

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES JANUARY

Monday 21st

Language Day

-Year 1 – Year 3: 9 am – 10 am

- Year 4 -Year 6: 10 am – 11 am

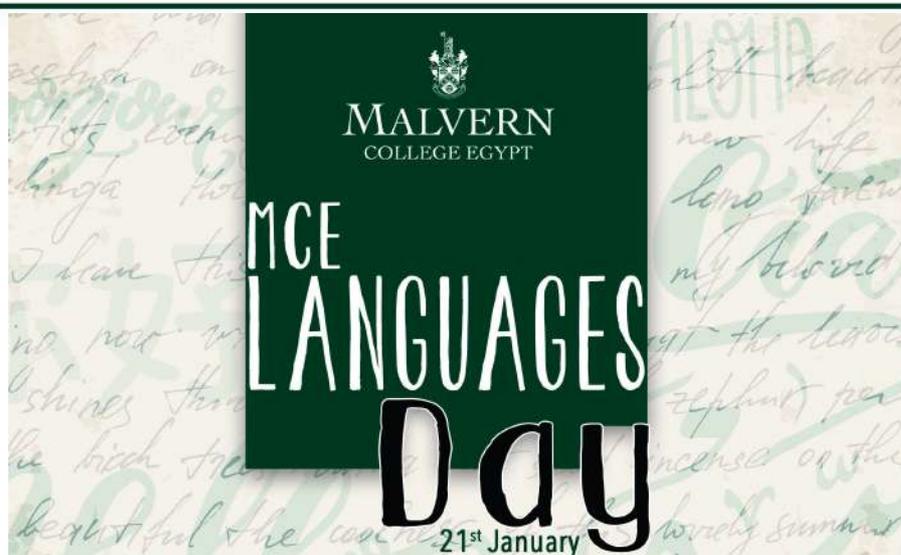
IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY

Monday 4th

Reception Trip to Family Park

Sunday 3th

Foster dress-up day



Thursday 17th January 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,



Happy New Year and Welcome back, I hope you all had a fantastic break and pupils have settled into the new term. I would like to also welcome the new pupils and families who have joined us this term. Term 2 is set to be busy with major events from International Day and the Secondary School Production to Sports Days and Book Week. However, life in the classrooms has started off at pace already. Not only have we seen many pupils undertaking their Ministry Examinations, but a wide array of interactive learning activities has been taking place in classrooms across the College. This week our CCA programme began and I have been delighted to see the enthusiasm and participation of so many of the pupils in the new and returning activities.

Please note that we have been notified that the College will be closed on Thursday 24th January due to the Revolution Day falling on Friday 25th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please keep a close eye on the next few MCE Times newsletters and other MCE communications as we will be sharing information on the upcoming events. One important event will be the 3rd Annual International Day in March. Please start to think about how you might be able to contribute towards the success of the event this year.

From International food stalls to performances and sponsorship to fun activities, any ideas you may have or offer of your time and support would be greatly appreciated. The Friends of MCE (FoMCE) will be contacting all parents soon with more details but if you would like to share your thoughts or even volunteer to be a part of the preparations then do contact the FoMCE committee using their dedicated email address: FoMCE@Malverncollege.edu.eg



Next week sees the first MCE Languages Day and we hope many of you can attend one of the two Fantasia shows taking place. MCE places a large emphasis on the importance of language and communication in general. This has been reflected in the recent update of our College Guiding Statements (CGS) with the addition of CGS 9 as shown below. The Languages Day is just one reflection of the importance of not only teaching, but also celebrating languages.

CGS 9 - The College prepares each pupil to become effective and dynamic *communicators* within the modern world

The College promotes opportunities for all pupils to develop their English language skills and explore their abilities in other languages. Pupils are encouraged and supported to utilise technologies to expand their capability to communicate effectively.

I look forward to seeing you all during the course of the term.

Warmest Regards



Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



Welcome back and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a '*Very Happy New Year!*' I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break. It is great to see the children back in class, enjoying and investigating their new topics alongside being so pleased to see their friends and teachers again. There is a very purposeful and happy vibe throughout the Early Years at MCE.



Pre-Nursery have started their new topic which is *The Outside World, Senses and The Seasons*. This week the children have been learning to recognise and count to number 3. Activities to support this learning have included making an ice cream cone with three scoops of ice cream, painting a number 3, singing songs and reading stories all about the number three. Alongside these teacher directed activities the children have had lots of opportunities to enjoy and explore the rich learning environment within Pre-Nursery.



This term Nursery will be learning about *Being Healthy*, which revolves around hygiene, healthy eating, and taking care of our bodies. This week we have been focusing on good hygiene and have enjoyed listening to stories including "*Get out of my bath*", "*Big red bath*", and "*Even monsters need haircuts*." The children have been talking about their morning routines and showing their understanding by drawing lovely pictures of themselves brushing their teeth, washing their hands and taking baths. The children have been very busy exploring our continuous provision area outside the classrooms and these activities include: - baby hygiene role play, dental care and dentists' surgery, laundry service, soap and bubbles, healthy food café, and an organic fruit & vegetable shop. To support your child's learning at home, do encourage your child to participate in household jobs alongside taking care of their own personal hygiene.



This term Reception will be learning about *Lifecycles and Animals*. We have a trip planned to Family Park to investigate different animal habitats on the 4th February. There will more information to follow when all the details have been finalised. On 3rd February Reception children will take part in the Foster dress-up day instead of the 4th February when the rest of the College will be dressed-up, this is due to our trip taking place on the 4th. The theme for the charity dress-up day is Disney, Marvel and Star Wars. The children will need to donate 20 LE for dressing up.



Year 1 have had a wonderful start with our new integrated curriculum topic '*Castles*'. The children have been learning the story of King Arthur, and within this theme they have begun to look at the architectural aspects of castles. The children have been learning lots of new vocabulary and will now start to use this in our writing. During Art, we have been looking at the painting '*Castle and Sun*' by Paul Klee. The children talked about the painting and shared their thoughts and ideas on how the artist created his painting. We then had a go at creating our own 'Castle and Sun' paintings using watercolours and wax crayons. Our mathematics has focussed on numbers to 100; the children have been counting forwards and backwards and in 10s. We have been describing the position of numbers in a 100 square using mathematical vocabulary such as 'more than', 'less than' and 'in between'. In Science we have started our 'Materials' unit. The children are learning to describe materials and their textures and relate them to different uses in their everyday lives.

Sally Dibb-Holland
Head of Early Years

Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School



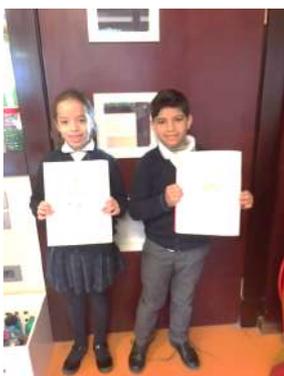
Welcome back to Term 2 at Malvern College Egypt. I hope that everyone had a very happy and peaceful winter break. The holidays seem a long time ago now because life in Primary has been extremely busy (as usual). We have had boys and girls football matches, Ministry Arabic exams and rehearsals for next weeks languages day and the Fantasia performance, which takes place on Monday 21st January. Parents of students in Years 1 to 3 are invited to attend the show at 9 am, parents of students in Year 4 to 6 are invited to attend the second show at 10 am. I hope that many of you will be able to come along.

Welcome to our new starters who have joined us from around Cairo and overseas. We hope that you are already feeling settled, despite the weather that we have experienced this week!



A reminder once again to ensure that your children have enough credit on their card for the whole week ahead if they intend to eat a hot lunch at school. We still have a few children each week who attempt to buy a lunch without the means to pay. This is extremely embarrassing for the child and college policy is that children who do not eat during the day are not fit to take part in afternoon lessons. Parents will be called to collect any child who has not eaten anything for lunch, Alternatively, please provide your child with a pocket lunch.

This week's year group focus is from Year 2; I hope you enjoy it.



Year Two have thoroughly enjoyed beginning their new topics for this term. We have started to learn about our new theme of 'Fashion' by looking at fashion trends in Ancient Egyptian times. We were amazed to find out how many clothes and accessories designs are still the same today as they were thousands of years ago. Look at our amazing fashion designs for an Ancient Egyptian boy and girl.



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

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year.



We have had a number of new students join us this week. Welcome to them and their parents and I look forward to getting to know you all.

Cold Weather

The cold snap is certainly a cold one!! Can I ask you to ensure that your child is suitably dressed in school uniform. We have taken measures to ensure they are not cold within school, but please can you make sure they wear appropriate clothing – I know exactly what teenagers are like!



Mock Exams

Hopefully you will have received your child's mock exam schedule and they are busy revising! With regard exams, be it public or internal, please can I ask you do not keep your child off school to revise! We have had a number of students away this week to revise for Ministry exams. If they miss school, they miss other lessons which is detrimental to their learning of other subjects.



Attendance to College

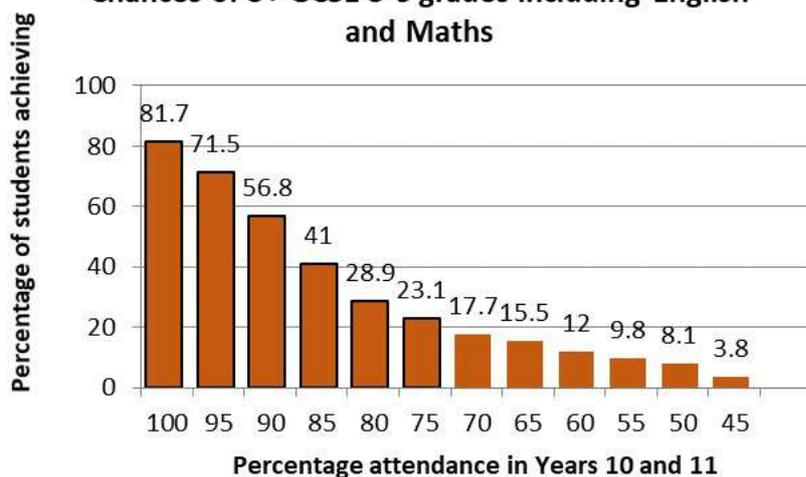
While an attendance figure of 90% may not sound very low, it reduces a child's chance of achieving 5+ 5-9 grades at GCSE from 81% to around 57%. A child who averages 80% attendance during their secondary school career effectively misses **one whole year of education** and significantly reduces their chances of good grades.

Even for high-achieving students poor attendance has a significant negative impact on their grades. It has been shown that missing just **17 days** of school in Year 11 reduces final GCSE grades by **one level across all subjects**. This could easily be sufficient to prevent a student getting on to the sixth-form course and ultimately the university or career of their choice.

Lateness also has a negative impact on learning. Being just 5 minutes late every day equates to **3 whole days** of learning lost; 30 minutes late every day is equivalent to 19 days or in excess of one grade less for each subject your child takes at GCSE. Students need to understand not only the impact that persistent lateness and absenteeism has on their current studies and examinations but also in adult life and the workplace.

We obviously understand that sometimes children are genuinely ill and of course you must be the judge of this.

Chances of 5+ GCSE 5-9 grades including English and Maths



I look forward to an exciting term and hope to see you all soon.

Richard Moore
Head of Secondary

MFL Secondary School News from Mrs. Kerry Moore - Head of MFL Department



On Monday 21st January, Malvern College Egypt has its first Languages Day! There will be a number of events taking place during the day including the MCE presents Fantasia – A Primary school concert where all the songs are sung in different languages. Parents of students in years 1 to 6 are warmly invited to attend the performances.

9 am – Parents of students in years 1 to 3

10 am – Parents of students in years 4 to 6.

Thank You

Thank you to all the students who have worked so hard to practise and prepare for this concert and thank you to all the staff who have been involved in and supported this event.

Watch this space for photos and news about the event...

Bon weekend!

Kerry Moore
Head of MFL

Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education

A happy New Year to all our parents, students and friends of Malvern College Egypt!



It has been an extremely busy time within the PE department since being back for the new year, with the students fully engrossed in our athletics topic of work. We have started this topic in preparation for our annual inter-house sports days, where we as a PE department, are looking for all students across the College to take part in a competitive element of athletics. The students have really started to enjoy the various activities we have started, including a number of both track and field activities. We are seeing a lot of our students attempt to complete various throwing, jumping and/or running with record breaking times and distances.



I would really like to get in touch with any parents who feel they would be able to contribute to our sports days this year. Whether this be providing a cake sell, food stools, a drinks stand or photography competitions for example, raising money for our local charity's and making the days more entertaining. Please do email me at joshua.sussex@malverncollege.edu.eg if you have any suggestions of how you would like to contribute in anyway.

Please look out for the announcement for when the sports days will take place in the coming MCE times!



Please note, as the temperature appears to not be increasing at the moment, can I ask all parents to ensure students have the Malvern tracksuit bottoms and Malvern sports jacket as part of the winter PE uniform. As much as we are encouraging our students to be active during the PE lessons, the temperature is meaning we can feel the cold at times.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Joshua Sussex
Head of Physical Education

Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts



There are lots of rehearsals happening throughout the school for the MCE Languages Day, Mary Poppins and the primary school production which we are now pleased to announce will be ROBIN HOOD! Make sure to check your schedules and don't miss your rehearsals!

Kim Harries
Director of Performing Arts

Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the Music department is collaborating very closely with both the Modern Languages and the Drama departments to put on two cross-curricular productions this half term.



Our first exciting concert for 2019 will take place **NEXT WEEK** on **Monday, 21st January**. This is a collaboration with the French and Arabic teachers for Languages Day. Each Year group in Primary will perform a Disney song with lyrics in French. The concert is entitled 'Fantasia'.

The concert will begin at 9am for parents of Years 1-3 and will then be repeated at 10am for parents of students in Years 4-6.



The costume requirements for this show are as follows. Students should come to school in their costume, then change into uniform once both performances have finished.

Year 1: a white, blue or red t-shirt, with no logos

Year 2: a t-shirt matching the colour of their animal mask

Year 3: a white t-shirt or shirt

Year 4: traditional Egyptian clothes

Year 5: a t-shirt that matches the same colour of their animal mask

Year 6: traditional Egyptian clothes



Please do try come and support your child in this show. All students should have copies of the lyrics in their planners. If you have any queries about song lyrics, please email Kerry.moore@malverncollege.edu.eg



Our second collaboration this half term is with the Drama department on the Secondary school production of 'Mary Poppins' which will take place in February before the half term holiday. This is shaping up to be a professional-looking musical which will showcase the talents of the CCA musical theatre group and include all of Year 8 as a year group choir. Please do come and support both events.



Guitar lessons are still available from our visiting guitar teacher on a Tuesday. Any students who are interested should speak to Mr Russell. Lessons are available in blocks of 10 for 2000LE.

Paul Russell
Director of Music