



THE MCE TIMES



Thursday 27th April 2017

Dear Parents

It was a pleasure to be able to send to you this week the letter to parents from the Malvern College UK Quality Assurance team who visited in March. Such a glowing academic report is very unusual in a school in its infancy and is a testament to the dedicated teaching staff we have at the College. The full report's recommendations will be incorporated in our College Improvement Plan.

Ministry Curriculum Examination Timetables

We can now confirm all of the ministry examination times for the Years 2 to 9 May examinations. The times below outline the actual examination times for each year group. Please note that further information will be shared with parents of Year 6 and 9 whose examinations will take place outside of MCE and will therefore include transport to and from the examination centre.

Primary School

	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5
Arabic	Wednesday 3rd May (09:00-10:30)	Wednesday 3rd May (09:00-11:00)	Wednesday 3rd May (09:00-11:30)	Wednesday 3rd May (09:00-11:30)
Religion	Thursday 4th May (09:00-10:00)	Thursday 4th May (09:00-10:00)	Thursday 4th May (09:00-10:30)	Thursday 4th May (09:00-10:30)
Social Studies	NA	NA	Sunday 7th May (09:00-10:30)	Sunday 7th May (09:00-10:30)

Secondary School

	Yr6	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9
Arabic	Sunday 7th May (09:00 - 11:30)	Tuesday 9th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Tuesday 9th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Saturday* 13th May (09:00 - 11:00)
Religion	Monday 8th May (11:00 - 12:30)	Monday 8th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Monday 8th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Tuesday 16th May (11:30 - 13:00)
Social Studies	Wednesday 10th May (09:00 - 10:30)	Wednesday 10th May (09:00 - 11:00)	Wednesday 10th May (09:00 - 11:00)	Thursday 18th May 09:00 - 11:00

**Please note that the only weekend examination is for Year 9 (Arabic) on Saturday 13th May*



International Dress Up Day - Thursday 4th May

A letter has gone out today regarding International dress Up day on Thursday 4th May. We are very much looking forward to celebrating our cultural diversity and this is a lovely way to begin proceedings.



College Closed Monday 1st May

A reminder that the College is closed on Monday 1st May, but we are open as normal on Sunday 30th April.



House T-Shirts

Please note that the House T-Shirt is a part of the College uniform and will need to be worn at upcoming Inter-House events. Order yours now.



Hats on the Playground

Please remember to ensure that your child has a hat with them in school for breaktimes.



Academic Calendar 2017-18

Our calendar for the next academic year is now on our website. Please note that some religious holidays may be subject to change due to government alterations.



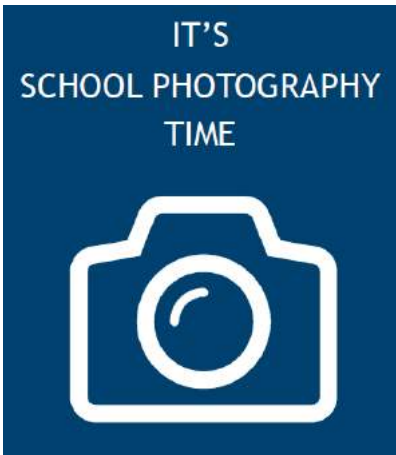
Ramadan Timings

Ramadan begins on the 27th May. As a result, the school day will be from 8.30am until 2pm every day. There will be no CCA's once Ramadan begins. A more detailed academic timetable will be given to all students shortly.



Wearing of Security Badges

Please can I ask you to wear your ID badge at all times when in school. This is about safeguarding your children and is extremely important.



School Photograph – Ordering

The 10% discount for school photographs extended offer has now expired. However, you may still order your photographs as below. To place your order online, please go to www.pret-a-portrait.net and enter your sitting ID in the box on the right side of the webpage.

You will then see the online shop on the right side of the page and your sitting folder(s) on the left.

Please click on the folder you wish to view the pictures from. This will expand into showing you all of the pictures from your sitting.

When you are ready to place your order please select from the 4 tabs at the top of the page (DIGITAL FILES, PRINTS, MULTI-IMAGE PICTURES OR MORE). From here choose the product you would like to go for and click onto the 'CHANGE OPTIONS' drop down menu. This will allow you to choose size, framing or resolution options. Next click on to the green 'CHOOSE' button.

You will now see a page where you can highlight the photos you wish to add to this product. Highlight these by clicking on them. Once chosen, the 'ADD TO BASKET' option will go green. Click onto this to go to your order summary.

You can continue to shop by using the back arrow or go straight to the checkout.

You will be asked to create an account or login using your account details if you already have one.

Do this and follow the stages all the way through to the payment. Any parents who are still struggling with their website please contact Pret-a-Portrait directly. They can help by email, phone, Skype etc. They also have an Arabic speaking customer service person.



FoMCE -International Day at MCE – Friday 5th May 1pm – 4pm

Health and Safety at International Day

We are very much looking forward to this day and we hope it will be trouble free. However please note the following precautions and procedures:



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- 1) Parents must monitor their own children and this is particularly important if they have food allergies.
- 2) In case of fire the whole site must be evacuated.
- 3) Lost children should be brought to the stage where we can make an announcement.
- 4) Please be aware that our site is completely no smoking. You will be able to leave the site and return if you wish to smoke.
- 5) First Aid will be available and more information will be given on the day about this.
- 6) For any assistance, please see a member of staff (wearing a green ID tag).
- 7) Some additional security procedures will be in place due to the large numbers attending, and we thank you for your patience and cooperation with this.

Buy your tokens early for International Day

On International Day we will be using a token system of payment in order to keep cash secure. Tokens will be on sale in the dining hall on the day. However in order to avoid the queues you may see Lamees Daya in the Admissions Office to buy them in advance, starting from Sunday.

Please note:

some things on the day will require cash payment

tokens are non-refundable

only adults may buy them from Lamees Daya in the Admissions Office

2nd Hand Books, Dvds and Toys Needed

Please donate any unwanted but good quality items for sale at our International Day event. They can be handed in to reception or brought to Room F45 (3M classroom).

Help on the Day

The Friends of Malvern College Egypt would really appreciate your help taking part in the event no matter how small. Please contact Mai Sharawy at mai@radamis.com



The Malvern Qualities

I ask you to discuss these with your children to reinforce what we are trying to achieve at the College. The focus next week is Resilience below.

Resilience

Showing persistence and perseverance in the face of difficulty. Having the ability to face challenges with confidence and with good humour. Being able to respond positively to setbacks and to see them as an opportunity to learn.

Recycle Egypt Challenge – Rec 2017 – Lewis House

As we enter the final few weeks, Lewis House retain their lead... But Sanger are rapidly closing the gap! Foster and Elgar have yet to break the KG barrier!

1st Place = LEWIS = Total 5000g

2nd Place = SANGER = 2210g

3rd Place = FOSTER = 500g

4th Place = ELGAR = 300g

Upcoming Events

Please note that these dates do change as we add more fixtures and charity events.

May	EVENT	TIME
1	College Closed – May Day Holiday	
2	Ministry Exams Begin	
4	International Dress Up Day	
5	International Day	13:00 – 17:00
9	Inter House Sports Day Nursery & Reception	08:00 – 09:40
10	Inter House Sports Day Year 1 & Year 2	08:00 – 09:40
11	Inter House Sports Day Year 3 upwards Maadi	TBC
16	School Production Dress Rehearsal	
17	School Production May 17	15:00
18	Lewis House Free Dress Day	
21-24	College Exam Week	
24	CCA's End	
25	College Closed – College Holiday	
27	Beginning of Ramadan	

Enjoy the holiday with your children.

Duncan Grice

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Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary

It has been hard for some children to get into the rhythm of being back at school with these shortened weeks and next week will be the same with another holiday on Monday. However it is really important that the children do come to school with the correct uniform and swimming costumes.

Too many children are coming to school without a hat which means that they cannot play outside on the Astroturf which is a shame as so many of them want to play football! Please can they come to school with a full water bottle and sunscreen applied as well.

I am delighted that the swimming pool is back in action and the children have enjoyed cooling off whilst improving their swimming technique. Swimming is a great life skill and wonderful form of exercise and I am very pleased with the expert tuition the children receive from Mr Diab. The PE Department have been particularly busy as they prepare for the forthcoming sports days. The Early Years Sports Day is on 9th of May the Years 1 and 2 is on 10th of May and the Years 3-5 Sports Day will be held at the Olympic Stadium in Maadi on 11th of May.

As you know I believe that school has to be a balance of hard work and play and that school should be fun and the children enjoy coming to school. So today it was delightful to see the talent in the Primary School Years 3-5 on display in the Malvern College Egypt Has Got Talent competition. There were some marvellous acts ranging from dance troupes, a magic act, singers, a pianist, beatbox, judo demonstration and a yoyo expert! So it was a tough afternoon for our judges of Miss Belcher, Mr Bailey, Mr Birch and Miss Leen.

Please can you ensure that the children are wearing the correct uniform as the boys should be wearing grey or black socks and the girls white ones. The boys should be wearing black leather shoes not trainers please.

I hope that you all have a good weekend.



Star of the Week

Pre Nursery M	Ismail Abou El Abbas	Year 1 M	
		Year 1 A	
Pre Nursery A	Selim Mursi	Year 2 M	
Nursery M	Hussein Abbas	Year 2 A	
Nursery A	Youssef El Mekkawy	Year 3 M	Alreem Aljabri
Nursery L	Karma Abelhalim	Year 3 A	Leila Soliman
Reception M	Jessica Grice	Year 4 M	Ayesha Daya Mahmoud El Zayat
Reception A	Ismail Abdeen	Year 5 M	Omar El Morsy
Reception L	Gabriella Saliman	Year 5 A	Hana Assra

House Points Standings

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

Best wishes
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Secondary School News from Wayne Maher – Head of Secondary

With the ministry examinations beginning in the next two weeks and end of year examinations not far away I know many students are starting to worry about their grades (and I am sure some have not even thought about them at all yet!!!!). Although all assessments are ultimately important in helping teachers to identify achievements and guide students through their learning journey, they are not the end of the world. At MCE we strive for academic excellence but we do not do this by throwing assessment after assessment at the students. Neither do we believe that a student should be spending hours upon hours on revision of facts and figures. We firmly believe that students should balance their time between work and play. In the build-up to the exams all teachers will offer a range of support for their examinations and Tutors will work with their classes on revision techniques or study timetables. We highly encourage students to take advantage of the advice and materials on offer, but also to make sure they are still taking time to relax and have fun outside of revision time.

Examination time can be just as stressful, if not more so, for parents. The following article gives some good advice to parents on how to support their child(ren) through the revision process and hope to remove the stress from the process:

Revision Techniques For Kids: 11 Tips For Parents To Help Their Children Revise For Exams -

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/revision-techniques-tips-for-kids_uk_57289074e-4b0ade291a0d4ab

Some other useful websites for planning revision include:

<https://www.tes.com/revision-tips>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/> (GCSE and above)

<https://gothinkbig.co.uk/features/five-fun-ways-to-revise-no-really>

Best wishes

Wayne Maher

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Sports News from Iain Driscoll – Director of Sport



I was delighted this week to be able to open the main swimming pool. After being closed for such a long time, the students were very excited about getting back in the pool. As swimming lessons have resumed, please can you ensure that students have their correct kit for their lesson. Swimming is an important part of the MCE curriculum and all students are expected to participate fully in their lessons however, if for any reason your child cannot swim, please do send in a note to explain why this is. The reopening of the pool also means that the Lions Elite Swim squad training resumes. Our first session will be on Sunday from 06.30am until 7.20am and Thursday's session will be from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. New students are welcome to speak to Mr Driscoll if they wish to join.

I am also pleased to share with you information about our forthcoming sports days. The Early Years sports day for Nursery and Reception will be held on Tuesday 9th of May whilst Year 1 and 2 will have theirs on the 10th. The focus of the sports day will be about fostering teamwork and ensuring students have fun. The Primary and Secondary sports day will be held at the Maadi Olympic Stadium on Thursday 11th of May and will be an all-day event. Students have already chosen their events and are working hard to perfect them. More information about the exact timings of all sports day will be sent out next week.

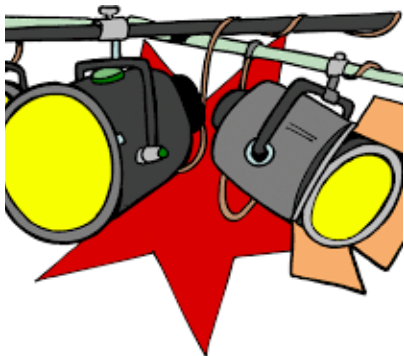
Kind wishes

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Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



School Production

Rehearsals are going well for our first ever production. This is to remind everyone that rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Wednesdays during CCA times. There will also be additional rehearsals at break and lunch times. Students need to check the music department notice board daily for these. In addition there are 2 Saturday rehearsals on 6th and 13th May. 9:45 - 3pm. Please return your letters to Mrs. Marsh. It is important that we have 100% attendance at all rehearsals. The show will be in Wed 17th May, more details about tickets to follow.

Best wishes

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CCA News from Sally Madden – Co-Curricular Activities Coordinator

Please note that no more CCA changes will be allowed and students will need to commit to the CCAs they have for this Term which will finish on Wednesday 24th May. Please can you remind your child to bring the right kit for their CCA.

Parent Activities

I am pleased to finally announce the confirmed parent activities for this Term. Although it is a short term it is a great opportunity for parents to come along and try out some classes. We also have the all new cooking club for parents. If you would like to attend any of the sessions below then please confirm your attendance by sending me an email: sally.madden@malverncollege.edu.eg or fill in a reply slip. Please pay at Finance by Thursday 4th May.

Date and time	Activity & Description	Cost
Sunday at the Indoor Gym 8.00 – 9.00am Starts on 30th May and runs for 4 weeks	BODYATTACK™ run by Dessy Grice in the Indoor Gym BODYATTACK™ is a high-energy fitness class with moves that cater for total beginners to total addicts.	420
Tuesday at the Indoor Gym 8.00 – 9.00am Starts on Tuesday 2nd May and runs for 4 weeks	Body Balance run by Dessy Grice A very enjoyable activity and ideal for anyone and everyone. Body balance is a yoga-based class to improve your mind, your body and your life.	420
Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00am Starts on Wednesday 3rd May and runs for 4 weeks	Cooking Club Run by parents for parents this club is for any parents who would like to learn cooking dishes from different countries. Parents will organise their own ingredients	Free
Thursday 8.00 – 10.00am Starts on Thursday 5th May and runs for only 3 weeks	Spanish run by Susana Romani This course is for parents who have taken the Spanish beginners class in Term 2	Free (donation to Charity)
Thursday at the Indoor Gym 8.00 – 9.00am Starts on Thursday 5th May and runs for only 3 weeks	Body Pump run by Dessy Grice	330