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## Season's Greetings!

At this time of year, as we enter the Christmas period, Malvern College UK becomes a hive of activity. There are many festive concerts and services to put everyone in a seasonal mood including the Advent Carol Service, the Christmas Concert and the Malvern Town Carol Service to name but a few. A large Christmas Tree is erected in Big School - traditionally decorated by the prefects and visible for the whole school to see. There is also a Christmas supper held in each house where a traditional Christmas meal is followed by speeches by the Head of House and Housemaster and the awarding of light-hearted prizes. The evening is rounded off by the 'Christmas skits' which sees each year group present a video or live performance to the rest of the house. These traditions are valued as an important part of Malvern College life and we intend for such traditions to also become a part of Malvern College Hong Kong in the future.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING HEADMASTER DR. ROBIN LISTER

Dear Parents,

As I write, we are all too rapidly approaching Christmas and although it is unlikely we will have snow in Hong Kong, there is certainly a lot of Christmas spirit around. I am most impressed by the quantity and quality of the Christmas decorations that are appearing throughout Central!

My most recent visit to the school site gave me a real opportunity to imagine the school in action. Seeing the building, or most of it, without the bamboo scaffolding on the outside and walking around the emerging classrooms and laboratories was genuinely exciting. The school is really taking shape and one can easily begin to imagine seeing and hearing children around the place. The swimming pool looks particularly impressive; it now has its modern ceiling and the viewing balcony is clearly defined. The enormous library, with its curved walls – reminiscent of the Guggenheim in New York – is going to become the real hub of the school. Children will be encouraged to see the library not simply as a place full of books, but as a place of experimentation (“makerspace” corners), learning, relaxing, working and, of course, reading. The gym looks huge and will become another focus of the school, as I hope will all the music rooms and laboratories that are dotted around different floors. Whether it’s bunsen burners and test tubes, violins and cellos, iPads and laptops, or simply books – all will have their place in the wonderful environment that will form the hidden learning -structure of the school, one that lies at the heart of the physical structure. Even the astroturf area on the roof, not yet quite ready, is beginning to resemble a sports field, and I am looking forward to moving into my office which I hope will become a welcoming place for pupils and parents alike.

Teacher recruitment is underway and is going very well; indeed, I am pleased to say we have



had an enormous number of excellently qualified teachers interested in working at Malvern College Hong Kong and we are currently working through piles of applications and beginning interviews - this is most encouraging.

As you may be aware we recently held two coding workshops in the Science Park in conjunction with BSD Coding and Design Academy. Both workshops were very well attended, and I have to admit that I learned as much as the children did from, what turned out to be, two fun filled and highly informative sessions. I have no doubt that coding is going to be an increasingly important aspect of our children’s education and indeed I hope to incorporate it as a part of our co-curriculum.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful and equally Happy New Year.

With sincerest best wishes,

Dr. Robin A. Lister  
Founding Headmaster



# SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

## DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to the overwhelming response, the deadline for the Scholarship applications has been extended to the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

Celebrating excellence lies at the heart of a Malvern education. Whether this means celebrating academic achievement or success on the sports field, on the stage or in the art studio, it is our commitment to educate the whole person.

For this reason, we currently offer various scholarships including academic, music, sports, and arts, and from 2019, drama will also be offered.

**Extended Application Deadline:** 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017\*

**Assessment and Interviews:** January 2018

**Result Announcement:** February 2018

*\*Late applications will be considered on merit.*

## Bursaries

Bursaries are also available to families in need of additional financial support including non-local (International/Expatriate) families who are not receiving any educational allowance from their employers. Our intention is to support families that will align themselves with the ethos and philosophy of a Malvern education. More information can be found in the link below:

<http://www.malverncollege.org.hk/scholarship-and-bursaries/>



A photograph of two students in school uniforms walking away from the camera on a paved path in a schoolyard. The student on the left is wearing a dark blue jacket and a plaid skirt. The student on the right is wearing a dark blue jacket and a pink bag. In the background, there is a large green lawn, a brick building, and a street lamp. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

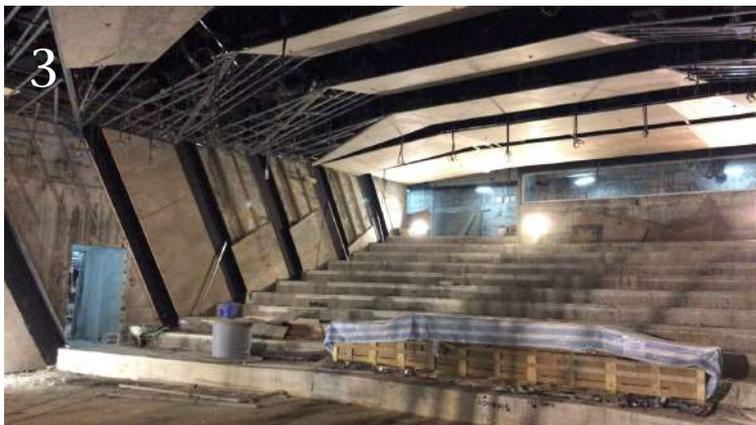
MALVERN QUALITY OF THE MONTH

# OPEN-MINDEDNESS

This month we focus on Open mindedness, another important Malvern quality. It is probably true to say that it is the quality which lies at the heart of what many Americans refer to as a 'liberal education' and which is also one of the key aspects of a Malvern education. Being open-minded is to be open to the wide range of beliefs, opinions and cultures that make up the modern world whilst at the same time also understanding and appreciating the basis of one's own belief system and culture. Open mindedness involves accepting and respecting those who hold contrary views to our own and to possessing the intellectual flexibility to see others' point of view. Finally, it involves having a global outlook and to actively contributing to a multi-cultural society. All of these attributes are an integral part of the hidden curriculum that underlies a Malvern education and they are taught explicitly (in pastoral contexts) and implicitly (by example and through the units of inquiry).



# CAMPUS PROGRESS UPDATE



1. Aerial Photo as of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017
2. Interior of the campus : Roof
3. Interior of the campus : Auditorium
4. External Elevation (Facing Tolo Highway and Fo Chun Road)
5. External Elevation (Facing Tolo Highway)



## RECENT EVENTS



Earlier this month Dr Robin Lister and Gill Keefe were invited by HSBC to present their expert views on education in Hong Kong, and on Malvern College Hong Kong and beyond.

Mrs Keefe gave an insightful presentation on International Schooling in Hong Kong. She guided the audience through the often complex process of school applications, de-mystifying the interview process and the role of Debentures and Nomination rights. She also addressed some of the myths surrounding interviews for pre-nursery and kindergarten and concluded by stressing the importance of finding a school whose ethos and curriculum match the aspirations a parent has for their child.

Dr Lister then spoke in two parts: first focusing on the importance of 'educating the whole person' and secondly on what top universities are looking for in candidates today. He spoke passionately about how the holistic IB curriculum that Malvern will offer instills in children the key qualities of collaboration, resilience and confidence. This, supported by the House System, ensures that achieving the balance between academics and personality development is at the heart of a Malvern education. Dr Lister went on to explain how top universities particularly in America, where he had previously studied, now consider a balanced personality and a well-rounded personal statement especially important criteria when selecting candidates.

The appreciative audience asked many questions. They left satisfied, and much better informed after an evening of insightful and interesting presentations.



## CODING WORKSHOP

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of November we held a Coding Workshop for children aged 5-12 in partnership with BSD Code and Design Academy. We held two sessions both of which had full attendance and we really appreciated the journey people had made to get to the Science park for the Workshop. The event was not only enjoyed by children, who all learned a lot, but also by their parents who loved the light-hearted nature of the day and who also got an opportunity to meet our founding Headmaster Dr Robin Lister.

In all, the event was a huge success. Dr Lister, opened the sessions by giving an introduction to Malvern College and its Science Legacy. He also spoke about a traditional cross-country race at Malvern called “The Ledder” which was used as the basis for the activities that followed.

The children were asked to program a runner to finish the race as quickly as possible. They were also challenged creatively with the incentive of a VR headset, courtesy of BDS Academy, being awarded to the designer of the most eye-catching background. It was a very enjoyable day for all involved and everyone left knowing a little more about how to code. They also received a certificate and a photograph taken with Dr Lister.

Many people now argue that coding is as important as reading, writing and mathematics because of its fundamental value in today’s world, Malvern College Hong Kong hopes to incorporate coding and other technology-related subjects such as robotics into our co-curricular programme in order to equip children with the skills required for technology-based careers of the future.

We were delighted to host such an event and we thank BSD Coding and Design Academy for running both sessions so brilliantly.

To find more information about other Experience Malvern workshops, please click on the link [HERE](#).



# Merry Christmas!

Christmas is originally a Christian festival which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. The story of his birth, known as the Nativity; tells of Christ being born in a stable in Bethlehem. His birth Shepherds and the Three Wise Men (or Magi) visited the new born baby and each brought a gift. The Shepherds gave lambs and the Magi Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

The idea of giving is still a focal part of the festival today. Family members come together to exchange presents. They often gather around a Christmas tree (an evergreen conifer) which is traditionally decorated with shiny ornaments called baubles and tinsel to exchange their gifts. In more modern times gift are also given by Saint Nikolaus or Santa Clause who secretly visits during the night and leaves presents for children while they sleep. This practice occurs in different ways and at different times depending on the country and culture.

Another big part of celebrating Christmas centres around food. Christmas cake and Christmas pudding are traditional foods and are just two examples of the rich comfort food served at the festival to keep people in good spirits during the cold winter.

In England, Christmas is traditionally celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December but some countries have their gift giving festivals on different days throughout the winter period





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# TRIM A TREE - CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING!

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017, we will be supporting the "Trim the Tree" event held at Emerald Bay by the Victoria Recreation Club (VRC).

Join us from 11am until 3pm for what promises to be a wonderful day out for you and your children, and the perfect way to get in the festive mood.

We will have a craft table where children can make Christmas decorations for the Christmas tree. What's more, there will be snacks for the children attending and mince pies and mulled wine for the adults.

Family and friends are all welcome. Admission for children is free and there is a small charge of \$50 HKD for VRC members and Malvern parents. The deadline for registration is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to inform the staff from VRC that you are a parent of Malvern when you make the reservation.



## Trim a Tree by Victoria Recreation Club!

**Venue:**

Emerald Bay Club, 210 Tai Mong Tsai Road, Sai Kung

**Admission Fee:**

Children: Free

VRC Members and Malvern Parents: HKD\$50

Other Guests: HKD\$75

RSVP by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

[events@victoriarecreationclub.com.hk](mailto:events@victoriarecreationclub.com.hk)





## UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS UPDATE

### Upcoming Events

#### International Chess Day - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Chess is played by 750 million people worldwide. It is an enjoyable game which can be played by people of all levels of experience and intellect whilst at the same time helping to improve and enhance cognitive processing. In youngsters it helps to develop crucial higher order thinking skills the most of important of which is the ability to analyse ones actions and to understand their consequences. Malvern College Hong Kong desires to promote an all-rounded, holistic education for all its pupils and we believe chess is the perfect activity to help support us in achieving this. For this reason, we will be running an International Chess Workshop in partnership with Caissa Hong Kong Chess Club on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

#### Malvern Meets

We invite prospective parents to find out more about our school and our admissions process by joining one of our 'Malvern Meets'. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with our senior management team and with our Founding Headmaster Dr Robin Lister. Space is limited and places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please follow the link below to make a registration. We will send you an email if your request is confirmed.

#### Pre - School Malvern Meet

Date: Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Time: 5:30 - 7:00p.m.

Venue: G9-12, Coronation Circle, 1 Yau Cheung Road, Southwest Kowloon, Hong Kong

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

#### College Malvern Meet

Date: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Time: 6:30 - 8:00p.m.

Venue: 14/F, Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

### News Update

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## Malvern College Hong Kong School Site (Opening September 2018)

Conveniently located for road and rail transportation and yet fabulously close to the waterfront with its cycle routes, the school will be easily accessible to all its students. An extensive, compulsory school bus service will be implemented. Further details of this will follow.

### School Site Address

Fo Chun Road (Intersection with Chong San Road)  
Providence Bay, New Territories,  
Hong Kong

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