



# The Manor

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: The Manor – Spring Term Update

### Success breeds success!

I am delighted to announce that, for the first time in more than 20 years we are oversubscribed for September 2011. This means 100% more students will be coming into Year 7 than last year. This is quite simply unbelievable! I am so pleased that people are finally seeing that the significant improvements in results (more than double those achieved in 2007), the fantastic OfSTED report and the positive press actually means something. This is a good school the same as our competitors locally and better than many other schools in the county! We should celebrate this success and be proud of our achievements. The Cambridge First article (attached) is now far too modest about our popularity. We'll just have to do another release when the figures are official in March.

### Brilliant Buggy Malone

I would like to thank all staff and students for such an excellent musical production this year. There were some stand out solo performances and some terrific ensemble acting and singing. The show was professional and, as always, Mr Parry's staging was imaginative. Thanks to the students for their time and talent and thanks to you for coming to support this great event.

### Out of the Box Stuff

The Manor is proud to be hosting the Schools North of the River exhibition and opening performance. I will be opening the event along with Adrian Loades, Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services this afternoon at 3.45 p.m.

The exhibition contains art installation work from The Manor, Chesterton, Kings Hedges, Castle, The Grove, Orchard Park, Shirley, St Laurence, Brunswick Nursery, Colleges Nursery and it is fabulous. Students from primary schools and parents are welcome to visit and to look around the exhibition in the John Durrant Hall from Tuesday to Thursday this week between 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

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## Partnership with Cambridge Regional College (CRC) (Sports)

You will notice the signs around the site now! CRC are taking over the management of the Sports Centre and all sports facilities after half term. This is fantastic news for the school and the community. We are extremely grateful to CRC for investing almost £80,000 in the facilities to bring them up to standard. Ross Knappett is the new Sports Centre manager and he and his team will be on duty between 8.30 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. each day. There will also be an increasing range of sporting activities offered for free or at a dramatically reduced price by CRC to our students and staff. We will let you know more details as soon as we have them.

There is plenty more news to come so I will write again soon.

In the meantime, thanks for your support.

Regards

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