

IMPORTANT DATES NOVEMBER

Wednesday 14th
Secondary School Information Session

Thursday 15th
Secondary School Prefect Investiture

Sunday 18th
Primary School Swim Gala

Monday 19th
Secondary school Swim Gala

IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

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Years 1 & 2 Winter Concert

THE MCE TIMES



Thursday 8th November 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



The first few days back after a holiday are often a little slower around school as children and staff get back into routines. This was certainly not the case at MCE this week. It was full throttle from the early morning singing of the National Anthem on Sunday morning – I was particularly impressed by the volume and passion of the Primary School pupils!!! It has been a busy week for sport with the Primary School Inter-House football competition and many teams travelling for sports fixtures around Cairo. We also hosted our first ever University Fair with 15 UK Universities being quizzed by our pupils to find out what courses are on offer and what the pupils need to achieve in order to be considered as an applicant.



Beyond the learning at MCE our Admissions department has also had a very busy week as the MCE admissions is now officially open for the 2019-20 academic year. We welcomed another large group of families to an information sessions and tours of the College on a Prospective Parents open morning, which we will repeat at various times throughout the coming months. With this in mind I would urge any family who has younger siblings that you are considering enrolling at MCE to contact our admissions department (or simply log on to the Parent portal and add their details to the 'My Children' area) as soon as possible to ensure that we can complete the admissions process with you before we fill up any year groups. Also, if you have any friends who are interested in finding out more about the College do let them know about our Open Days and direct them to our website for more information.



Winter Uniform

The weather has cooled down considerably, but still very much warmer than is being experienced at Malvern College UK! We are therefore going to begin the process of moving over to our winter uniform. Over the coming two weeks any pupils wishing to wear their winter uniform can do so. From Sunday 25th November all pupils must be in their full winter uniform each day.

Warmest Regards

Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



Welcome back after the half term. I understand from all the Early Years teachers that the Parent Teacher Consultation Day on Thursday 25th October was a great success. We have an excellent Early Years team this year and it is a privilege to work with teachers who have each child at the centre of all that they do. I enjoyed hosting our Halloween Parade, and thanks to your support we were able to create an upbeat and invigorating atmosphere within the Early Years Hall – thank you for all the marvellous costumes!

sense of touch

This week **Year 1** have concluded their learning about Explorers and have had a visit from Karim Siag who talked about a journey he took which was similar (and which they have compared to) Levison Woods'. The children were shown photos and videos about the journey, discussed where he went, what he took and how he travelled. Ask your child about Karim Siag's journey and see what they can tell you! In Science, Year 1 have enjoyed fun experiments about the sense of 'touch'. Children made their own slime, played games guessing objects using just touch and thought of describing words to explain how an object feels.



In **Reception** this week, it has been lovely to see everyone back and ready for learning after their half term break. It has been a busy first week back with lots of exciting activities for the children. The children have been thinking about the Malvern Quality of "thoughtfulness" We have been thinking about how being thoughtful is not just thinking about how we treat each other but also how we can look after our planet. We introduced the three R's – reduce, reuse and recycle. We have begun our new topic for this term looking at *colour and celebrations*. This week we have been identifying colours and textures. We have made rainbows with water and light sources in the garden and painted rainbows in class with different textured paints and investigated the results. We read the story of "The mixed-up chameleon" by Eric Carle and began to think about colours and feelings.



The children in **Nursery** have been introduced to our new topic "*Shape and Colour*". The children have enjoyed looking at books including "*Brown Bear, What do you see?*" and "*Elmer.*" Along with describing the shapes and colours of animals in the stories, the children have been mixing colours to recreate their own animals in the art corner.

They have explored shapes in the environment and have been on shape hunts. The children enjoyed working in groups to make large *Elmer Elephants* with different colours and materials.

For Read, Write, Inc., we have been learning the letter sound "n" (net, nose, needle, necklace) and have engaged in activities including exploring our "magic sound bag", tracing the sound in shaving foam or sand, lacing nests with pipe cleaners, and playing "George's Gym" blending games. Next week, we will continue to learn all about Shapes and Colours and explore different textures and materials. Please support us by making a sensory bottle with your child at home to bring in for Show and Tell. Coming up:- *Teddy Bear Picnic Dress-Up Day - Thursday 15th November.*



In **Pre-Nursery** this week the children have started their new topic of *colours and festivals*. The children have been introduced to the colour red and have taken part in a variety of activities focussed around this colour. They have played with red play-dough and make individual firework displays using a variety of colours. All the children have enjoyed working and playing together as a team this week, setting up the train track and

helping their friends to build structures to enhance their play. The children have been praised for considering others and being thoughtful – our Malvern Quality for this week.

Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School

It is great to see everyone back and looking refreshed after the half-term break.



Thank you to all those parents who were able to come into College on the last day before the break for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Educating children is about a partnership between home and school which is why it is so valuable for teachers and parents to meet up regularly like this.



This week has been busy, as usual. The undoubted highlight for many of the students has been the inter-house football tournament taking place all week and this week's assembly involved houses meeting to plan for the upcoming swimming gala. Good luck to all our sports competitors.

As the weather turns a little cooler, can I remind parents to make sure that students still wear school uniform. A school jumper and blazer are more than warm enough for this time of year; hoodies, etc are not to be worn.



This week's year group focus returns to Year 6, I hope you enjoy it. Thank you for your continued support.

In **Year 6**, it has been such an eventful week with the Inter-House Football and preparing for our Swimming Gala on the 18th November. All of us in Years 3-6 have been working

so hard and fighting for our Houses as we all compete to be the winner in the Inter-House football. We are really enjoying this intense competition as we try to do our best for our House. It has been teaching us about teamwork and priorities as we have to be organised in order to be ready to play in full kit at lunchtime. Our House Captains in Year 6 have been helping the teachers and referees in the competition and are finding out just how hard it is to run a competition where everyone gets an opportunity. We cannot wait for the tournament to continue next week.

Phillip Hunter
Head of Primary

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



Inter-House Football Tournament

This week there has been a lot of excitement about the Primary House Football Tournament. We have watched some excellent football in the matches so far. There is still everything to play for as the first stage is completed on Monday, with the final for 3rd place on Tuesday and the Winner's final on Wednesday! Well done to all participants and we look forward to more matches next week. The winning team will receive our brand new Inter-House Football Trophy!



Swim Gala – Sunday 18th November

More details will be coming soon on this event, but please make a note in your diaries that the swim gala takes place on this date. Your child should bring swimming kit and you will be welcome to watch. This week the children attended House meetings to work out which races they will participate in. I am sure we will see some fantastic swimming!



Later in the term

The Elgar Charity dress-up day takes place on Sunday 16th December. More details will be available in the near future. We are also planning a Bake Sale for a different day, to be confirmed as soon as possible.

Star of the Week			
Year 2 M	Fayrouz Othman Youssef ElNahal	Year 4 A	Muhammed Ardhanly
Year 2 A	Ahmed Abdullah Yaseen Khalifah	Year 4 L	Omar Mahmoud
Year 2 L	Jojo Haddad Masa Saleh	Year 5 M	Melissa Mostafa
Year 2 V	Moustafa Ahmed Sherif Labib	Year 5 A	Jana Elfekiry
Year 3 M	Fayrouz Saleh	Year 5 L	Nancy Younes
Year 3 A	Farid Elbehery	Year 6 M	Kareem Alagamy
Year 3 L	Jacob Maher Tamara El Deeb	Year 6 A	Kanzy Enab
Year 4 M	Mostafa El Sallab	Year 6 L	Riana Mohamed

Jacqui Belcher
Head of Primary House System

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

Welcome back! I hope you and your family had a pleasant week.



Sixth Form Choices Information Session on Wednesday 14th Nov 2018

On Wednesday 14th Nov 2018, we will be holding an Information Session for our students in Year 10 and Year 11 on the benefits and differences between the International A-level Programme and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP). We hope to help them further understand the choices available to them, what style of curriculum might be better for them and how these two programmes might affect their future University choices. Parents of students, especially those in Years 10 and 11, are welcome to attend the session which will begin in the Theatre at 8:00 a.m. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Nicola Maher (Nicola.maher@malverncollege.edu.eg) and/or Jennifer Burnett (Jennifer.burnett@malverncollege.edu.eg) for assistance. Further sessions will be held in the Spring as students will then be asked to make their Options for the coming academic year.



Meet the Secondary Head of Faculty Team on Wednesday 14th Nov 2018 09:00 am

On Wednesday 14th November 2018, we would like to invite all Secondary School Parents to come to a Coffee morning where you can meet all the Secondary School Heads of Faculty. This is an opportunity to talk to them about their subject, the curriculum and how we teach at MCE. I must stress this is not an opportunity to discuss your child's individual needs or questions but an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum and put names to faces. The morning will start at 9am at the Piazza. I look forward to seeing you there.

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

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



This week Secondary students had a House meeting in preparation for the Inter-House Swim Gala. Please note all students are expected to take part in one event but no more than three events per student will be allowed. More information will be shared in due course, especially to parents who would like to be present on the day and support their child. Students should visit the uniform shop in advance to purchase their House t-shirt. We count on your support to make this a successful event.



Important dates for your calendar

Prefect Investiture: Thursday 15th November
Monday 19th November: Inter-House Swim Gala
Mr Webb's Inter-House Competition: watch this space!

Secondary House Points

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

Best regards,
Ms Pante **Head of Senior House System**

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education

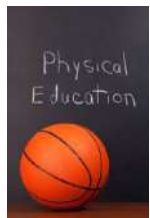


It has been a very busy week within the PE and sports department. We have seen a number of students making excellent progress within their basketball lessons and this has been transferred into the students competing outside of school. Monday 5th November saw both the under 16 boys and girls compete against CISE at the Maadi Olympic training center. Both teams fought incredibly hard with the boys showing excellent resilience, effort and teamwork. Unfortunately, the score finished at 25-13 to CISE, however the match was very competitive throughout. The girls worked incredibly hard throughout their match with going into half time 13-0 down to CISE girls. This match incredibly finished 16-15 to CISE, with Malvern displaying excellent determination and motivation to aid a comeback. A very well done to our basketballers at MCE.



We are just over a week away (18th November= Primary day, 19th November= Secondary day) from our inter-house swimming competitions and the students have continued with their excellent levels of training for this event. I would like to encourage all parents to come along and support their children in this event which is due to start at 8:30am and finish at 11:30 (both Sunday 18th and Monday 19th). Please ensure your son/daughter has their swimming uniform for this event, including correct footwear for the pool area, a towel, goggles and swimming costumes.

Please note, the swimming pool lessons and swimming CCA's will be stopped as from the following dates for the following year groups due to the drop in weather temperature. Students will therefore receive an additional lesson of PE each week through the winter, so can I please ask students have the correct uniform for after the following dates.



Nursery- Year 1: 15th November

Year 2- Year 6: 22nd November

Year 7- Year 11: 22nd November

Students and parents will be notified closer to the time as to when the pools will be re-opened.

I hope you join me and the PE team in supporting all of our competitors for the Swim gala and wish them all the best of luck.

Joshua Sussex

Head of Physical Education

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



Rehearsals are now underway for our Winter Concerts which will take place in our theatre in December, involving all students in each year group from Pre-nursery up to year 8 with contributions from year 9 GCSE drama and Secondary soloists. A reminder

of the dates for each show can be found at the bottom of this article. We would appreciate parents of younger students helping to practise the songs at home and we are therefore providing the following links to the show songs:

Pre-nursery:



- **Ring the Bells:** <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=58OXVtfRcMI>
- **Twinkle little star:** <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=yCjJyiqpAuU>
- **Father Christmas:** to the tune of Frere Jacques:

Father Christmas Father Christmas he got stuck
Going down the chimney going down the chimney
What bad luck what bad luck

Nursery:

- **I am a little snowman:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcZqntFwb6k>
- **5 little snowmen:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qT6jms1yVQI>
- **Snow flake:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbbKjDjMDok>
- **Christmas tree dance:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlr4uXAZ-JM>

Reception:

- **I am a little star:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UOkYTC6SGQ>
karaoke version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GtVYF-6l54>
- **Jingle bells:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nj8U6TEO-qE>
- **We wish you a merry Christmas:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>
- **We all roll hands together (dancing and singing):**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2YAAer_ZUU
- **O Christmas tree:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQLdqnICsS8&pbjreload=10>

Year 1:

- **When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IcSuv9tZow>
- **Santa Claus is coming to town:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWv72L4wgCc>
- **We Wish you a Merry Christmas:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>
- **Jingle bells Dance):** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_vSSYo3fY8

Year 2:

- **Rudolf the red nosed reindeer:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hega-GxyW6o>
- **We all stand together:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7urHWasul24>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tX2mkHCWOPY>
- **Ring the bells (canon in three rounds):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58OXVtfRcMI>
- **We wish you a merry Christmas:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>
- **Jingle bells (dance):** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_vSSYo3fY8

Years 3 to 5 can use the following link to access all MP3s, lyrics and backing tracks for their show 'Christmas Around the World'.

https://malverncollegeegypt-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/siobhan_challis_malverncollege_edu_eg/EhmHzVsGenFAgbVMGFpTnXABKYSmgDtF81fR87Ji_aWyew?e=5%3ayekEhg&at=9

Classes in **Year 3 to 5** have been divided between the different countries covered in the show and costume requirements will be provided next week. Claire Driscoll is kindly assisting with the choreography and the Primary Musical Theatre CCA group are working on the dances.



Year 7 are having extra rehearsals for the Prefect Inauguration Assembly which will take place in the theatre on Thursday, 15th November. They will sing 3 pieces as a year group choir. Year 5 are also performing as a year group choir on Sunday 11th November for Remembrance Day in a whole school assembly in the theatre. It has been a pleasure to see all of these students grow in confidence as they develop their vocal skills.



Year 6 are beginning to learn 3 Christmas pieces, and they will sing as a year group to start the Secondary Winter Concert. These are: 'It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas', 'Sleigh Ride' and 'I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas'. Year 7 & 8 will finish this Secondary show as a choir with a jazzed-up medley of popular Christmas songs. Any Secondary students who want to perform a solo or in a group in the Secondary concert should sign up this week in the music office. Any students wishing to form a team to help make decorations for the theatre should also see me. With so much work going into these shows already, I am sure they will provide great entertainment for the school community to enjoy.

Performance dates for diaries:

Monday 10th December 9 am Early Years Winter Concert

Wednesday 12th December 2pm Year 3-5 Show 'Christmas Around the World'

Monday 17th December 2pm Secondary Winter Concert with Year 6

Wednesday 19th December 2pm Years 1&2 Winter Concert

Paul Russell

Director of Music