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MALVERN COLLEGE HONG KONG MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Crest which forms part of our logo? The Crest, which appears on our school badge and in our logo, pays tribute to the natural surroundings of the Malvern Hills. The three circles represent the fresh water wells of the area. Malvern water is renowned for its beneficial health qualities and has long been a favourite drink of HRH The Queen. At the top of the Crest is a Gryphon, a mythological creature used to symbolise 'importance' or 'power'. It stands on a warrior's helmet to denote strength, leadership and courage. Malvern College Hong Kong's (MCHK) new school uniform also reflects the history of our school...take a look inside the newsletter to find out more!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING HEADMASTER DR ROBIN LISTER

Dear Parents

There is not long to go before we open our doors to our first term. There is an increased sense of excitement amongst the staff who are already working in the school to get things ready for the children's arrival. The kitchens are complete and the dining hall looks terrific. We have chosen our plates, cutlery and drinks cups, got our first draft menus in place and have begun working on House allocation of pupils. In the classrooms and laboratories furniture has started to arrive as it has in our offices. Chemicals have been ordered for the laboratories and are due in soon as are iPads for the younger pupils; as I write a laptop purchase scheme for older pupils is being put together with a significant parental discount. So, all is falling into place. All we now need are the children and the remaining staff who are soon to be making their way to Hong Kong from the UK and various other parts of the world.

As we approach the new term your child may well feel a little nervousness about their first day at the school. Please explain that all will be well and that it will not take long at all for any early nervousness to disappear and be replaced by excitement and anticipation at all the new experiences that lie ahead. In the meantime, in the weeks that remain before school starts might I encourage you to give your child every opportunity to read, play some sport, continue with a musical instrument, explore and enjoy the rest of the Summer.

On a final practical note, if you have not yet made contact with our bus company please may I encourage you to do so as a matter of urgency.

With sincerest best wishes,

Dr Robin A. Lister
Founding Headmaster



A scenic view of a university campus. In the foreground, there is a lush green lawn. A tall, black street lamp with a white lantern stands prominently. To the right, a young man in a dark suit and a young woman in a dark jacket are walking away from the camera. In the background, there are large, leafy trees and a stone building. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

MALVERN QUALITY OF THE MONTH

INTEGRITY

To have integrity is to be honest with yourself and to live according the values you believe in. It means being honest, trustworthy, consistent in how you live and being able to demonstrate to other people that you are all of these things. If you have integrity, you have what many people would describe as a 'strong moral compass' and know the difference between right and wrong.



BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL VISIT



On Monday, 9th July 2018, Malvern College Hong Kong had the pleasure of welcoming Mr James Gallagher, Deputy Director of Trade, Ms Aneesa Kazi, Programme & Delivery Manager, Ms Roberta Hamilton, Community Liaison Officer, Ms Sophia Ip, Education Sector Lead and Ms Ivy Lam, Trade Advisor from the British Consulate General to our campus.

They were greeted by Dr Lister, Founding Headmaster of Malvern College Hong Kong, Ms Holly Tse, Director of Admissions and Marketing and Ms Gill Keefe, Director of Marketing and Communications. After an insightful discussion about the international education offered in Hong Kong, Ms Gill Keefe, led our guests on a tour of the campus where they had the opportunity to visit a wide range of classrooms, arts and sports facilities. They were also able to gain a clear understanding of the unique ethos of MCHK and the values which make an education here so different.





CAMPUS TOUR



Due to an overwhelming response from parents, all of our Campus Tours in June were full and therefore we're delighted to announce that more sessions for our enrolled and prospective pupils have been scheduled during July.

Those parents who joined us were able to learn more about the design concepts used by our architects and were able to see how the campus has been carefully designed to complement and enhance the international curriculum which the school will be using. From the moveable panels on the stage of 'Big School' (the auditorium) which make it suitable for all kinds of performances, to the specialised flooring of the indoor sports hall which mimics the bounce of a real cricket pitch, it is these well thought out features which truly make our campus stand out.



However, as Dr Lister always reminds us, "whilst the facilities are indeed very impressive, what is much more important are the people in our school; it is our children, teachers, senior leadership team and all our support staff who, together with the strong ethos of a Malvern education, will define what we are." We hope that everyone who has visited so far, has enjoyed their tour and has gained a greater understanding of Malvern College Hong Kong.





CRICKET EXPERIENCE DAY

On Saturday 21st July, our brand-new sports hall was the venue for our Cricket Experience Day. A huge thank you to the coaches from Cricket Hong Kong who taught the children the basics of the game. It was delightful to see them learning how to bowl, to hold the bat, and to have a taste of fielding. Cricket has a long and successful tradition in Malvern College UK. Being chosen to represent the school in one of its cricket teams was, and still is, considered an accolade that is rarely forgotten throughout one's life and being a member of the First XI remains one of the most prestigious honours. Malvern College UK has produced many notable players. R.E. Foster, arguably the most talented and famous Malvernian cricketer, became the only Englishman to have captained both the England cricket and football teams. The bat he used when achieving his extraordinary innings of 287 on his debut for England against Australia (the highest individual score ever at the time), is proudly displayed in the glass cabinet of Malvern College UK's Long Room which overlooks the cricket pitch. With such a rich cricketing heritage, we hope to carry forward a love of the game in our pupils in Malvern College Hong Kong.

Cricket already has a long history in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club being founded in the 1850s and 1990s respectively. Whilst the game was mainly enjoyed by the British back in the colonial days, it is now one of the fastest growing sports in Hong Kong. The game is also spreading beyond the Sub-continent and now many Chinese people also enjoy the sport. It is expected to continue to grow in the years to come.

MCHK will offer our pupils many co-curricular activities ranging from sports to arts. They will have the opportunity to learn new skills, to experience companionship and teamworking, learn how to respond positively to both success and failure and, at the same time, to develop their individual personalities, their confidence, and their resilience.





UNIFORM

School uniforms often reflect a school's heritage and the uniform for Malvern College Hong Kong is no different. It closely resembles that of Malvern College UK but has a few tweaks in order to make it more suitable to Hong Kong's climate.

Dr Lister explains that the colour and pattern of the uniform was carefully chosen in order to convey the long, traditional heritage of Malvern College UK. "British Racing Green is a very 'English' colour which used to dominate the motor racing circuits of the 1950s, 1960s and beyond," he says. "Using it as the school's brand colour sends a clear message that we have roots in traditional Britishness!"

At Malvern UK boys historically used to wear straw boater-like hats, while Prefects would wear tailcoats, top hats and carry canes on Sundays. These traditions were all abolished in 1965. Today, boys wear a blue blazer with a full-coloured crest, and for formal occasions such as the end of term assemblies and prize giving ceremonies, it is compulsory for all lower school boys to wear a charcoal grey school suit, school tie and polished black shoes. Older pupils can opt for black, dark grey or navy blue suits with a faint pinstripe. The girls' dress code is very similar to the boys' with the staple white shirt and school suit, the exception being the tartan pinafore dress which is redolent of a Scottish heritage and is often associated with toughness, resilience and practicality.

In recognition of Hong Kong's humid, hot and wet summers, uniforms at MCHK are slightly different to those of our mother school. Boys are allowed to wear short sleeved shirts in summer and do not have to wear their jackets at all times, in contrast with their peers in the UK. In addition, our P.E. kits have been designed from modern, lightweight, 'breathable' fabrics which prevent moisture build-up inside and which are ideally suited to Hong Kong's climate.

The uniform's design pays such attention to detail since we believe that being smart and presentable goes hand-in-hand with being polite and well mannered. It is an integral part of our traditional British heritage and one which we intend to firmly hold on to. Not only is this good in itself, but knowing what is expected, particularly in terms of behaviour, also gives young people stability and confidence. In short, dress and behavioural standards are closely related.





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

For registration, please click [HERE](#).

Pre - School Malvern Meet

For registration, please click [HERE](#).

Campus Tours

We held series tours in our new campus in June. We are going to have more tour in the future. 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: August

Where: Malvern College Hong Kong Campus

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

Hong Kong International Schools Festival 2018

One 'mega' international schools event for parents, organised by South China Morning Post, designed to showcase the many opportunities for international schooling for children of kindergarten, primary and secondary school age.

When: Saturday, 15th September 2018

Where: JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

Please visit [HERE](#) for details.





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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