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MALVERN COLLEGE HONG KONG MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to Malvern College Hong Kong!

As a new Malvern College Hong Kong parent, we would like to welcome you to the Malvern family.

From this month onwards, you will receive a monthly newsletter with updates and further relevant information.



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

Dear Parents,

It is fortuitous that as I am writing my first Malvern College Hong Kong newsletter and welcoming you to the Malvern College family. It is the time of the Mid-Autumn Festival when we are all reminded about the importance of family and friends. Joining Malvern College is becoming a member of a larger family that stretches from Malvern in the UK to our other schools in Qingdao, Chengdu and Cairo. Even long after your child leaves Malvern and moves on to the next stage of their academic career or job, they will remain a member of the Malvern community and I hope will take part in various "Old Malvernan" events in Hong Kong and around the world.

It is difficult to pin down what it is that really describes the soul of Malvern, but a good starting point is found by referring to the "qualities" that we try to instil in our pupils and make a foundation of all we do. One such quality is "resilience" and it is this quality which has occupied my mind over the last few weeks; it is so important to give our children the opportunity to build up their resilience so that they are able to deal with whatever life throws at them. As we all know, life never goes entirely to plan and all of us have to find ways of navigating the inevitable issues that life gives us. It is this resilience to pick ourselves up, learn from difficulties and mistakes that enables us to move on and have the courage to take challenges in our stride. Resilience as experienced on the sports field, in a musical concert, or in a House event when things do not go exactly to plan is what makes us who we are and should give us the ability to grow. This is an integral part of a Malvern education.

I am glad to say that the school building is very much taking shape and is beginning to look rather impressive. We are now beginning to think about classroom furniture, laboratory layouts and even what signage we should use around the school. The swimming pool has had its foundations completed – as has the all-weather pitch on the school roof. One aspect of the building which is particularly impressive, is the library. Seeing the structure of the library in the very heart of the



school reminds me of the central region of Hong Kong; the lively hub of the city. This is what the library area will become – the school's hub and centre. So, all is progressing smoothly.

As the school continues to take physical shape and all the preparations for a new school begin to come into focus, it reminds me of the motto that has been the foundation of Malvern for more than 150 years: "Sapiens qui prospicit" (Wise is the person who looks ahead).

With best wishes,

Dr. Robin A. Lister  
Founding Headmaster



MALVERN QUALITY OF THE MONTH

# RESILIENCE

Resilience is all about picking yourself up when you get knocked down – an inevitable part of life.

It is the ability to respond positively to set backs and to learn from them – to deal with challenges with confidence and good humour and concentrate on what to improve on for next time.



## THE PROGRESS OF CAMPUS



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, Ms. Jacqueline So, Chief Executive of Malvern College International, Asia Pacific Region, senior management and Advisory Board Members of Malvern College Hong Kong, the architect from P&T, and guests from overseas gathered at the building site of Malvern College Hong Kong.

The construction of the superstructure took a fast-track approach and was completed in six months. The 24,000 square-metre school building was built with reinforced concrete, while the exterior will be finished with tiles and metal cladding and other aesthetic finishes.

We are now equipping the school building with different trade works and installations, including internal fit-out, window walls, MEP services, management system, and purpose-designed specialist systems such as the audio and visual system, IT system, swimming pool and green wall.

The design perfectly fits the ethos of Malvern, offering a multi-disciplinary approach to learning all in one location; it also reflects the all-rounded atmosphere the school hopes to replicate from its sister schools.





# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

## 16 SEPTEMBER 2017



Founding Headmaster, Dr. Robin Lister, has moved permanently to Hong Kong, exactly a year ahead of the school's official opening in September 2018. He will use the next 12 months to oversee the final elements of the school's construction, continue to recruit a world class faculty, and manage developments around the curriculum and admissions.

Formerly Senior Deputy Head at the school he has over 20 years' experience of Malvern's ethos and family atmosphere. Transferring Malvern College's ethos to Hong Kong will be a top priority for him: "The school's ethos will foster those values that are the very foundation of a successful education and that help define what a Malverian stands for."

Despite being here only four weeks, he has already been involved in many events representing MCHK, including speaking the International

Schools Festival which was a hugely successful day!

There was an overwhelming number of parents interested in the school's ethos and admissions process. Dr. Lister also delivered a speech in the afternoon. He talked about "How a Malvern Education positively impacts the critical years of a child's identity formation whilst also ensuring potential is fulfilled"; this talk covered the psychological development of children turning into young adults and how MCHK will help guide young people through what can be a tumultuous time. The talk was delivered with humour and enthusiasm and included many intricate details which showed his wealth of experience in working with young people.

Mid-autumn festival – It is said that the moon is the brightest and roundest on this day to signify the coming together of many elements. The festival celebrates three fundamental concepts which are closely tied to one another:

Gathering - family and friends coming together or harvesting festival crop

Thanksgiving – give thanks for the harvest, or for harmonious unions

Praying – asking for conceptual or material fulfilment (babies, spouse, beauty or a good future)

The idea of family is something that is very important within the Malvern community and is something that led to Malvern's ethos being carried throughout the world under the Malvern Family.

At this time of celebration it is important to give thanks for those gathered around us and appreciate the warmth of their company.



愿你的生活像十五的月亮一样，圆圆满满。

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival!





## EXPERIENCE MALVERN



What makes a Malvern education special is the unique set of values and the ethos deeply embedded into all aspects of the school. Malvern College Hong Kong (MCHK) will inherit the rich heritage of Malvern College in the UK which strongly believes in a holistic education where pupils are able to experience a wide variety of activities outside the classroom: sports, debating, the creative arts, social etiquette instruction, the chance to learn a musical instrument and join an orchestra, take part in a school or house play.

MCHK will hold a series of events for children to engage in a variety of different experiences, both physical and creative. These events will include a Coding Workshop, a chance to experience first-hand the Forest School and a International Chess Workshop.

### Coding Workshop – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017

In partnership with BSD Code & Design Academy, MCHK will be holding a taster lesson on coding. Coding is considered one of the most important skills of the future and we believe it is best if children can be introduced to this skill in a relaxing and enjoyable environment.

### Forest School Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

Led by a Level 3 Forest School Association certified Forest School Leader, MCHK will actively strive to facilitate outdoor learning experiences by incorporating the Forest School Programme into their primary years curriculum.

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

MCHK will provide many cutting-edge after school activities including a mandatory chess programme to develop higher-order thinking. Partnering with Caissa Hong Kong Chess Club, this workshop aims to give prospective parents and understanding as to how chess contributes to various cognitive abilities, as well as helping character building and establishing social relationships among people of different backgrounds.

To learn more about and register for the events, please visit:

<http://www.malverncollege.org.hk/experience-malvern/>



## CONTACT US



### 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

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