



MANOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

a DCSF designated Specialist Performing Arts College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

New Uniform from September 2008

The decision has been taken to change the college uniform in order to improve the image and reputation of the college and to better reflect the fact that the college now has specialist status in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Rest assured, the new uniform will be better quality and the cost to you will be less than that for the current uniform. Parents/carers will be able to purchase the uniform on-line via the college website or directly from the college although the latter will cost slightly more.

The uniform itself will consist of the following:

Grey polo shirt with new college logo#	} Polo and sweat shirts sold by college/internet
V – neck sweatshirt with new college logo @	
Black trousers *	
Black shoes or totally black trainers **	

The students voted for a different coloured sweatshirt for Lower School (years 7, 8 and 9) and Upper School (Years 10 and 11). The Lower school sweatshirt will be royal blue and upper school sweatshirt will be **black/maroon**. All years will wear the grey college polo shirt.

Because the college will be offering the option to purchase the uniform via the internet it will be able to reduce current costs relating to stock and storage. These savings will be passed on in full to parents/carers thereby reducing the cost of an internet purchase even further. *There will be a delivery cost associated with internet purchases which will be on the website; the charge is based on the weight of items delivered. Even including delivery, the total cost of the new uniform will still be cheaper than the current uniform.*

Parents/carers may decide to club together and purchase three, four or more sets of uniform in order to reduce/spread the cost of the delivery. For those parents/carers who can't afford the delivery charge or who do not have access to the internet there is an option of having the uniform delivered to the college for collection.

In the interests of access for all/equality of opportunity we will designate 2 computers in the college library for parents/carers who do not have internet access to allow them to order the uniform online. Alternatively parents/carers may wish to use the computers available in the Arbury Court library.

Parents/carers who purchase uniform with vouchers will need to contact the finance office who will order the uniform on their behalf.

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The college will also offer a bulk purchase discount. For example if a parent/carer were to purchase more than one of each item and/or PE/Dance kit an additional discount would be applied.

College Sale Price

Item	Sweatshirt		Polo shirt		Fleece		Drill top
Size	to 34"	35"- 46"	to 36"	37" – 49"	to 36"	37" – 49"	All
Cost	£9.50	£12.70	£7.70	£8.50	£14.50	£16.50	£19.50
Saving per item on old price	£3.00	£0.95	£2.00	£1.80	£3.50	£2.50	£0.00

Internet Sale Price

Item	Sweatshirt		Polo shirt		Fleece		Drill top
Size	to 34"	35"- 46"	to 36"	37" – 49"	to 36"	37" – 49"	All
Cost	£9.03	£12.07	£7.32	£8.08	£13.78	£15.68	£18.53
Saving per item on old price	£3.48	£1.59	£2.39	£2.23	£4.23	£3.33	£0.98

PE Kit

More details will follow on the new PE uniform/kits. Again these changes have been made for a number of reasons, namely cost (these are cheaper), comfort, practicality and the fact that they are much more stylish and professional. Our teams will look as good if not better than any other college in the city!

We do need the support of all parents/carers to ensure that this transition is effective and that **all students** arrive in college in September wearing the correct uniform. This will enhance the already improving reputation of the college in the local and wider community. It also gives students a sense of civic pride in their college.

More details will follow on regarding accessing the website and making the uniform purchases. However, if any parent/carer has any questions or experiences any difficulties at all with any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

This is an exciting development and I am very grateful for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ben Slade
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The new college sweatshirts are good quality and represent good value for money. We have explored the idea of purchasing these from a supermarket but the poor quality of these garments means they will not 'accept' an embroidered logo.

@ Please ensure you select the right colour sweatshirt - either for years 7 to 9 or 10 to 11.

- Black trousers are a matter for you as parents/carers to purchase from wherever you like. Girls and boys trousers are available from Tesco at very reasonable prices. We will also make trousers available online for a reasonable price. These will not be as cheap as Tesco but will be of better quality meaning they will last longer.

Girls sometimes prefer a more tailored trouser and this is fine as long as they are completely black, do not come with fashion belts etc and are not jeans or leggings. Again, there will be a pair available on the website but parents/carers are welcome to purchase these from any high street store.

** I really need all students to wear either black shoes (no other colour is permitted) OR completely black trainers. These must not have any white or coloured detail on them whatsoever. We are the only college in Cambridge (from Sept 2008) to still allow trainers. *Chesterton are moving back to a full uniform in Years 10 and 11 aswell this year.*

Many thanks for your cooperation