

THE MCE TIMES

IMPORTANT DATES MAY

Saturday 5th
9:45 am – 3:30 pm
Whole cast School Production
Rehearsal

Thursday 10th
Sanger Dress Up Day
Final Day of CCAs

Sunday 13th
Closed College

Tuesday 15th
School Production

Wednesday 16th
Ramadan school timings begin



Thursday 3rd May 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

It has been an incredible couple of weeks in Cairo with the unusual weather. We do appreciate the difficulties the storms and the school closure, due to local flooding created, but we thank you for your continued support and understanding. The weather has not stopped us from providing amazing experiences for the students. The wonderful Year 5 Wellspring trip was a tremendous success and the fantastic Art exhibition has been a huge hit with all members of the community.

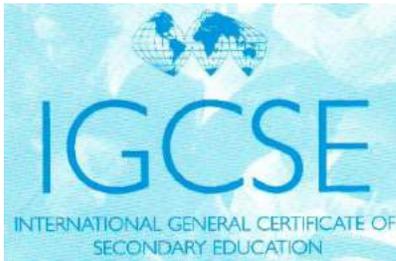
Ramadan Timings

With the holy month of Ramadan less than two weeks away we would like to confirm with you all that the timings of the school day will change from **Wednesday 16th May** (we are aware that the official first day of Ramadan might not be 16th May but in order for us to confirm transport and other arrangements it is vital that we change our school timings from a fixed date). Sunday 13th, Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th will see the school day finish at 15:10 for all year groups as our CCA programme will not be running at these times.

The table below shows the general overview of the school timetable during Ramadan. Essentially we are slightly reducing the length of each lesson to 40 or 35 minutes. This ensures that students will still follow the format of their timetable and will not miss any whole lessons. In order to accommodate our students during the lunch break we will have separate primary and secondary school 'lunch' times. During this 'lunch' time there will be alternative arrangements in place for students

who are fasting, such as indoor play space and/or the library. We do ask that all arrangements for the collection of students at the end of the day by car are made for the students to leave at 14:00.

	Reg	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Primary - P5 / Secondary - Lunch	Primary - Lunch / Secondary - P5	Period 6	Period 7	Buses leave at 14:00
Start	8:15	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:05	10:45	11:25	12:00	12:35	13:15	
End	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:05	10:45	11:25	12:00	12:35	13:15	13:55	



(I)GCSE Examinations

The (I)GCSE examinations have now started (the first written examination, for Geography, took place today) and I would like to thank all of the secondary school staff for their input into preparing the students for these examinations. It is never easy for the students to be prepared and there are always nerves before the examinations begin but I have been impressed by the general attitude of the students towards the examinations. Good luck to all of the students taking their examinations.



Art Exhibition

Once again the College has been treated to an explosion of talent, imagination, dedication and colour!!! The 2nd annual Art Exhibition has been a huge success and shows the immense talent we have at the College. The range and quantity of work on display is a true credit to our wonderful students and the efforts they have shown over the last two terms. However, to produce these pieces of work also takes inspiration and passion and it is clear that our teachers, Mr Faux and Mr Bennett, have played a key part in inspiring and motivating the students. It is truly amazing to see such quality of work from our young Art department and I would like to thank everyone involved for a magnificent exhibition.

Wayne Maher
Headmaster

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



Two very busy weeks despite the rain storm last week, the holidays and the sand storm this week. As the weather is getting so much hotter please ensure your children always bring a hat to school (this must be clearly named) and their water bottles. Summer uniform should be worn throughout this term.



Baker Books – another exciting opportunity to gather more books for your children to share and enjoy at home.

Baker Books will be distributing catalogues to pupils on: Sunday, 6 May

Pupils to return their order forms on: Monday, 14 May

Delivery of books will be on: Wednesday, 13 June



The Pre-Nursery children are starting their new topic – **People Who Help Us** followed by **Summer Holidays**, look out for lots of exciting learning and activities taking place. Keep an eye on the weekly Nursery newsletter with photographs of all Pre-Nursery's rich and enjoyable learning activities.



The Nursery children have started their new topic – **Growing and Change** followed by **Dinosaurs!** I've no doubt that the Nursery teaching team will have devised some stimulating and interesting learning opportunities. Keep an eye on the weekly Nursery newsletter with photographs of individual class activities. Thank you to those parents who have very kindly offered to support our trip to Kidzania by accompanying us on the day. Nursery have been settling in and introducing the new topic of **Growing and Change** by reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, beginning to plant seeds and talking about fruits. The Nursery have been looking forward to their trip to Kidzania all week; a wonderful learning opportunity and lots of fun as well.



In Reception, we have continued our topic about dinosaurs and have been talking about facts and making fact files. We have also been comparing sizes of dinosaurs and measuring out how big they would be! We also role-played being palaeontologists and made fossils. We are incorporating all seven areas of learning in our topic activities, including art and design, mathematics, literacy and technology. Our maths focus in week 3 was on 3D shapes, naming them, looking at their properties and using mathematical terms to describe them.

Please ensure that the Reading Scheme Books which come home each day are looked after appropriately. Regrettably, we have had Reading Scheme Books being returned to school damaged and in such poor condition that they can no longer be used. It is vitally important that we instil a love of books into all of our children. We always treat our books with respect at MCE and would please ask you and your children to do the same whilst the books are at home. Damaged or lost books must be paid for so that we can replace them.



Dates for your diary

Blue or Smurf Dress Up Day on Thursday 10th May

Please send a minimum donation of 10 LE next Thursday for the privilege of wearing non-uniform - to support the Sanger Charity. This is the Association for the Protection of the Environment - www.ape.org.eg. The theme for this day is wearing blue or coming dressed as a Smurf.



Reception class assemblies coming up in the College Theatre: -

RM on Monday 28th May

RA on Monday 4th June

RL on Monday 11th June

All the assemblies will start promptly, so please be seated in the Theatre for 1pm. Your attendance is so important to your children, all of whom will be looking out for you in the audience.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful family weekend,
Sally Dibb-Holland

Primary School News from Johnnie Kittermaster – Head of Primary School

Dear Parents,

It has been a strange couple of weeks with public holidays and bad weather interrupting the steady rhythm of the term!

Of late the temperature has picked up and I stress the need for the students to come to school with a water bottle and a cap.

The Ministry Arabic exams are going well and we are confident of good results.

The children have been working hard and I thank you for your support in their studies, whether it is with homework or reading every night with your child as this partnership is vital.

With the Holy month of Ramadan approaching we will be asking you if you have a child/children in Year 3 and above whether he/she will be fasting, as Lite Bites need to know catering numbers.



The Malvern's Got Talent show was hugely entertaining. More on this next week!



The Year 2 students have been learning about a painting technique called Pointillism. This style of painting uses small dots of paint to create a larger picture, with different colours being made by overlapping two or more colours to change the shade or tone of a colour. First, the students experimented with the three Primary colours (yellow, red and blue) to make new colours:



They then used a wider variety of paints to start to make a more complex picture, using the small dots of paint to create a larger image.



Over the next few weeks, the students will refine their technique and perhaps get to create a painting in the style of Georges Seurat, one of the most famous artists to use Pointillism!



Year 6 have just begun an exciting new Humanities topic on maps and mapping. So far the children have been absorbed by the identification of features on a globe and on a world map. They have been learning new skills to read and interpret the information they find.

The students have been learning that a map is a symbolic representation of selected characteristics of a place, usually drawn on a flat surface and that maps present information about the world in a simple, visual way.

6M said "Maps help us understand the world by showing sizes and shapes of countries, locations of features, and distances between places."



Year 6 already know that maps can show the distribution of features over the Earth, such as settlement patterns and mapmakers, called cartographers, create maps for many different purposes.

6A were able to identify the people who used maps most. "Holiday makers use road maps to plot routes for their trips. Meteorologists—scientists who study the weather—use weather maps to prepare forecasts. City planners decide where to put hospitals and parks with the help of maps that show land features and how the land is being used."

"Some common features of maps include keys, symbols, and grids." said Retaj

All maps are scale models of reality. A map's scale shows the relationship between the distances on the map and the actual distances on Earth. This relationship can be expressed by a scale. Y6 will be working on more types of scale soon.

"The most common type of scale looks like a ruler."



It is also called a bar scale; it is simply a horizontal line marked off in miles, kilometers, or some other unit of measuring distance.

“A compass rose helps us find the path using cardinal directions North, South, East and West and the also the intermediate directions NW, NE, SE, SW” Fahd commented

All the classes have been having fun creating their own compass roses and using atlases and the internet to research the physical features on the earth surface.....almost everyone can find mountain ranges and name them too! Great work, Year 6!



Year 5 had another very successful trip to the Wellspring Overnight Camp in Wadi El Beit from 22nd – 24th April. Sunday morning couldn't arrive quickly enough for some of the children, they were so excited, and the buses were bubbling with great anticipation on the journey there. As soon as we arrived, the children were straight into their first activity which included meeting and greeting their counsellors, the young people who were to be their guides and supporters throughout the camp. One of the most enjoyable activities was the zip wire - always a favourite! As teachers, we were so proud to see so many of our children overcoming their initial fears and taking a risk. To see the smiles on their faces was a truly wonderful sight. Amongst the many reasons for arranging these camps is to encourage independence, self-confidence, self-awareness and collaboration and this is done through the many activities and



games that are played. What may seem to be a simple game of dodgeball very soon turns into a discussion about tactics, cooperation and teamwork. The final evening of the camp was spent dancing and eating popcorn around the camp fire. The three days of this camp were nonstop and, needless to say, the buses were much quieter on the journey home.

House Points

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

Star of the Week	
Year 2 M	Farah Zaghoul
Year 2 A	Fayrouz Saleh
Year 2 L	Lilia El fekiry
Year 3 M	Aliaa Abdelrahim
Year 3 A	Muhammed Ardahanly
Year 4 M	Adam Saleh
Year 4 A	Lara El Deeb
Year 5 M	Trip
Year 5 A	
Year 6 M	Hassan El shahawy
Year 6 A	Yassin Elnahas
Year 6 L	Martin Romani

Warm regards,
Johnnie Kittermaster

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

Dear Parents,

The storms have now passed, and I have been amazed how the students have handled the disruption. Students continue to be focused on their studies and I have had the pleasure in popping into lessons and seeing some fantastic teaching and learning going on. Also, here are a few photos of displays I thought you might like to see....



Students have been focusing on their Ministry Exams and IGCSEs and have taken these very seriously. Good luck to all.



I am constantly aware of the dangers of social media and you may have seen some worrying apps and social websites in the news recently. I will be running a “dangers of social media” again shortly... It would be great if you could attend, it does affect us all, in the meantime please see below.

Online exploration opens a world of possibilities for children; however, it also makes them vulnerable to being exploited sexually and other threats.

There are individuals who attempt to sexually exploit and use children through the use of online services and the internet.

The following are ways to minimize the chances of an online predator victimizing your child:

1. Talk to your child about potential online danger. Warn children about potentially dangerous people who may try to befriend them online.
2. Set guidelines for how your child uses the computer and cellphone. At a minimum, guidelines should include:
 - Recognize that I will be checking your email, Instagram (etc.), contact list, chat room conversations regularly, with and without you being present, not because I don't trust you, rather because I don't trust those who seek to harm you through taking advantage of your innocence and your momentary lapses in judgement.
 - Turn off the computer when you aren't using it.
 - Cover your webcam when not in use.
 - Be suspicious. Don't open attachments without independently verifying that they were sent from someone you know.
 - If your computer has been compromised and you are receiving extortion threats, don't be afraid to talk to me.
 - Never arrange face-to-face meetings with someone you meet online without my permission.
 - Never post pictures of yourself through the internet or cell phone to people you do not personally know. And, never post a picture to anyone that you would not want the whole world to see. Once it leaves your cellphone or computer, anyone has access to it.
 - Never give out identifying information, such as your name, home address, school name, or telephone number to anyone whom you have never met personally.
 - Never download pictures from an unknown source, as there is a good chance there could be sexually explicit images.
 - Never respond to messages or postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or harassing.
 - And, always remember that whatever you are told online may not be true.
3. Keep the computer in a public space in your house, not your child's bedroom. It is much more difficult for a computer-sex offender to communicate with a child when the computer screen is visible to a parent or another member of the household.
4. Use parental controls provided by your service provider or blocking software.
5. Electronic chat rooms are prowled by computer-sexual offenders. Use of chat rooms should be heavily monitored.
6. Spend time with your children online. Have them teach you about their favorite online destinations.

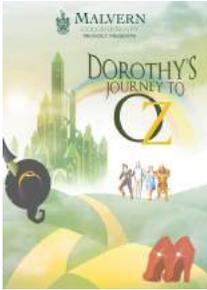
Warm regards,
Richard Moore

Music News from Tina Marsh – Director of Music



Year 7 & 8. Popular Music and Musical Theatre Topics

This term Year 7 & Year 8 are working on group projects. They are taking responsibility for their own work, arranging rehearsals etc. I am delighted to see how both year groups have taken to this task. I am expecting some excellent work from them all. There will be performances on the school stage of their work at the end of year assemblies.



School Production

Please note that the production will now be on **Tue 15th May at 9am** for parents and students in Yrs 6 - 9. Tickets will be available soon.

Students are reminded to make all rehearsals – lunchtimes, Wednesdays and Saturday rehearsals. Rehearsal schedules are on display outside the theatre and music rooms.

Cast must bring all costume with them on Sat 5th May.

Please support your child by helping them learn the songs and their lines at home.

We hope to see as many parents as possible there.

Warm regards,

Tina Marsh