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We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend! March was an exceptionally busy month for Malvern College Hong Kong (MCHK) as, in addition to hosting the Creative Arts Workshop and our Ruby Experience Day, we also joined the South China Morning Post EdTalk and were sponsors at the All Girls Rugby Tournament. Our next 'Experience Malvern' event will be a Cricket Experience Day, which will be held on Saturday 23rd June. Cricket is a sport in which Malvern College has an exceptional history and we hope you will join us for what promises to be a fun and active day. MCHK's philosophy is to educate each of our pupils as a 'whole person' thus, in addition to a strong academic focus, sports will be an important part of our co-curricular programme.

Each day sees us taking a step closer to moving into our new campus adjacent to the Science Park. We are all looking forward to welcoming our new pupils and to seeing them thrive in our first-class facilities which include a "Skypitch", multi-purpose sports hall and swimming pool. We are passionate about discovering the potential within every child whether that's academic, creative or sporting and we are confident that there will be endless opportunities for every child to develop new skills and interests whilst a pupil at MCHK.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING HEADMASTER DR ROBIN LISTER

Dear Parents

I can hardly believe that we have just celebrated Easter and that it is time to write our next newsletter; it also looks like we have seen the end of the cooler weather and the return of the heat and humidity! Time certainly flies by and we are getting closer and closer to the school opening its doors to our first cohort of pupils.

We recently held our 'Rugby Experience Day' which, due to inclement weather, had previously been postponed twice before. I am glad to say that when Saturday March 24th arrived the weather was excellent and the day even began with a slight drizzle (ideal rugby weather!). We had a very full house with each of the two sessions packed with youngsters either eager to try out their new rugby skills or, for some, to demonstrate what they already knew of the game. The professional coaches from the Hong Kong Rugby Union were superb teachers and organised the children into groups throwing, catching, running and engaging them in some good basic rugby moves. It was great to see such enthusiasm and the day brought back lots of memories for me of watching the pupils in Malvern UK demonstrate their prowess against various competing teams. It also reminded me how important it is to have good training! I have no doubt that Malvern College Hong Kong will soon be in a position to field some rugby teams of our own as well as cricket, basketball, hockey and various other sports teams. It will be great to see pupils having the chance to learn teamwork, to develop both physical and strategic skills and to then take what they learn from the sporting fields into the classroom and beyond. Sport is one important way in which young people can not only engage with others in some healthy competition, but they can also learn crucial life skills to carry with them as they develop themselves and their careers after their formal education. Some argue that it is rugby that teaches such essential life skills more than any other sport, perhaps this is true?

It was also very pleasing for me to see two Old Malvernians (OM's), actually only in their mid-twenties, come from the boarding House where I was a housemaster at Malvern UK to help at the 'Rugby Experience Day'. This was a reminder as to the strength of the Malvern family and how a Malvern Education can go beyond the years at school to become a real focus of identity and friendship throughout one's adult life. Only this week, I received an email from three other OM's who are visiting Hong Kong and wanting to meet up, and indeed I have two other engagements with OM's in the course of the next week. Malvernians are justifiably proud of their school and it will be a genuine pleasure to watch this same loyalty develop amongst the pupils who will join us this August when the school finally opens its doors.

Finally, I would like to confirm the make-up of our Senior Management team: In addition to myself, Nicola Dudley, who joins us from the Malvern team in the UK will be our Deputy Head; Katrina Englart whom some may have already met during recent "Malvern Meets", is our Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator and Maria Gebrial joins us in August and will be our Primary Years Co-ordinator. The four of us have already been working together, both remotely and in person, and we have established ourselves as a remarkably cohesive senior team. I am sure you will get to know us all once the term starts...

With sincerest best wishes,

Dr Robin A. Lister
Founding Headmaster



INTRODUCING OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Nicola Dudley

Deputy Head

Nicola Dudley has been responsible for the academic development of the Malvern College family's overseas campuses. Prior to joining Malvern College UK, Ms Dudley was the Deputy Director for the Scottish Council of Independent Schools. She has previously held positions as a Deputy Head and teacher and in a number of UK independent schools. Ms. Dudley holds a Master of Arts (Honours) Degree from the University of Oxford and a PGCE from Edinburgh University.



Nicola Dudley

Katrina Englart

MYP Co-ordinator

Katrina Englart attained a Master's Degree in International Education with a major in Curriculum Studies from the University of New England and a Bachelor's Degree in Education with majors in Human Movement Studies and History from the University of Queensland. Ms. Englart has more than 25 years teaching experience in local and international schools in a range of countries including Australia, US, UK, Portugal, Thailand and Saudi Arabia. She has also more than 18 years' experience in school administration as Head of Department and Athletic Director in three international schools. Ms. Englart has led the MYP curriculum in an IB World School for the past four years with MYP leadership roles for the past twenty years. She has intensive IB MYP experience in curriculum review, assessment, professional development and authorization.



Katrina Englart

Maria Gebrial

PYP Co-ordinator

Maria Gebrial is currently the Head of Early Years & Primary School in Khartoum International Community School. She has taken a leadership role in PYP for 6 years, her main responsibilities including facilitating the academic programme, curriculum review, professional development and teachers' inductions. Ms. Gebrial holds a Master's Degree in International Education and Administration from Endicott College and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Brighton.

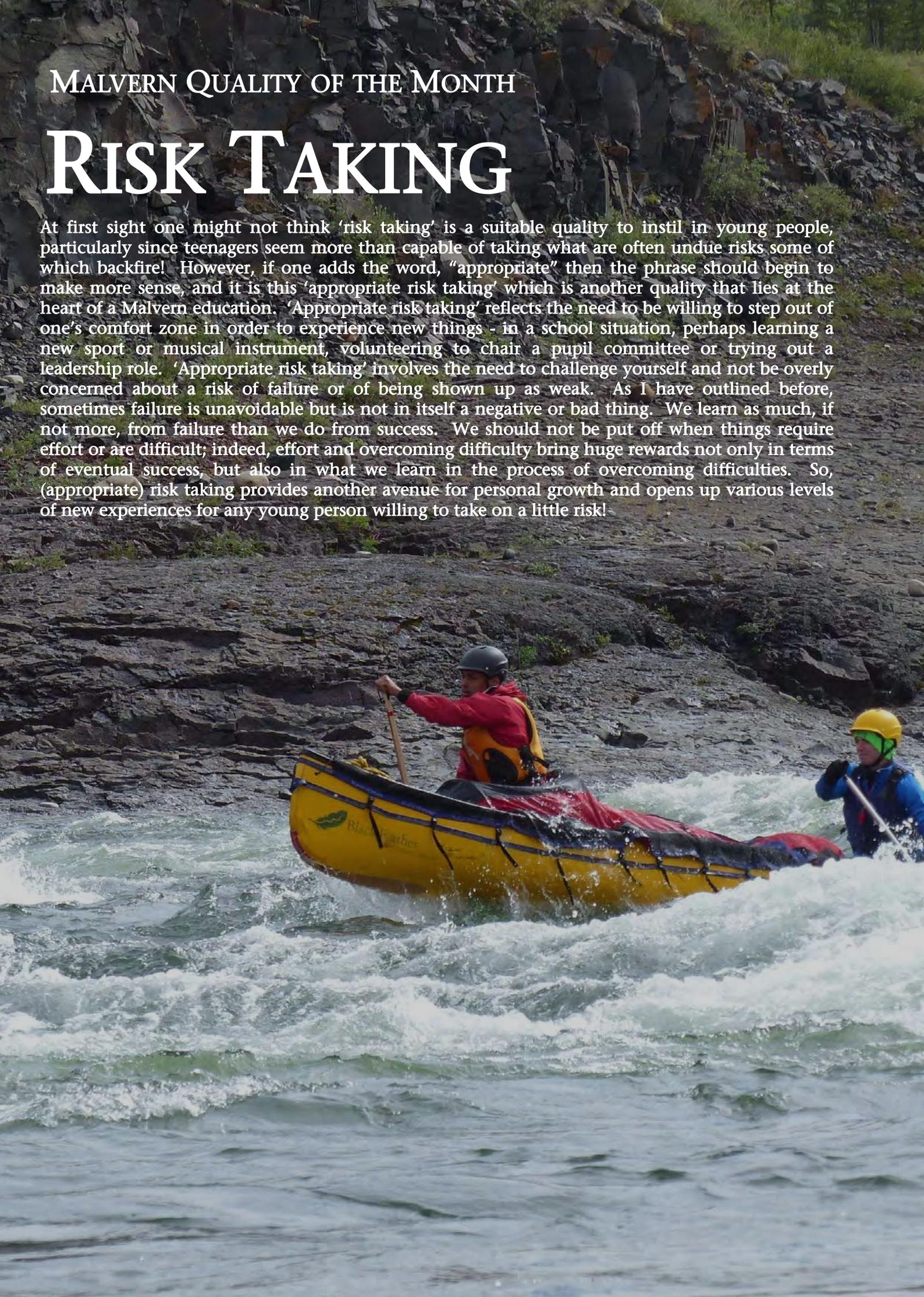


Maria Gebrial

MALVERN QUALITY OF THE MONTH

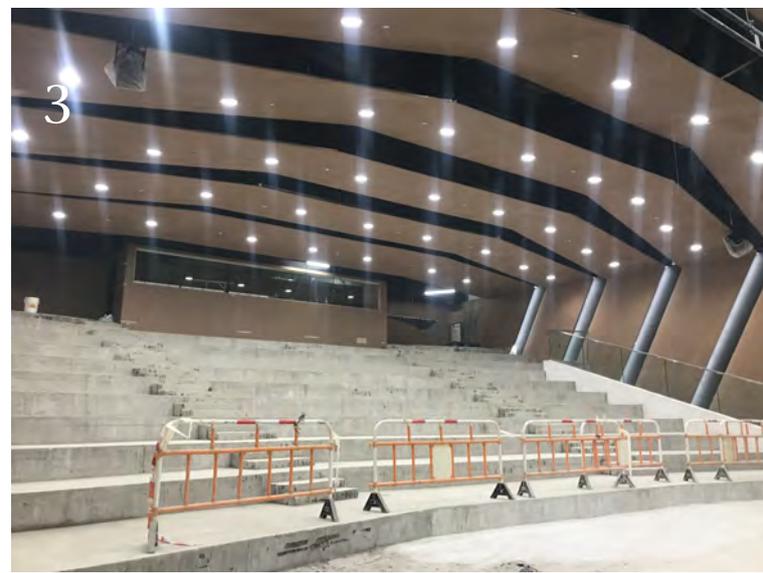
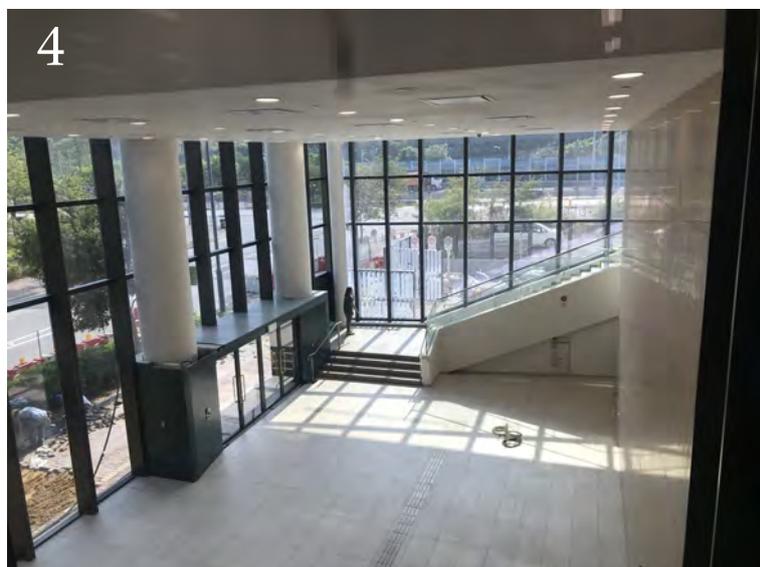
RISK TAKING

At first sight one might not think 'risk taking' is a suitable quality to instil in young people, particularly since teenagers seem more than capable of taking what are often undue risks some of which backfire! However, if one adds the word, "appropriate" then the phrase should begin to make more sense, and it is this 'appropriate risk taking' which is another quality that lies at the heart of a Malvern education. 'Appropriate risk taking' reflects the need to be willing to step out of one's comfort zone in order to experience new things - in a school situation, perhaps learning a new sport or musical instrument, volunteering to chair a pupil committee or trying out a leadership role. 'Appropriate risk taking' involves the need to challenge yourself and not be overly concerned about a risk of failure or of being shown up as weak. As I have outlined before, sometimes failure is unavoidable but is not in itself a negative or bad thing. We learn as much, if not more, from failure than we do from success. We should not be put off when things require effort or are difficult; indeed, effort and overcoming difficulty bring huge rewards not only in terms of eventual success, but also in what we learn in the process of overcoming difficulties. So, (appropriate) risk taking provides another avenue for personal growth and opens up various levels of new experiences for any young person willing to take on a little risk!





CAMPUS PROGRESS UPDATE



1. External Elevation
2. Administration Offices
3. Auditorium
4. Entrance Lobby
5. Sports Hall



SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST EDTALK

On the 10th of March, Dr Lister, Founding Headmaster of Malvern College Hong Kong, joined a discussion organised by the South China Morning Post on the betterment of a child's secondary education. Along with representatives from ESF King George V School, Hong Kong International School and Nord Anglia International School, he discussed the trends and problems secondary pupils can face in today's world.

The discussion centred on the pressures today's teenagers are facing, pressures which come from numerous sources including from their parents, their school, their peers and, most often overlooked, their own self-imposed pressure. All agreed that the increasing influence of social media and the amount of time children spend on it can be detrimental to their self-esteem and their well-being. Dr Lister further commented on the important role of a personal tutor; someone who is able to provide day-to-day guidance, support and can teach a young person to use social media in a healthy and balanced way.

The panel also discussed recent trends in university entrance, where Business and Medicine are becoming increasingly popular fields of study. Also highlighted was the increasing percentage of pupils from international schools staying in Hong Kong and the growing trend of pupils taking gap years and some going into 'professional apprenticeships' instead of tertiary education.





CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

Children spent a scintillating session with us on Saturday 10th March 2018 at our first Creative Arts Workshop. After gathering to listen to the story 'Hannah's surprise', they headed off to participate in a range of activities designed to unleash their creativity and imagination.

Together with their parents, children had the opportunity to draw, make masks, make fruit kebabs, and experiment with clay along with several other activities. Many regard creativity as an intrinsic ability that only a few talented individuals possess, however, quite the contrary, creativity can be more than artistic or musical talent. Being creative is a way of thinking and of expressing ourselves, discovering new things which motivate and inspire us to be imaginative or inventive and, at Malvern College Hong Kong (MCHK), we believe creativity is a vital component for the growth and education of a child.

In today's society, significant emphasis is placed on working creatively; people are encouraged to 'think out of the box', to find new and different ways to solve problems. The Arts can challenge the way in which a person sees the world and encourages them to be inventive in finding solutions to problems. Hence, introducing The Arts to young people is crucial in equipping them with the ability to be inventive, critical and adaptable. As such, the Arts are an essential component of a holistic education; a curriculum with the right mix of creativity will help pupils to become good communicators and to improve their emotional and social skills. MCHK recognises this and will incorporate creativity in our school in as many ways as possible.

At MCHK, the emphasis is placed firmly on preparing pupils for the changing demands of living in the 21st century, combining academic success with ample opportunities for character building and personal development. In addition to an emphasis on the Arts, we aim to continue the Malvern tradition of innovation in Science and Mathematics by encouraging the development of 21st century skills and extended thinking via STEM projects and activities such as coding and digital design.

Our state-of-the-art campus is designed specifically to facilitate creative learning for our pupils. We have various pockets of space in the 3-floor open-plan library which are perfect for group assignments and which will promote collaboration and communication. In addition, our campus incorporates a 450-seat auditorium, multiple music rooms, band rooms and individual practice rooms, together with a whole floor dedicated to visual arts. As such, it will provide extensive opportunities for our pupils to explore their passions in a range of creative fields.





RUGBY EXPERIENCE DAY





SHENZHEN MEDIA CONFERENCE

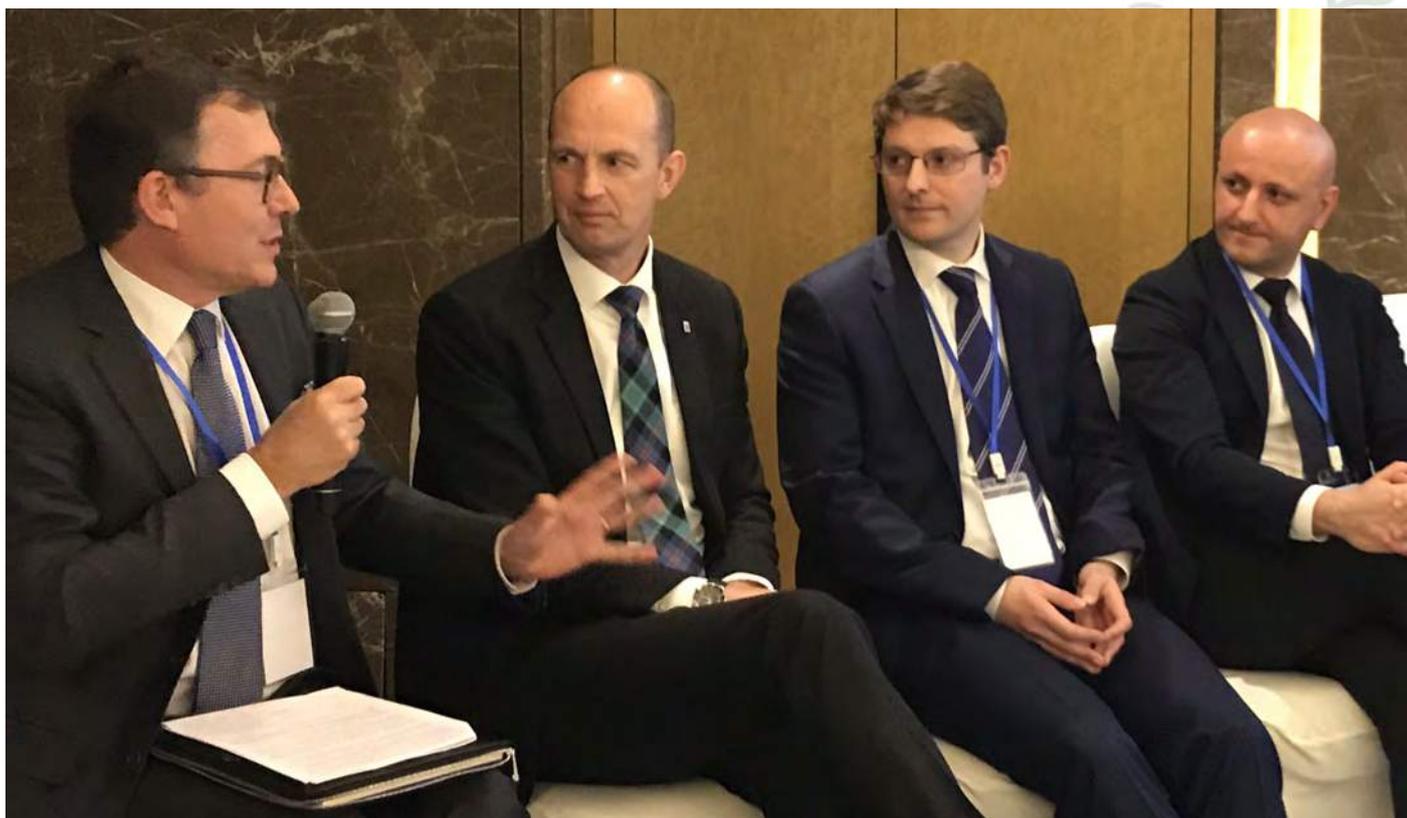
On 29th March, Dr. Lister attended a media reception at the Four Seasons Hotel, Shenzhen. The event was organised by The UK Department for International Trade and the British Consulate-General Guangzhou. It was a follow up to the UK Prime Minister, Theresa May's visit to China in early 2018.

Education has always been a crucial part of the relationship between China and the UK and during the visit £550 million of education deals were announced. The reception on 29th March aimed to share with the media the latest information of British-style International/Bilingual Schools in South China.

Dr. Lister was invited to be one of a panel of representatives who discussed how the two countries' strengths in pedagogy and education philosophy could integrate effectively in order to deliver an education that not only fits the Chinese national curriculum framework and Chinese legal regulations, but which also reflects the strength and heritage of a UK education. It was a fascinating discussion, much enjoyed by the media dominated audience, many of whom asked a range of detailed questions.

The UK is renowned for its rich heritage in education and learning which stretches back over many centuries. During the conference representatives from several British-style International/Bilingual Schools gave insights into the key features of the well-tested UK education philosophy and pedagogy, the unique boarding house system and the rigorous quality inspection process. Dr. Lister emphasised how UK schools place importance on developing character, creativity and leadership skills in order to prepare pupils to become well-rounded global citizens.

Dr. Lister also shared his belief that, a broad education is incredibly important to a child's overall development and that providing a good education goes beyond excellent academics to also include a strong pastoral support system. At MCHK we place great importance on pastoral support which is why we operate a house system. On joining the school, every child will be allocated a house and a tutor. Their tutor will not only look after their academic life but will also offer support and guidance in their personal and co-curricular lives. As Dr Lister explained, "It is educating each child in a caring, pastorally aware environment where they are cherished as an individual which turns an ordinary education into a great education."





ALL GIRLS RUGBY TOURNAMENT



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The annual All Girls Rugby Tournament (AGRT) took place on 30th and 31st of March, with 78 teams competing from all over the world competing. In addition to local Hong Kong teams such as the Sai Kung Stingrays, Aberdeen Dolphins, DB Pirates and the Flying Kukris, international teams including Randwick Magic from Sydney, Australia, the Singapore Valkynes and Haggan Guahan from Guam, were amongst the many participants in what was an outstanding two days of rugby.

Qualifying matches for the U14, U16 and U19 kicked off on Friday, while those for the younger U6, U8 and U10 teams took place on Saturday morning ahead of the finals on Saturday afternoon. After a series of thrilling matches, the Australian team Illawara won a very close final over the Sai Kung Stingrays with a final score of 15-12. Australia's Neddies took home the U14 crown, while HKU Sandy Bay won the U12 trophy.

As a "Silver Sponsor" of the AGRT for the second year, MCHK were delighted to be part of this exciting event. Our Marquee provided fresh bananas and oranges to help the players cool down and rehydrate themselves between games and Dr Lister, was on hand to present the prizes to the victorious girls.

We would like to congratulate all the participants in this outstanding tournament, each and every one of them demonstrated the spirit of teamwork and resilience, qualities that MCHK aims to instil in all our pupils. The AGRT breaks the gender stereotype that only boys are capable of playing rugby. At MCHK we seek to provide equal opportunities for all and are therefore very proud to be promoting girls' rugby in our school.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Please note, space is limited, and places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. If you'd like to register, please follow the link below and we will send you an email once your request is confirmed.

College Malvern Meet

Date: Tuesday, 8th May 2018

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

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

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Pre - School Malvern Meet

Date: Tuesday, 24th April 2018

Time: 5:45 - 7:00p.m.

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

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Campus Tour

We are planning to begin a series of tours of our new campus. If you are interested in visiting our state-of-the-art facilities, please visit the following link to register. We will contact you once the details are confirmed.

When: June

Where: Malvern College Hong Kong Campus

Please sign up [HERE](#) and we will send you an email once your request is confirmed.

Experience Malvern—Cricket Experience Day

As part of the 'Experience Malvern' series, we will be holding a Cricket Experience Day in conjunction with Cricket Hong Kong. The workshop aims to give both parents and children an insight into this thrilling sport which is widely popular especially in countries such as England, India, Australia, South Africa and Pakistan. It will be a great opportunity for children to have a fun day out while learning the importance of teamwork and experiencing one of the traditional sports for which Malvern is renowned.

When: Saturday, 23rd June 2018

Where: Po Kong Village Road Park

Please sign up [HERE](#) and we will send you an email once your request is confirmed.

Kindergartens Festival 2018

A mega kindergarten event organised by the South China Morning Post provides the perfect platform for young parents to explore the many opportunities in education for children of playgroup, pre-nursery and kindergarten schooling age. Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong's Founding Principal, Mrs. Jacqueline McNalty, will be speaking at this event, on the subject of "Making Learning Visible to Parents for Home School Collaboration at Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong". We hope you are able to join what promises to be a very informative event.

When: Saturday, 21st April 2018, 1:30p.m.

Where: JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong





Malvern College Hong Kong School Site (Opening August 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 pupils. An extensive, compulsory school bus service will be implemented. Further details of this will follow.

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