

Modern English School Cairo



Leadership Through Education **Care, Challenge and Inspire**



Dear Parents,

As September draws to a close, we are delighted to be writing to you to inform you of the wonderful start we have had to this new academic year. We have the pleasure of introducing MES Cairo's new School Director, Mrs Melanie Midwood and we are really looking forward to the year ahead. We have already met with many of you and feel very confident about the relationship between school and home. Our teachers and leaders have also spent a great deal of time with your children, observing them in lessons, chatting to them out at play and in the corridors, and we are very impressed with their positive attitudes and their bright smiles. Most impressive of all is how our students have settled across the school, but in particular, our new students in FS1 and our Year and Grade 7 students who are beginning their journey in Secondary. We have also been introduced to our Senior students who are already demonstrating their maturity and their extremely positive attitude to learning. We wish all our students the very best of luck this year.

Next week we will see a hive of activity as the Cougar trials start for both Primary and Secondary and we begin to secure and establish our school sports teams. We hope to see as many students as we can at the trials, even if they have never previously participated in a sport before. Sometimes talent can be hidden, and at our school, we seek to find your child's talent in everything they do and to facilitate them becoming the best they can be.

We invite you to visit our Social Media to see more of the fabulous things that happen daily at our school. From FS1 students arriving on their first day, to DP students attending their first Base Camp Trip. We have captured it all. From KS2 assemblies on Aspirations to KS3 and Grade 8 London Trip preparations, our publishing team are there taking photographs, making videos and working really hard to ensure you don't miss a thing.

Noteworthy Dates

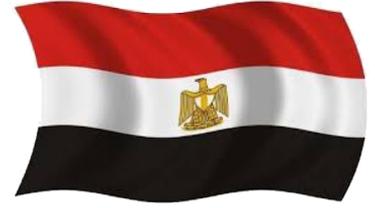
Please note that school will finish at 12.00pm for FS1 students and 1.00pm for all other students on Wednesday 27th September, and will be closed all day on Thursday 28th September to honour the occasion of Mawlid El-Nabawey

School will also be closed on Thursday 5 October for the observance of Armed Forces Day.



Non-uniform Day on Wednesday 4 October 2023: Students should wear Red, White and Black - Please follow the usual guidance:

- no leggings or other tight-fitting clothing
- no denim
- no clothing with logos that are unsuitable for school
- Shorts and skirts are to be knee-length
- tops are to fall below the waist
- Students who do not wish to dress in line with the occasion are expected to wear full school uniform.



UNIFORM REMINDERS

Students benefit from an MES Cairo education most when there is an understanding of our rules and shared values between home and school. This includes all aspects of school life, including uniform and appearance.

Hair for boys needs to be cut short in line with school policy. Time is wasted each day in conversations with boys about this, causing them embarrassment and disruption to their learning. It is not a policy change to insist on short hair; it has always been the expectation at MES Cairo and we ask that parents support this policy.

Hair for girls needs to be tied back across the school and we welcome your support with this.

Secondary-aged boys must be cleanly shaven.

Makeup is not part of the school uniform. This includes eyeliner and lip gloss.

Jewellery needs to be kept to a minimum. Girls may wear one pair of plain ear studs only. A watch may be worn as part of the uniform code (please no smart watches that are connected to phones). Bracelets, necklaces, wrist bands, facial piercings, etc., are not acceptable.

PUNCTUALITY

It is the school's expectation that all our students arrive on time, each day and every day. When students turn up late, not only is their own learning disrupted, but also the learning of their classmates. If you bring your child to school, please ensure that you leave with plenty of time so that they are prompt and have a calm and stress free start to their school day.



Work Hard and Be Kind

At the beginning of term, our School Director addressed all the students and all the teachers about how we conduct ourselves in and around school. As teachers, we aspire to lead by example as we know we have the ability to inspire our students. Every teacher and every student at MES Cairo is asked to think about whether they can work as hard as they can, and to always be kind. We ask parents to help us achieve this and help us in creating a thriving learning environment for all who pass through.

Be Kind



THANK YOU

We have so much to be thankful for at MES Cairo. Mrs Dajani has ensured that our school facilities are world class and that they have been carefully maintained and revived over the summer months. We have qualified and experienced staff who give their all and who uphold the highest standards of themselves and their students. We are gifted with wonderful students who are delightful and endearing, and bring joy to us every day. Additionally, we have a Parent community, who continue to support us in all aspects of what we do. We are all so grateful and privileged to be part of such a community and I express my warmest thanks to everyone.

