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We held our first ever media and relocation tour this month showcasing our newly built campus out in Providence Bay and we are now fast approaching the opening of our doors at Malvern College Hong Kong (MCHK)!

The School Calendar has been confirmed, and the induction date for the whole school will be the 28th of August 2018, while the younger years will start school a day earlier. Please check out the MCHK website for all the key dates of the 2018-19 academic year.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING HEADMASTER DR ROBIN LISTER

Dear Parents

I have recently put together our first Co-Curricular Activities programme (CCA) which we will be publishing shortly. In doing so, I had time to think about not only how important CCAs are, but also about how important it is that we don't over-dictate all of our children's time. As I have said on more than one occasion, I believe a good education must go beyond the provision of excellent academics to include a wide variety of CCA opportunities. These activities should be seen as an integral part of a child's education, not just as a 'bolt on', as they are intended to give children the opportunity to experience a wide manner of experiences outside the confines of the classroom.

Whether that means playing chess, learning a new ball game, coding or robotics, participating in extra reading or simply taking advantage of a "maker-space", each activity, together with a myriad of others, will give our pupils the chance to excel. They will also give them the opportunity to learn new skills, to experience companionship and teamworking, to understand success and failure and, at the same time, to develop their individual personalities, their confidence and their resilience.

However, as important as these CCAs are, we must ensure that they are not used as a method to 'over structure' our children's lives. I firmly believe that children need to play, to use their own initiative and to follow their own ideas at their own pace and, dare I say it, they need to cope with boredom too! It is essential that we do not train our children to fill every second of their lives with what can be seen as productive activities. Of course, for the vast majority of time, life needs structuring, things need to get done and deadlines need to be met. But, to over emphasise this at the expense of teaching children the skills of simple play or of how to deal with boredom, means that we fail to preparing them for real life. Sometimes it is essential to watch and to listen; to be creative with one's own time and imagination rather than to resort to a structured activity. For older children, it is important they learn from silence



and from contemplation. Many would argue that only by doing these things can someone come to terms with who they are, and develop into complete, healthy and forward looking human beings. As ever, it is a matter of getting the right balance. The combination of strong and inspiring academics, challenging and fun CCAs, together with some 'laid back time' for unstructured play and exploration will help our children become the well-rounded and capable young people we all know they are!

With sincerest best wishes,

Dr Robin A. Lister
Founding Headmaster



MALVERN QUALITY OF THE MONTH

CURIOSITY

I believe the vast majority of children are naturally curious. They want to know how things work, what words mean, and where places are. Generally they ask all manner of questions. Which parent has not been (almost) driven mad by the incessant questioning of a three year old child? Curiosity is an inherent part of human nature. Sadly, many schools, by constructing lessons that don't require curiosity, can stifle this natural ability, and in doing so, they fail to encourage children to undertake their own research or to make connections between their discoveries. A natural curiosity, so essential in the make-up of a young child, lies at the very heart of both the IB curriculum and of a Malvern education. Furthermore, it is a trait which should last forever; through childhood into adolescence and adulthood. One could argue that it is this natural curiosity which helps define who/what we are as humans. It drives us to put men on the moon, to understand the human genome and to create AI and is therefore something that schools should embrace and build on in the future.



CAMPUS PROGRESS UPDATE



1. Ariel View
2. Science Lab
3. Reception
4. Indoor Sports Hall
5. Skypitch





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MEDIA AND RELOCATION TOUR



In May, Malvern College Hong Kong (MCHK) hosted a Media and a Relocation Tour to preview our newly completed, state-of-the-art campus.

Dr Robin Lister, Founding Headmaster of MCHK, was joined by Aaron Chan, Director of P&T Architects and Engineers in welcoming reporters to the campus. Mr Chan gave a fascinating insight into the design concepts used in constructing the impressive building and the media were also treated to a tour of the campus's main facilities including the science gallery, skypitch, sports hall, open-plan library, makerspaces, auditorium, music rooms, administration hub, swimming pool, and the dining hall – or to use Malvern terminology 'The Grub'.



MCHK's design stands out from that of other schools due to its adoption of state-of-the-art Building Information Modelling (BIM) technology. Our Campus is the first P&T project to pilot the full BIM approach. The swimming pool uses specialised materials such as a stainless-steel frame as also used in pools for international events, like the Olympics and FINA competitions. The sports hall features an innovatively designed cricket net lowered from the ceiling, with flooring that mimics the bounce of a real cricket field; one of the only ones available at a Hong Kong school. The professional acoustics in the walls and ceiling of the music rooms, auditorium and library also reflect the state-of-the-art nature of the building.

Every aspect of the campus has been planned with the pupils and their learning experience in mind. Campus tours are now open for registration, please click [HERE](#) for details!





AMCHAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS EXPO

On the 5th of May 2018, Malvern College Hong Kong (MCHK) joined the International Schools Expo hosted by The American Chamber and many prospective parents visited our booth and met with our admissions team.

Dr. Robin Lister, Founding Headmaster, led an interesting presentation on the topic “Can you teach right and wrong?... how to help your child make good decisions” He suggested that in simply telling teenage children what is right or wrong parents create a reason for them to rebel. Instead, a more enduring way to help children learn to make good decisions is through the use of structured questioning which will encourage children to carefully analyse moral dilemmas, and to appreciate more easily the consequences of the decisions they make. Dr Lister also emphasised the need for parents to appreciate the complex workings of their children’s brains at each stage of their development, noting his belief that having this understanding helps parents to support their child through these decision making processes.

It was a very insightful session, which not only allowed parents to learn more about the different stages of moral development, but also to understand how a school plays an important role in the moral growth of a child. In addition they learnt how Malvern College Hong Kong will support all pupils’ development through in each stage of their decision making.



BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY

Celebrations to mark Buddha's Birthday vary from place to place. In Hong Kong, the birthday of Buddha remains one of the largest Buddhist festivals. It is a National Holiday celebrated on the 8th day of the 4th moon in the Lunar calendar, which in the Western Calendar, normally occurs in April or May. This year celebrations were on 22nd May 2018.

On this day, Buddhists across the globe commemorated the birth, enlightenment and bodily death of Gautama Buddha by assembling at their local temples, singing hymns, and making offerings to monks. Traditionally, animals are often set free, or statues of Buddha are covered with flowers and water. As the religion has spread throughout Asia, it has been influenced by local customs, creating the wide array of practices and festivities that are seen today. In Hong Kong, the fódàn (佛誕), as Buddha's birthday is locally called, is celebrated in Buddhist temples by making offerings to monks and by the lighting of incense.

With more than one million followers, Buddhism is one of the dominant religions in China, and there are many hundreds of Buddhist organisations in Hong Kong. Followers pay respect to Sakyamuni Buddha, Kwun Yum (the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy) and other Buddhas and Bodhisattva. The Po Lin Monastery on Lantau Island is famous for the Tian Tan Buddha, a majestic bronze Buddha statue, in a seated position, which is believed to be the largest outdoor Buddha statue of its kind in the world. It is a very popular attraction for visitors, especially during weekends and holidays. Other notable Buddhist temples in Hong Kong include those at the Chi Nin Nunnery in Diamond Hill, which has a cluster of temple structures built in Tang Dynasty's architectural style.





KINDERGARTENS FESTIVAL 2018



On the 21st of April 2018, Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong (MCPS) attended the Kindergarten Festival hosted by SCMP Education. It was a very busy afternoon, where many prospective parents had the opportunity meet with both MCPS admissions and teaching staff at our booth.

Founding Principal, Jacqueline McNalty gave an insightful presentation on “Making Learning Visible to Parents for Home School Collaboration at Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong”. She explained how MCPS encourages home-school partnerships with families and how it recognises that parents are every child’s first teacher. MCPS greatly values parents mirroring some of the practices taught at school at home, as it is an excellent way to reinforce the teaching provided by the Pre-School. She shared with the audience the varied communication tools and strategies used in the Pre-School to track and celebrate a child’s progress, and explained how parents can then use this information to further consolidate their child’s learning at home.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST TALK



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Dr Robin Lister was a panellist at the International Schools Breakfast Talk for corporate HR and mobility leads, hosted by ITS Education Asia, in collaboration with Santa Fe Relocation and partnership with CBRE.

Principals, Admission Directors and Managers from English Schools Foundation, Kellett School, Nord Anglia International School, Hong Kong Stamford American School - Hong Kong and The Harbour School Hong Kong also joined the panel discussion.

Panel discussions ranged from curriculum choices, teaching approaches, application procedures, debenture policies and admissions policies. Aside from informal presentations and panel discussions, plenty of time was set aside for participants to make connections and develop networks with school personnel.



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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: Thursday, 21st June 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, 5th June 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 Tours

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.





Malvern College Hong Kong School Site (Opening August 2018)

Conveniently located for road and rail transportation and yet wonderfully close to the waterfront and its cycle routes, MCHK will be easily accessible for all pupils. An extensive, compulsory school bus service will operate, further details of which will follow.

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