

July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Please can I take this opportunity to thank all our parents/carers for your incredible support this year. We are proud of the strong partnership between school and home, it really is central to the success of Manor Croft.

It has been an incredibly successful year across all areas of school life. We have never run so many extra-curricular clubs, sports, shows, memorable experiences, subject linked trips, professional visitors, and a whole host of engaging drop-down days. All these give students the chance to develop the skills and personal characteristics needed to succeed in a challenging world. We want to offer even more next year.

Our Year 11s recently sat external GCSE exams, they were a credit to the academy. The hard work and resilience they showed throughout the year was superb, we cannot wait for results day to celebrate their achievements. The new Year 11 cohort have hit the ground running as we saw at the recent rewards evening. A huge thank you to parents/carers that attended and supported students on the night.

Attendance

At Manor Croft Academy excellent attendance and punctuality is our aim for every student. Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance, than those who don't.

Following the Department for Education's statutory guidance, to maintain high standards of attendance, there will be some changes to the legal interventions which will be introduced from the 18th August 2024, these will include fines and potentially prosecutions for persistently poor attendance. Please see the DfE website for further information.

As a school we are here to support your child to maintain high attendance. Our dedicated attendance team will contact you should there be any initial concerns regarding attendance, to implement a support plan in the first instance.

Uniform

If your child has grown out of their current uniform, we would like to remind you that SPT Uniforms provides the high-quality uniform for Delta secondary schools. New uniform can be purchased from their website www.sptuniforms.co.uk If you have any queries, please contact SPT Uniforms on 01132 459959, who will be happy to help you. There will also be a pop-up shop in school on Tuesday, 23rd July between 10.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

At Manor Croft we pride ourselves on having the highest standards and expectations for our students. This stretches from the classroom and corridors all the way into the community we serve. These standards are well documented on our website and in the student planner, and the vast majority of students follow this to the letter. Over the Summer break many of you will use this as an opportunity to replace or refresh items of your child's

uniform and school equipment ready for the new academic year in September. Please use this letter as a guide to make sure you are purchasing uniform and equipment items that are appropriate and follow the school policy. The school policy states that the school uniform must be as follows:



REQUIRED

- *Delta Logo Blazer (Year 7 and Year 8 will have new Delta logo)*
- *White Shirt*
Plain white long or short sleeve with top button (needs to be buttoned to the neck and tucked in)
- *Black Trousers or Black Skirt*
*Black tailored trousers or black pleated skirt (plain black tights must be worn with a skirt – minimum 40 denier) **skin-tight trousers/leggings/jeans are not permitted. Also cropped/short trousers are not permitted. Trousers should be long enough to cover the ankles/top of the shoe.***
- *Plain, Black Belt*
- *Delta Clip-on Tie (Year 7 and Year 8 will have the new yellow striped tie)*
- *Plain Black, flat shoes - Trainers, boots, pumps or canvas shoes are not permitted*
- *Plain black socks*

OPTIONAL

- *Plain black V-neck Jumper*
(to be worn with the Academy Blazer, not instead of)

We have also included some images of shoes that are appropriate and some that are not:



Students are required to bring a suitable school bag large enough to hold their planner, A4 knowledge organiser, homework book, reading book and pencil case with them every day. We have included some images of bags that are appropriate and some that are not:



I hope this letter will ensure that all student uniform and equipment is to the required standard when we return in September. This will allow staff and students to focus on the important details of getting the best outcomes possible for everyone at Manor Croft. All uniform items can be purchased from SPT Uniforms at www.sptuniforms.co.uk. Ties and planners can be purchased using the MCAS app.

Jewellery & Make-up

We thank parents for their continued support as we drive standards up at Manor Croft. All piercings including clear ones are not allowed in school. We recommend that if your child is having a piercing that it is done early in the summer holiday so that it can be taken out completely when they return in September.

To avoid wasting time and negative conversation we operate a 'If we can see it, it is too much' policy on make-up and fake tan. Please support us in this by not allowing your child to leave the house with too much make up/fake tan as they will be asked to remove it upon reaching the academy.

MCAS (My Child at School)

We would like to encourage any parents that have not already done so to sign up to the MCAS app as this will keep you up to date with what is happening in the academy. Messages and information are sent out using this method as well as the payment for items such as water bottles, ties and planners. If you require any additional information regarding the MCAS app please contact the academy on 01924 325230.

Key Dates:

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| Friday, 19 July 2024 | Academy closes at 12.00 noon for the summer holidays |
| Thursday, 22 August 2024 | GCSE Results Day doors open at 8.00 a.m. |
| Monday, 2 September 2024 | Staff training day; academy closed to students |
| Tuesday, 3 September 2024 | Year 7 start at 8.25 a.m. & Year 11 start at 11.00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, 4 September 2024 | Year 10 start at 8.25 a.m. |
| Thursday, 5 September | Year 9 starts at 8.25 a.m. and Year 8 starts at 9.25 a.m. |
| Monday, 28 October to Friday 1 November (inclusive) | October half-term holiday |
| Friday, 22 November 2024 | Staff training day; academy closed to students |
| Monday, 23 December to Friday 3 January (inclusive) | Christmas holiday |

Please note that although school closes at 12 noon on Friday 19th July for the Summer, lunch will still be available for any student who requires a meal up until 12.30 p.m.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing students refreshed and ready to go in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr K Nikoumaram
Principal