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Happy Easter! Staff Campus Tour.

Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter! No matter how, or where you celebrate, we hope it is a special time.

The Malvern College Hong Kong (MCHK) head office team recently spent a wonderful afternoon touring our amazing new campus. We are all looking forward to moving up there over the next few months!

March will be a very busy month for the school with two “Malvern Meet” parent information sessions, a Creative Arts Workshop as well as a Malvern Rugby Experience Day. All of these events will provide great opportunities to learn more of what MCHK will be offering to our pupils, and we hope you may be able to join us at one or more of these events.

Finally, on the Easter weekend, Friday 30th and Saturday 31st March, we will be at King’s Park in Jordan where we will be sponsoring the All Girls Rugby Tournament. Do come along to see the action!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING HEADMASTER DR. ROBIN LISTER

Dear Parents,

For this newsletter, I have decided that rather than speaking about how the school is progressing I am going to respond to an article I recently read which has caused me to think a lot about the school's IT policy. A new year brings new challenges and I suggest one challenge might be to take seriously the amount of time our children (and ourselves for that matter) spend on their electronic devices.

I was disturbed to read in the South China Morning Post a study which claimed that young people in Hong Kong aged between 16 and 30 spend an average of almost 3 hours per day on their mobile devices. This is a truly shocking amount of time particularly when it is compared to a University of Hong Kong study which concluded that the amount of time a child spends outdoors averages only 295 minutes per week. It is stating the obvious to say that children, particularly young children, develop and grow when they are given the chance to play outside benefitting physically, emotionally and intellectually. I am not talking about carefully structured, formal time, but 'free-time', where amongst themselves children can become engaged in creative play, running around, exploring, making dens, collecting sticks and so on.

Admittedly such opportunities are not so easy to find in downtown Hong Kong, but as I have discovered there are some wonderful parks, both in the city and beyond. As for mobile devices, a parent has to decide what is the appropriate age for a child to have a mobile phone and laptop, and once that decision has been made, how much time a child should spend on these devices. Guidance is certainly necessary since a child

(or teenager) cannot make such decisions on their own.

Furthermore, if a child sees their parent constantly checking their phone, it sends a powerful message that is difficult to overcome. Even worse, if a parent is constantly on their mobile device whilst sitting with their child on the MTR, or whilst walking down the road with them, or perhaps sitting in a restaurant repeatedly responding to messages rather than making eye-to-eye contact and conversing with their child - this parental preoccupation with mobile devices may well hinder a young child's emotional development. It may even impact how that child navigates the teenage years. Certainly, if my own children were still young, this would cause me concern. Food for thought!

With sincerest best wishes,

Dr. Robin A. Lister
Founding Headmaster





MALVERN QUALITY OF THE MONTH

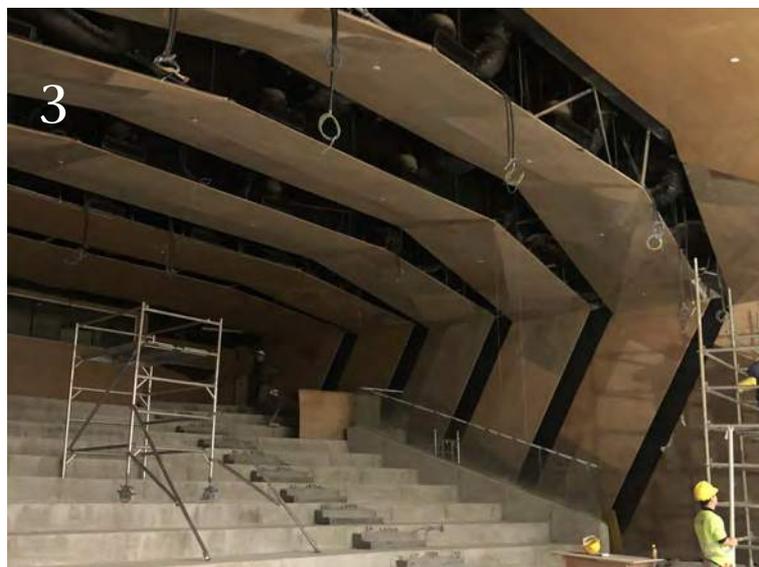
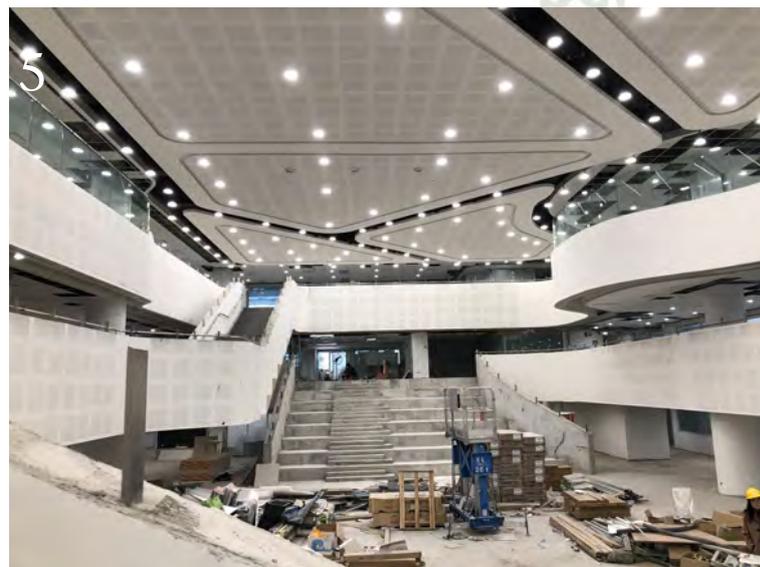
AMBITION

This month's Malvern quality is ambition. From what I have seen and heard this is not a quality that is unfamiliar in Hong Kong; indeed, the whole city seems empowered and emboldened by ambitious people, ambitious companies and even ambitious schools! As a school Malvern is of course ambitious, and rightly so; we want to see ourselves as a leading, if not exceptional school in Hong Kong! But as a human quality and as something we wish to instill in our children, what exactly does ambition mean? As a healthy and necessary component of a child, ambition should form one of the foundations as to how we perceive ourselves and our future. We should look towards fulfilling our potential, growing in our self-confidence and developing our ability to challenge ourselves so that we have exciting and fulfilling futures ahead of us.

However, there is one caveat to having ambition as a vital part of our make-up; occasionally it can become too powerful an instinct, overriding other qualities and taking precedence over things like kindness, integrity and humility to name three other Malvern qualities. Ambition, in the right measure, and seen alongside other essential qualities, remains a core value but one that itself should be challenged and perhaps even kept in check by those other qualities that equally help us to define ourselves. It is this kind of ambition that we would like to see in a Malvern child.



CAMPUS PROGRESS UPDATE



1. External Elevation
2. Swimming Pool
3. Auditorium
4. Music Room
5. Library



VISITING THE NEW CAMPUS

The MCHK Head Office team spent a great day at the end of February, visiting our new campus and finally saw the interior of our amazing school! The final phases of the construction are on time, if not ahead of schedule, and we anticipate that our Founding Headmaster, Dr Robin Lister, together with some of our administration staff will make the move up there soon, ahead of our teaching staff who will be arriving over the summer. The three-floor galleried library and learning centre looks stunning, while the auditorium now has its wood panelling in place and the seating will be arriving soon. These facilities, along with our light-filled classrooms and breakout areas, will provide a wonderful learning environment for all of our pupils as well as a stimulating work place for our teachers.





NEWS FROM CHENGDU

On 2nd February, Dr. Robin Lister attended a business forum and the signing of a cooperation agreement officiated by Dr. Liam Fox, Secretary of State, UK Department for International Trade. The British Prime Minister Theresa May attended the forum where she gave an inspiring speech celebrating the close cooperation between China and the UK. In the meeting, Dr. Lister had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Fox about British education in China.

The agreement with the authorities of Xinjin county Chengdu, China means Malvern College is now on course to open its sixth overseas campus.

The brand new, state-of-the-art campus is due to open in 2019 and, together with the College's existing campus in Chengdu, which opened in 2015, will provide education for more than 1000 children between the ages of 3 and 18.





MALVERN TRADITIONS

Traditions of Malvern College

Established in 1865, Malvern College is a leading innovative UK independent school. Its motto 'Sapiens qui prospicit' (Wise is the man who looks ahead) reflects the School's long history and its desire always to look to the future. Malvern College Hong Kong inherits rich traditions from its parent school, and whilst keeping our heart close to Malvern College UK, it also looks to its own future. Our vision is to provide a world class education encompassing excellent academics and first-rate co-curricular activities in an atmosphere of mutual respect and within a genuinely caring community. This ambitious but realistic vision is also built on some traditional and powerful symbols:

The Crest of Malvern College

The crest of Malvern College has a unique design which pays tribute to its natural surroundings. The three circles with wavy patterns represents the famous Malvern waters and the five smaller circles represent the five wells, the sources of Malvern water. Malvern water is renowned for its beneficial health qualities and has been a favourite drink of HRH The Queen for many years. At the top of the crest is a Gryphon, a mythological creature used to symbolise "importance" or "power", standing on a warrior's helmet to denote strength, leadership and military courage. These qualities, considered important from the very first days of Malvern, became especially important during the First and Second World Wars when many hundreds of Malvernians lost their lives. Those pupils are now commemorated in the school's beautiful chapel.

The Gryphon of Malvern College

The Gryphon is such an important symbol in the college, so much so, that it gives its name to the Gryphon Room located in the newly built Sports complex – an impressively large room used to host guest speakers, prestigious school dinners and other meetings. Gryphons are found throughout the Malvern UK campus, the most notable being the twin statues which look out over the grounds. In presiding over the vast school site, they are joined by the statue of Saint George whose significance is great, not just within the College but also throughout the whole of England. The story of St. George and his bravery in slaying a dragon is deeply rooted within English folk lore. As a result of his courage, St George has become a symbol of military prestige and these days his statue marks the College's War Memorial. On Remembrance Day, the 11th November each year, poppy wreaths are laid at the base of the statue to remember fallen members of the college from both World Wars and from other more recent conflicts.



EASTER TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Continuing our theme from Chinese New Year we are looking at the different traditions around the world for Easter.

Usually Easter Sunday is the first Sunday on, or after, the first full moon after the first equinox in March. This means that Easter usually falls around March and April every year, a season associated with new growth and re-birth.

Although Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies tend to be a common theme throughout, each country often has an individual version of Easter celebration and sometimes this difference exists even between regions within a country.

In the UK women traditionally used to make Easter bonnets and Easter baskets. This tradition is often carried on today in schools where children can celebrate Easter by making baskets, bonnets as well as dyeing or decorating eggs. In some areas in the UK there are still egg rolling competitions where, having painted their eggs different colours in order to identify them, children roll their eggs down hill to compete with each other. Egg rolling is also found in other countries around the world with one well-known egg rolling event held in the garden. This event has been held since 1878 and is now considered a tradition attended by the President himself.

Families often set up Easter Egg hunts for their children either around the house or their gardens, or alternatively they join in a community Easter Egg hunt. No matter the size of the event, the idea is the same, the children set out to find as many hidden chocolate Easter eggs as they can find!

In Germany a special bread is baked for Easter called Osterbrot which is made of a sweet rich dough including raisins, nuts and lemon with a crunchy sugar topping. I am told this bread is particularly delicious.

In Italy Easter cake is often baked with an egg nestled in the dough itself.

Across Europe lamb is often the meat eaten to celebrate Easter, whilst in Cyprus, and other countries such as Norway and Germany bonfires, are lit as part of the festivities.

Shops in many places around the world offer chocolate rabbits as well as chocolate eggs. However, in Australia where rabbits are considered a pest, chocolate bilbies are often available instead of chocolate bunnies! Bilbies are an endangered marsupial in Australia and some manufacturers donate part of their income from the sale of these chocolate goodies to bilby conservation.

No matter what your customs from far and wide, we wish you all a very Happy Easter!



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. Space is limited and places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please follow the link below to register. We will send you an email once your request is confirmed.

College Malvern Meet

Date: Tuesday, 17th April 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.



Experience Malvern

Rugby Experience Day

Around March and April each year, it's a big time for Rugby because of the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens! Before the big event, we have set a date for Malvern College Hong Kong Rugby Experience Day. A great event where you can learn the basics, and get a taste of the exciting world of rugby.

When: Saturday, 24th March 2018

Session 1: 1:30 – 2:30p.m.

Session 2: 2:30 – 3:30p.m.

Where: The Education University of Hong Kong
Pak Shek Kok Sports Centre

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

All Girls Tournament

We are very excited to be the Sponsor of the 2018 All Girls Rugby Tournament (AGRT). The AGRT was first held in 2006, when 130 girls braved rain and sodden pitches to play 66 games at the inaugural event. The event has become increasingly popular and is now held annually. The AGRT is entering its 12th year and has grown to include over 800 participants across the Mini and Youth age groups (Aged 5-19). The event is also the premier All Girls Rugby 7s tournament in the APAC region and numerous past participants have gone on to represent the Hong Kong Women's National team.

This year's event takes place on 30th and 31st March, MCHK will have a marquee at the tournament. Entry is free and we hope that you will come along to join us in watching the exciting games and supporting what is now the largest girls age group rugby tournament in the world!!!

When: 30th March 2018, 12noon to late
31st March 2018, 9am to late

Where: King's Park, Jordan



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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