

Modern English School Cairo



Dear Parents,

Term 1 is quickly drawing to an end, and no doubt we are all looking forward to the Winter break and the festive season. We thank parents for their ongoing support through this term; we have fulfilled our pledge to stay open and we continue to reorientate our students to our usual expectations and routines. We are still managing our lives amidst a prevailing pandemic and there have been some challenges for us all; the progress we continue to make in rising above these is thanks to positive collaboration between home and school. The December break is an opportunity to reflect on our achievements and recalibrate. To help you do this, you will soon receive a copy of the Term 1 MESsenger that profiles events and accomplishments that we can all take pride in. With the magazine will be our 2022 calendar featuring student art and offering the optimism of a brand new year and bright future.

Between now and the End of Term we will be hosting a number of special events for students across the school whilst maintaining a clear focus on teaching and learning.



Seasonal Concert

We are hosting the Seasonal Concert 2022 on the school field as an evening event this year, to bring the magic of the season to our school community, whilst best ensuring their safety. We have over 400 staff and students participating in our choirs with the audience limited to their family only, due to COVID precautions. Accordingly, we will need to close school early on **Thursday 16 December 2021** to prepare:

FS1 students will depart at 12.00pm

FS2-Y6/Secondary students will depart at 1.15pm

Spirit Days

Introducing MES Cairo Spirit Days
December 2021

In celebration of our wonderful school traditions and history, the last day of each term is to become part of a new experience: MES Cairo Spirit Days. There will be a charity/fundraising theme associated with each Spirit Day which will be announced ahead of time. Participation is optional, but as the very purpose of the occasions is to celebrate our strength as a community, we encourage all staff and students to get involved by embracing the dress code, taking part in Spirit Day events and contributing to the nominated cause.

Monday 20 December 2021 will mark the first of MES Cairo Spirit Days.

Dress Code: T-shirt/sweater from a past school event or trip, featuring an MES Cairo logo. Such as, a Pink Day t-shirt from 2018, a Ski Trip hoodie from 2020 or a football team shirt from 2016. This may be worn with trousers of your choice, including jeans, but please keep trousers tidy and avoid those that are cut/ripped.

Contribution: All students and staff choosing to dress down are asked to make a contribution to our 'Keep Egypt Warm' campaign. Please do not send money; instead send items of food to an approximate value of 100le each person (pantry staples such as lentils, rice, cooking oil, canned food, etc.). Contributions should be deposited in the 'Keep Egypt Warm' collection boxes which will be staffed on the day - students making a deposit will be given a sticker to verify to the teachers that they are eligible to wear non-uniform items.

We look forward to celebrating school spirit whilst supporting the Egyptian Food Bank in their plight to make a positive difference for the benefit of the country's most needy.

SCHOOL FEES INSTALLMENT: Please note that the deadline for paying the second installment has now passed (15 November 2021). Sincere thanks to all who met this deadline without prompt. To those who are yet to pay you are respectfully asked to meet this obligation as soon as possible, and certainly by Thursday 16 December 2021. Please contact the school Accounts Department if you wish to clarify the status of your account.

