Given it was the girls first competitive fixture this year, it was certainly a learning opportunity, which the pupils did, but they also displayed some excellent netball. A very good start to the year, well done!



Joshua Sussex
Head of Physical Education

Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts

Once again it has been a busy week in secondary for the performing Arts.



The Year 7's have been taking Drama class as part of their curriculum for the first time this year and we have been learning a new drama skill every week. So far, we have considered skills such as mime and gestures, direct address, improvisation and characterisation. I hope the Year 7's are enjoying their lessons, although the freedom the practical side of Drama brings has been a struggle for some.



The Year 8's are continuing their work on 'The Woman in Black' and this week we have been exploring how actors and directors create tension and suspense on stage. We have been experimenting with silence and stillness as a technique to frighten the audience.



COMEDY

The GCSE group are about two thirds of the way through their devised comedy piece. They have been working extremely well together and have developed a real bond that is enhancing their creative work. We hope to perform their final piece in the winter concert.



The performing Arts subjects are working very closely together this year, already collaborating on projects such as the winter concert and the secondary school production. If you walk past the rehearsal rooms at lunchtimes, you will hear Pupils practicing their singing or playing their on their instruments; play rehearsals are also in full swing in the theatre at lunchtimes. It really is a wonderful thing to witness more and more Pupils in the secondary school taking an active interest in the Arts.

Kim Harries

Director of Performing Arts

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



The College highly values music and the Performing Arts which also develop pupils' confidence, self-esteem, creativity and team-work skills. Pupils are actively encouraged to take part in all Performing Arts opportunities. The music department has a fully equipped Keyboard lab with 16 keyboards, along with a dedicated iMac room for music technology. Pupils are taught how to record, sequence and arrange music using the latest Apple music software and MIDI keyboards. There are two additional large music rooms, and two practice rooms.



All Pupils participate in singing through the curriculum. Choral singing and acting are encouraged through our CCA programme. Young musicians have the opportunity to take lessons in a wide range of orchestral instruments, as well as popular instruments and voice. Lessons are taught by professionals in the field, many coming from Cairo Symphony Orchestra and Cairo Opera.



Musicians have regular opportunities to perform at both informal and formal music-making occasions. Performing Arts is taught across the curriculum. Pupils have the opportunity to take part in concerts, the school musicals, and in smaller house events throughout the year. In addition to acting skills, pupils have the opportunity to learn about all areas of stage craft in the new 450-seat school theatre – lighting, sound and backstage management.

Paul Russell

Director of Music