

# THE MCE TIMES

## IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
End of Term 1

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January**  
College Closed

## IMPORTANT DATES JANUARY

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Pupils will return to College

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Student Council dress up Day**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Language Day**



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Malvern College Egypt,

## Thank You

What a spectacular way to end a truly amazing term. We have been treated to two more outstanding winter concerts. The range of talent shown from our Year 1 all the way to our Year 11 pupils was a delight to witness. I would like to thank all of the wonderful pupils who performed in all four of the winter concerts over the last two weeks. However, I would also like to thank the amazing staff in our Music and Performing Arts departments, as their dedication to supporting the pupils has been outstanding. With separate Primary and Secondary School productions and other new events, Term 2 is set to be another packed term for these departments and I urge all parents to keep an eye out for the details of these events.



### Backpack Initiative

Mrs Dibb-Holland would like to convey a heartfelt and sincere THANK YOU to every family within MCE who donated a backpack for our initiative this year. The less fortunate children this year who benefitted from your generosity were from Mostafa Kamel School. The children lined up to receive their backpacks and they were so excited as our pupils handed them their gifts. The faces of the littlest children through to the bigger ones were so happy they all lit up with a huge smile as they opened each one to see the wonderful things you had put inside. I am so proud of our MCE pupils too, each and every one of them was an absolute credit to the College. They engaged with the children and the adults at the school, their warmth and sincerity simply shone through. I found them to be so reflective on the buses on the back to the College about the experience and the impact it had upon them. Each of them were living the Malvern qualities and are clearly developing their individual social consciences.

### FoMCE

I would like to thank all of those parents who have been involved over the last two weeks in helping to set up the new FoMCE committee. We held our first FoMCE committee meeting this week and I would like to congratulate the following members for taking on their respective positions of responsibility:

- FoMCE Chair – Ossama Hamad
- Vice Chair – Dina ElBehiry
- Treasurer – Sherifa Shoukry
- Marketing Coordinator – Aya AlGawish



The committee is dedicated to supporting the College in making positive change and to be a core part of significant events over the coming two terms. The committee would be more than happy to hear from any other parents who would like to be a part of the committee or event just interested in supporting one of the future events, such as International Day. Please feel free to get in touch with them through their dedicated email address: [FoMCE@Malverncollege.edu.eg](mailto:FoMCE@Malverncollege.edu.eg). We look forward to sharing more news from the committee over the coming few weeks.

I would like to wish every single member of the MCE community a safe and restful winter break. I look forward to 2019 with so much still to come from our pupils and staff and hope to see you all at our many

Warmest Regards



Wayne Maher  
Headmaster

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



In **Year 1** this week we have been extremely busy preparing for our Christmas Concert which was a resounding success on Wednesday afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many parents there supporting the children and celebrating their hard work. In class, we have been using our creative skills; we hope you have enjoyed seeing the artwork which has been sent home. The children have used their imaginations, practised their sticking and sticking skills, and have shown their ability to listen to and follow a series of instructions. We had a

Christmas themed approach to writing this week, with letters to Santa describing our favourite thing about the festive period and stories such as *'Twas the night Before Christmas'* and *'Winnie and Wilbur Meet Santa'*. The children used their phonic skills to decode words and had a go at some trickier common exception words. We have now completed our topic 'Oceans and Seas' and will begin our next topic, 'Castles', in the new year.



It has been another busy week in **Reception** with all the children taking part in the Elgar dress up day raising money for charity. We have also celebrated Christmas with a special visitor, Santa, visiting our school and the children receiving gifts. We had so much fun! We continued the celebrations theme and played many games. In Topic the children have been looking at story sequence and discussing the beginning, middle and ending of a story. They all really enjoyed listening to the story

"Stick Man" and retold the story verbally and by sequencing pictures. In maths the children have been reinforcing our knowledge of number bonds using Numicon shapes and number lines. Our new topic when we return on 9<sup>th</sup> January will be Animals, Lifecycles and Habitats. Have a wonderful and well-deserved holiday and please remember to reinforce learning at home.





In **Nursery** this week we read Christmas stories, wrote letters to Santa, made Christmas dinner, and gingerbread people. We experimented with ice, pretend snow and even had snowy playdough. On Thursday we had our Winter class parties, participated in festive games and sang Christmas carols in the classrooms. The children were ecstatic to have a surprise visit from Santa himself, who came bearing gifts for everybody! We ended our parties with classroom feasts full of festive food and treats. The children this week have been extending their language through class discussions and stories related to Christmas. For Read, Write, Inc., we have introduced the “k” sound; (kettle, kitchen, key, and kangaroo). For Maths, we have been learning all about the number 8, and have made large number 8 crafts for the classroom displays.

Pre-Nursery have been busy continuing to focus on the festive season with various arts and crafts. The children really enjoyed the Elgar Winter wonderland dress-up day on Sunday and raised money for the Elgar charity. All of the children were delighted to meet Santa on Thursday and sang him some of their songs from the Winter concert. The children have enjoyed a fantastic autumn term, they have all settled so well and made excellent progress.



Thank you to all our parents for your continued support in our aim to educate your children to the very highest standard. We have achieved a very successful term within Early Years and look forward to welcoming you and your children in January. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Sally Dibb-Holland  
**Head of Early Years**

### Primary School News from Phillip Hunter – Head of Primary School



What a wonderful end to a very busy term in Primary school. We had amazing performances from our Year 6 students, who performed alongside the secondary school students in their winter concert at the start of the week. We also had a fabulous concert from Year 2, alongside the students in Year1, to round off a very musical week. The students looked amazing and sounded great; thank you everyone!



We were welcomed into school on Wednesday and Thursday by the staff choir singing Christmas carols in the college main reception area. This set a lovely festive mood for the last couple of days of term; well done teachers!



I hope that you all appreciated the update on your child’s academic performance, from the reports that went home on Tuesday. Teachers put a lot of effort into writing these reports. If you have any questions regarding your child’s report, please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher in January.



One person who is not returning after the winter break is Miss Yasmine, the PA to the Head of Primary. Yasmine has been with MCE since it opened, and I would like to thank her, on behalf of the whole MCE community, for her excellent service to the primary school. I wish her the very best of luck in her new venture.



It has been a very long and exhausting term for students and staff. On behalf of all of the teachers and co-teachers, thank you for the very kind gifts. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I hope that you and your family have a wonderful break over the winter holiday and we all wish you a very peaceful and prosperous new year.

Phillip Hunter  
Head of Primary

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



### Elgar Charity Dress Up Day

On Sunday this week, the students in Primary had a fabulous time! Our Elgar Charity Dress Up Day began with a sea of red and festive costumes on the astroturf. The children looked fantastic. The rest of the day was filled with Christmas and winter themed activities, with many opportunities for students of different ages to do something together. Thank you so much to parents for their support of this day. We will announce the total raised in due course, it will

benefit our Elgar Charity, Branches of the Vine centre for special needs children. Many thanks are also due to all our staff and students who organised everything so well, with special thanks to our Heads of Elgar House, Sally Solomon and Kim Harries.



### Back Pack Delivery

This week I had the honour of accompanying our House Captains to the Mostafa Kamel Primary School in Maadi to deliver backpacks. The children there were delighted to see us and it was very moving to see how happy they were to receive our gifts. The House Captains handled this situation with great sensitivity and humility. I was very proud of them. Thank you to everyone who donated a backpack, in total we were able to put a smile on the face of

around 300 children. Well done to Sally Dibb-Holland who works on this annual initiative with great determination.



### Miss Phillips' Christmas Quiz

In each Primary Year Group students have been showing their knowledge of Christmas films, songs, facts and animals in Miss Phillips' Christmas Quiz. Miss Phillips is a great expert on and enthusiastic fan of Christmas! Thanks to her and Mr Webb for collaborating on this fun House Competition. Winners will be announced soon.



### Parent visit to Sanger Charity

This week Mrs Lamees Daya and Mrs Susana Romani went to visit the Sanger Charity, the Association for the Protection of the Environment, to donate the 15,000 LE that was raised at the recent Sanger Charity Dress Up Day. With the agreement of our House Captains, A.P.E. will use the money to expand their education program with the provision of more playground areas. Lamees and Susana are great supporters of our charities and helped the House Captains to

create tasty treats for the recent Bake Sale. Thank you to both of them.



### House point totals for the Autumn Term

The Primary House points have been collected and counted for the entire term. This includes those earned by students for their good work or for other achievements, as well as those earned through House events such as the Swim Gala and the Primary Football Tournament. The final totals were very close! Well done to all students who have worked hard to get points for their House team this term.

Jacqui Belcher

**Head of Primary House System**

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



With the term fast approaching I would like to wish you all a peaceful winter break.

This term has been full of the most amazing events and as usual I am very proud of our pupils. The teachers have, as always, gone above and beyond not only in the classroom but also their commitment to all the extra activities we do for our students.



The Winter Concert yesterday optimized everything we try and do at MCE. A wonderful, professional and exemplary concert which showed everyone what talented pupils we have here!



Next term I am sure will be as successful and I look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Best wishes

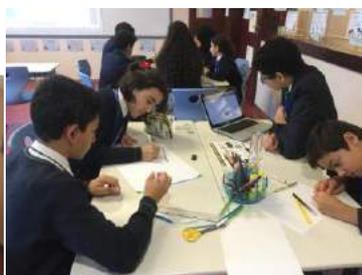
Richard Moore

**Head of Secondary**

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

### MCE Languages Challenge

As you are aware, students in years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the MCE House Languages Challenge and were challenged to “think outside the box” and discover facts about French, Spanish and German speaking countries.



Below are the results of this House Languages Challenge:

House	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Total	Overall Position
Elgar	25	50	75	150	3
Foster	100	75	100	275	1
Lewis	50	25	50	125	4
Sanger	75	100	25	200	2

Well done to Foster who came first overall by displaying excellent collaborative skills!

In particular, a big well done to the following students who produced the winning entries for each year group:

**Year 9**

**Foster**

Melika boraie

Batrisyia Hibatur Rahman

**Year 8 Foster winning entry!**

**Year 8**

**Sanger**

David Boules

Izzatul IFfah Ariffin

Lara Abdelwahed

Nesrin Manour

Zain Yehia

**Year 8 – Sanger winning entry!**

**Year 7**

**Foster**

Alisha Mohamed

Martin Pazos Romani

Rola Eldebacki

Ziad Abdelhalim

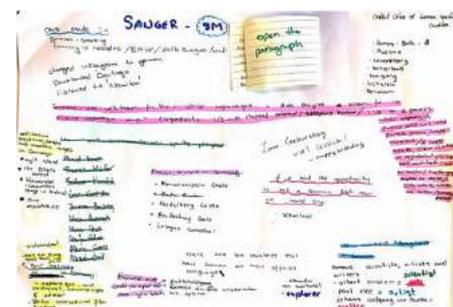
Kamaleldin Elfaragi

Yassin Elnahas

Bishoy Abdelsayed

**Year 7 Foster Winning entry**

Kerry Moore  
Head of MFL



## House System News from Isabel Pante - Head of Senior House System



### Mr Webb's Inter-House Christmas Quiz

Thank you to Mr Webb for organising such a fun House competition and for starting the week of MCE Christmas celebrations! It was lovely to see students working together to answer as many questions as possible. Many showed Malvern qualities such as resilience, collaboration, risk taking, curiosity and ambition. Last but not least,

I would also like to thank Secondary staff for supervising and supporting this event. I am delighted to announce the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place with 100 House Points: Foster

2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 75 House Points: Lewis

3<sup>rd</sup> Place with 50 House Points: Elgar

4<sup>th</sup> Place with 25 House Points: Sanger



### Elgar Dress Up Day

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, we celebrated Elgar and their Charity, The Branches of the Vine, with Elgar's Winter Wonderland dress up day! The Christmas feeling around the school was fantastic and we had some amazing costumes, such as The Grinch and Santa's Helper, and lots of Christmas jumpers! In addition to that, staff had the pleasure of enjoying their break time with Elgar's winter warmer drink while listening to Christmas Carols sung by Primary and

Secondary students. At lunchtime, Elgar students and staff went above and beyond to run games and a Christmas stall all in aid of their Charity. Thank you for supporting this cause and a special thank you to Miss Harries, Mrs Solomon and the Elgar students in Primary and Secondary who worked together to make this a truly magical event.

### House Points

Below are the up-to-date results for Student House Points only (points awarded for House Events are not included).

Well done to the following students who have received the highest number House Points:

Elgar: Amir Fanous with 184 points (Year 9)

Foster: Batrisyia Hibatur Rahman with 225 points (Year 9)

Lewis: Adham Ibrahim with 149 points (Year 7)

Sanger: Ahmed Srour with 191 points (Year 10)

This is a fantastic achievement and we hope to see many more students follow in their footsteps!

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Foster	2564 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Lewis	2727 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Elgar	2502 Points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sanger	1871 Points



Thank you to everyone who made this fantastic term for the MCE Houses possible, in particular, a big thanks to Ms Harries, Mr Webb, Mrs Moore and Mr Cella for the dedication and wonderful ideas, as this term would not have been possible without them.

I am looking forward to all the upcoming events and to seeing everyone involved in supporting their House as well as their Charity.

Merry Christmas!



Ms Pante

**Head of Senior House System**

## Sports News from Joshua Sussex – Head of Physical Education



It has been a great week within the PE and sports department. The students have continued to make excellent progress during the football lessons across all year groups. The students have really enjoyed these lessons and shown excellent motivation and enthusiasm. Well done.



I would like to remind all of our students that once we return after the break we will be straight into Athletics lessons, in preparation for our annual Inter-House Athletics competition. This competition provides students with the opportunity to compete within their respective houses against the others. We will be focusing on various throwing and running activities including shotput, various jumps and a number of running events.



More fantastic sporting news in the light of Kinda Elmawy who won her Tennis tournament after winning 6 matches in a row, receiving a gold medal. Excellent work by Kinda, taking part in extra sporting activities outside of school.

Can I please remind all parents and pupils to continue wearing their PE winter uniform. Many thanks for your support.

**Joshua Sussex**  
**Head of Physical Education**

## Drama News from Kim Harries – Director of Performing Arts



Another very busy week here at MCE, the secondary Winter Concert was simply stunning with some really phenomenal solo performances. We are so lucky to have such talented students here at MCE and if you were in the audience on Monday, I am sure you will agree that this year the concert really was spectacular. A HUGE well done to all the students on the stage from the Year 6, 7 and 8 choirs, the school band, the solo singers, the cast of Marry Poppins, the solo pianists and even our own Mr. Tramner on the Clarinet!

Not forgetting the very charming year 1 and 2 concert on Wednesday. They sang lots of wonderful Christmas carols with real gusto and performed some lovely poems in-between. This concert was a fabulous and heart-warming way to end the term.



Special thanks to the class teachers, heads of school and tech teams for all their hard work in the background. My biggest thanks however, go to the Music department. Miss Leen, Mr. Ahmed, Ms. Challis and of course Mr. Russell. This has been extremely stressful, and a huge effort has gone into organising everything from programmes and rehearsals, all the teaching and everything in-between. What a fabulous team!



Looking forward to next term, Mary Poppins will be performed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February which leaves us very little time when we get back. Please can the cast make sure they are off script and have learnt all the songs by the beginning of term. Here is the link to the music once again. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11hB72GkLI5L6LT6xfuij8FOVXbfxleeZ>

Rehearsals will start in full swing in the first week so please make sure you attend every one and on time! If you are interested in helping out backstage or with set/props construction please see Miss Pante; you are very welcome, we need lots of help!

If anyone is interested in watching some fabulous local theatre, Sitara's Christmas show 'The Naughty List' is on at the Porto Cairo Mall. Details can be found on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SitaraTheatre/>

# Thank You

Lastly just a big thank you to all of you who have been involved in supporting the performing arts this term! It has been long and busy but full of enthusiasm, bravery and most of all inspirational learning. Have a wonderful holiday and see you all again in 2019!

Kim Harries

**Director of Performing Arts**

## Music News from Paul Russell – Director of Music



Malvern College Egypt's Music faculty staged four exhilarating Winter concerts at the end of term which made full use of the 550-seat theatre that was beautifully decorated for each show. Students from Pre-Nursery up to Year 10 performed wonderfully on stage, wowing the audiences with their skills in the Performing Arts. Our Early Years concert and Year 1&2 concert both looked and sounded tremendous with students singing and dancing in tailor-made costumes, including Snowmen and Snowgirls, Christmas trees and Little Drummer Boy outfits. For many it was the first time performing on the very spacious stage to a packed theatre. Years 3, 4 & 5 put on a show entitled 'Christmas Around the World', which looked at how Christmas is celebrated in 6 different countries, including Australia, France, Brazil and Russia. Students performed a song for each country with complex choreography to entertain our school community. Our Secondary & Year 6 concert involved two large choirs – our Year 6 choir really stole the show with their rendition of 'I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas' and our combined Year 7 & 8 choir impressed us with a complex jazz Christmas hit medley, which included 'Santa Baby' and 'All I Want for Christmas', with two-part harmony. Highlights of this show also included our school band's rendition of 'I Will Survive', an Elvis tribute by two Year 9 girls, and many expressive piano solos. Congratulations to all students involved!

Paul Russell

**Director of Music**