



# THE MCE TIMES

Thursday 2nd February 2017

Dear Parents

Our parent CCA programme got into full swing this week and it was tremendous to see so many parents actively involved in classes ranging from beginners Spanish to fitness classes.

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## 100% Pass Rate Year 6 Ministry Examinations

### Arabic and Social Studies

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating the students in Year 6 as well as our hard working Arabic department for these exceptional results.

## School Photographs



I am delighted to announce that we have managed to book the services of a company direct from the UK for our individual, sibling, family and class photographs. The company is called Pret-a-Portrait and they will be here for four days commencing Sunday 19th February. Should you wish in addition to individual student photographs to have a sibling photograph taken or a family photograph taken, please contact [Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg) by Thursday 9th February so that we can finalise the schedule. **If you do not confirm before this date, then we may not be able to fit you in.**



## Parental Concerns and Informing the College

Malvern College Egypt will always act when we know of happenings around the College of inappropriate behaviour, bullying or use of offensive language which may be spoken in Arabic. However if we do not know because information is not passed onto us, then we cannot act. Please encourage your children to let us know of any issues which are concerning them and if you have a concern, please contact Mr. Maher ([headofsecondary@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:headofsecondary@malverncollege.edu.eg)), Mr. Kittermaster ([headofprimary@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:headofprimary@malverncollege.edu.eg)) or myself ([headmaster@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:headmaster@malverncollege.edu.eg)) directly.



## Whats App and Facebook

Some parents are currently hearing gossip and misinformation from their children, are not passing on their concerns directly to us, and instead are choosing to write negative comments on Whats App chat groups or even Facebook. This results in our school's reputation being negatively affected as well as causing ill-feeling among our community. In most cases what is being said is totally untrue and is merely gossip. I ask you to refrain from hurting your school by spreading incorrect gossip in such a manner and instead contact us directly to find out what really is happening.



## Speaking Arabic in Classes and Around the College

I mentioned this issue last week. This week a number of students received final warning letters. Some of these students are speaking Arabic in lessons, except for Arabic classes where they speak English as the Arabic teachers cannot understand them. Obviously this is deliberate breaking of school rules and again a total disrespect for everything we stand for, and had hoped that families who joined us agreed with. Again I ask you to speak directly with your sons and daughters, because if they do not want to join us in speaking the one language we all understand, you may wish to consider your child's future educational options for next year.

## Friends of Malvern College Egypt (FoMCE)

I am delighted to announce that appointments have been made for five of the nine elected positions available for parents wishing to serve on the committee. Please contact [Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg) if you would also like to stand for consideration. Next week I will then announce the full committee members. Already, FoMCE are focusing on their first task, which will be to start preparing and organising for our International Day which will take place on Friday 21st April.



## Parent Workshop

Thank you to Mr. Lawman for giving up his time to offer a session on internet safety this week. It was only attended by one parent. We will continue to offer workshops, however, if the interest from parents is not there, we will reduce the number we offer in future.

## Dining Room News

In response to comments made by the nutrition committee, Lite Bite are looking into the possibility of introducing specific and proper vegetarian meals on a daily basis if there is a demand. We will need at least 20 orders on a daily basis. If there is an interest we will then prepare a menu and share it with interested parties directly. If you are interested in vegetarian meals, please contact [Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:Inas.Eldeeb@malverncollege.edu.eg)



## Upcoming Events

February	EVENT	TIME
Mon 6th	Ski Trip Parents Information Meeting	
Tues 7th	Safer Internet Day	
Sun 19th – Thur 23rd	School Photographs	
Wed 22nd	MCE Board of Management Meeting in London	

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

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## Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary



### Welcome to Mrs. Rachel Hardwick

This week we opened another class in Year 1. The children settled into their new class, 1A, immediately due to the rapport that they struck up with their new teacher Mrs. Rachel Hardwick and their Co-Teacher Mrs. Rana El Dars.

I am sure that you join me in wishing a warm welcome to Mrs Hardwick as well as all the new parents joining Year 1 and Miss Maritsa Tarazi, who has joined Reception L working alongside Miss Clark.



Health and self-care is a key area of development in Early Years. The Nursery children this term have been working towards understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.

Following the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", the children learned the importance of healthy eating and had the opportunity to make healthy choices in the classroom. One of the activities they enjoyed was preparing their own fruit to make fruit kebabs. Snacking on apples, bananas, tangerines, oranges, pomegranates, avocados and strawberries was a fantastic end to a busy week. The children discovered seeds inside the fruit along the way and are hoping to do some planting later on this term.

## Year 4 Y Educational Visit to the Future University Dentistry Department – Jonathan Bailey Assistant Head Curriculum



As part of our topic on teeth, Year 4 went to the Future University Dentistry Department. We were given an informative guide around by the facilities by the Head of Faculty, Dr. Nevine. The children were shown the various clinics and laboratories where the students of the university learn to become dentists. We were also shown the lecture halls and theatre where we watched a video on dental hygiene.

Dr. Nevine was very impressed with the children's knowledge, their attentiveness and the great questions she was asked. Well done, Year Four.



## Year 5 Educational Visit to the Andalusia Garden – Philip Birch Class Teacher 5A

On Tuesday of this week, Year 5 visited the Andalusia Garden as part of our Geography topic on Rivers. We worked with WESC who coordinated and delivered an interesting and informative array of practical activities. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and benefited significantly, not only in terms of the education that was delivered, but also the experience of studying in a different environment right next to the Nile River. We would like to thank WESC for their professionalism.

### Star of the Week

Pre Nursery M	Maximus Hanna Mohamed Mossied	Year 1 M	Seif El Khodary Karima Bassiouni Hesham Rashed
		Year 1 A	Sama El Khodary Atanu Raj
Pre Nursery A	Mostafa Rateb John Marshall	Year 2 M	Atanu Raj
Nursery M	Adam Khassan Sayed Saleh	Year 2 A	Jana El Hawary
Nursery A	Fatima Nassef Karim Wael	Year 3 M	Alhassan Hassan
Nursery L	Sophia El Zeiny Youssef Ossman	Year 3 A	Hamza Abdel Fadeel
Reception M	Omar El Kadim	Year 4 M	Lilya Sidky Omar Yasser
Reception A	Ahmed Abdel Kader	Year 5 M	Hanna Korium
Reception L	Malak Mahmoud	Year 5 A	Naia El Sherif

Kind regards

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## Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary



### IGCSE Options Evening

Thank you to all staff, students and parents who attended the Year 8 IGCSE Options evening on Tuesday. I hope that you found it informative and helped prepare your children better to make their final examination course choices.

### Behaviour and Values of Malvern College Egypt

Traditional values of honesty, respect and good manners are the expectation at all Malvern Colleges. We pride ourselves on treating our students, parents and community with respect and hope to receive it from everyone in return. It pains me to report then, that we have been experiencing poor behaviour, intimidation of students, dishonesty, covering up and deceit from some of our Year 8 and Year 9 students. This has resulted in a number of students being suspended and have been told to stay away from school for a set number of days. This sort of continued low level disruption will not be tolerated. Our students have a right to enjoy their learning experience and education. I would ask you to talk directly with your children so that we can all enjoy a positive learning experience.



### Eager Reader – Abigail Griffiths Head of English

Years 6, 7 and 8 have been working to complete the English department Reading Scheme, a scheme designed to encourage regular independent reading. To complete the first certificate in the scheme, the students must read eight books of their choice and complete a short activity on each one. This week Amina El Ezaby in 6M became the first student to complete the scheme. Amina has read eight of Roald Dahl's books. Amina was named 'Reader of the Week' and will receive her certificate shortly.

Best wishes

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## Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



Touch rugby has proven to be very popular within PE lessons at present. Students in Years 2 to 9 have been learning the basic skills and tactics before moving on to more advanced patterns of play. Students who are enjoying learning this sport should really consider joining Cairo rugby club to further develop their skills. I am currently in contact with other schools to arrange touch rugby matches and look forward to confirming dates soon.

### Cairo Rugby Club Details

A reminder that the juniors section of Cairo Rugby Club provides children with the opportunity to learn to play rugby in Maadi. Training is open to all children (girls and boys) age 4 to 16 every Thursday from 6.30 to 8PM in 7 Sport Center in Maadi. Please contact Guilhem Roger directly if interested at [cairorugbyjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:cairorugbyjuniors@gmail.com)

### Maadi Community School Wadi Degla Race - 2Km & 5Km

If you are interested in attending this event the details are below:

Date: Saturday February 11th, 2017  
Time: 8.30 am  
Where: Wadi Degla Protectorate Main Gate, Maadi

Register online: <https://goo.gl/forms/qRWJro8zpv8vrUk2>

Registration details:

- 1) Early Bird prices available before February 4th, 2017.
- 2) After February 4th or on the day of registration is double the price.
- 3) Register online and then pay race fees at Maadi, Maadi Community School or CCS office.
- 4) 2Km race (under 10 year olds) -20 EGP earlybird, 40 EGP after 4th February, 2017.
- 5) 5 Km race (youth, 11-17 year olds) - 30 EGP early bird, 60 EGP after 4th February, 2017.
- 5 Km race (adults, 18+) - 40 EGP earlybird, 80 EGP after 4th February, 2017.

Medals will be provided for the top 3 in each category: 2km race (10 years and under), 5km male youth, 5km female youth, 5km male adults and 5km female adults.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1367339223297083/>

Please note that this is not an official MCE event but a community event of the Maadi Community School open to all.

Warm regards

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