



MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL  
— Edinburgb —

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### **EXTRAS ON SCHOOL FEES 2007-2008**

The School offers a wide range of outings and activities of the year. Some of these are included in the fees and some are added as extras. In addition there are various items of games clothing and kit that are available through the school. When a pupil is invited to travel on a special trip or tour, parents will receive a letter to invite them to authorise their son's participation.

Parents will receive information in advance, usually from the member of staff in charge of the activity, which will include the likely charge, to authorise expenditure in any of the following areas:

- Any sports, music, CCF, field study, language exchange or educational tour involving nights spent away from school
- Blackwell's book and stationery shop
- Cricket kit sold through the PE Department
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Learning Support
- Mouthguards for rugby
- Pipe Band kit
- Rugby kit for 1<sup>st</sup> XV sold through the PE Department
- Sailing and golf activities
- School Christmas cards
- Upper Sixth Leavers Ball, special shirt, magazine, etc

In addition, the following list represents items which may or will be added to school fees **either** routinely **or** with permission. Some are one off payments made only at specific points of a pupil's school career (eg Morrisby test for careers guidance in the Fifth Form), many are elective (eg Tennis coaching or Fencing coaching), and some are obligatory (eg haircut, damage repair). Where a charge is elective, we ask our staff to check with potential participants or recipients that they have their parents' permission for this to go on the bill. We realise this is not a foolproof system but it does mean that parents are not receiving even more unwarranted literature from the school.

**If any parents do not wish their sons to incur any of the expenses listed they should notify their son's Housemaster in advance.**

For further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## Charging Information for Parents

(c. = around)

- Art Equipment (c. £5-10)
- Book charge (J4 – Fifth Form) (£30): (Sixth Form charged by department)
- Calculators – Sixth Form Mathematicians only (£50)
- Careers Department Psychometric (Morrisby) Test– Fifth Form only (£75)
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF) – Fourth Form and Shell Form only – lost kit; boots (£40+)
- Cinema – by Houses (c. £6 per trip)
- Cookery Club (c. £30-40) (Merchiston Juniors only)
- Curling (Team members only) (c. £20-50)
- Dry cleaning (variable)
- Edinburgh Reading Test – all new Merchiston Junior entrants and all Fourth Form
- Electronic dictionary – Third, Fourth & Shell Forms for all boys who need one (c. £35)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages– ESOL (£175 per term)
- English Speaking Board Exams (c. £18)
- Entertainments: special meals, etc (variable)
- European Computer Driving Licence (variable c. £30-80) (Shell Form)
- Examination Fees (variable) (Fifth and Sixth Form only)
- Fitness Centre; Craiglockhart; David Lloyd Centre (£40-50 per term)
- Fives kit (Team members only) (c. £30 per annum)
- Haircuts in School (£7)
- Hockey kit (Team members only) (c. £30-40 per annum)
- House expenses (variable)
- Insurances (variable) (Please see leaflets elsewhere in this Information Pack)
- Judo Club (£40+ per term)
- Magazine subscriptions for Senior Physics and Geography students (c. £10 per term)
- Merchistonian Club fees (£10 per term) – see separate letter
- Daily Newspaper (c. £40-50 per term)
- School Photographs (variable, via Internet) (see separate entry on online ordering system)
- Rugby International tickets (variable, but usually £10-£15)
- Special purchases: tour ties, fleece jackets, etc (variable)
- Special damage repairs
- Clay Pigeon Shooting Club (c. £20 per term + £20-30 per trip)
- Skiing (Senior or Junior option) (c. £70-150 per term)
- Electronic Spellchecker (£9)
- Sub Aqua Club (£50 per annum + dives)
- Support for Learning (c. £100 per term)
- Tennis Coaching (c. £50+ per term)
- Theatre visits (c. £12-15 per trip)
- Sixth Form Tie (£12)
- Middle School tie (£12)
- Scholars / Award holders / Sport Colours ties (£10)
- Travel: escorts to appointments, some coach journeys for socials, authorised taxi journeys, end of term (special) arrangements (variable)
- Short (mostly educational) trips
- Special Tuition for extra ESOL (by arrangement with parents)
- University & College Admission Service (UCAS) registration fee (Upper Sixth Form only) (c. £15)
- Sixth Form Club