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Welcome



We are a leading co-educational day, boarding school and nursery for children between the ages of 2 and 13 and a proud member of the Repton family of schools.

Vinehall is a school where the happiness of the children comes first. A school where children can be children. A school where the 'spark' of young children is celebrated rather than smothered.

When children are happy, their minds are open to possibilities. They become active participants in their education, driven by a natural curiosity and an intrinsic desire to explore the world around them. They embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and setbacks as stepping-stones towards success.

We urge them to become fearless learners, able to think critically, unafraid to ask questions and less afraid of making mistakes. I believe Vinehall is striking just the right balance between preserving childhood and readying our pupils for the modern world.

We are a school where the academic, the actor, the artist, the engineer, the designer, the programmer, the comedian, the musician and the sportsman are genuinely valued in equal measure. We are a school that selects on character rather than ability and where kindness to others is valued above all else. We are a school that recognises that being a child is a magical time of life and that education should be fun.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vinehall School soon.

Joff Powis, Head



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We are a family

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We strive to preserve and celebrate childhood, whilst also ensuring that children are ready for the next stage in their lives. When our pupils leave at the end of Year 8, they do so equipped with the personal values, learning habits, knowledge and skills that will enable them to flourish in an ever changing world.

Underpinning our vision are personal values and learning habits that we encourage all members of our community to develop and demonstrate. We believe these qualities will enable our pupils to excel in the modern world.



"We absolutely love Vinehall and are so appreciative of the tour and warm family welcome. We'd be greatly honoured to have our son as a part of your community."

Prospective Parent

Our Personal Values

Being **kind** is the quality of showing warmth and understanding towards others, often putting their needs before your own.

Being **respectful** is treating others the way you want to be treated, being considerate and polite, and showing that you value and care about them as individuals.

Being **confident** is about feeling good about yourself and your abilities, and having a positive outlook in all you do.

Being **ambitious** is the determination to improve in who you are and in what you do, setting goals and striving for excellence.

"We were very impressed by the high standard of education and the peaceful, safe environment for the children."

Current Parent





At Vinehall we want to foster a love of learning for its own sake by encouraging our children to ask questions and think for themselves. We believe in a well-rounded education that nurtures the individual and offers an environment in which pupils learn without limits.

Our children develop the necessary skills to work productively and to become resilient, resourceful and reflective learners, unafraid to try something new or of making mistakes.

We offer a diverse and exciting curriculum, delivered by highly qualified, inspirational teachers.

We have high expectations for our children, inspiring them to achieve excellence in all that they do.

We are Ambitious

"We visited numerous schools but Vinehall was the only one that made such a positive impact on both our son and us as parents."

Current Parent

We are Kind

At Vinehall, the individual and their needs are at the forefront of everything we do. When a child enters Vinehall, they become a part of a caring community which values kindness and compassion. We foster an environment where wellbeing and happiness are the foundation of learning.

The children are encouraged to have a growth mindset that builds resilience and prepares them for the wider world.

Great emphasis is given to Life Skills at Vinehall from Nursery through to Year 8, not just in the timetabled lessons, but in all aspects of school life.

“There is an excellent culture of respect and care that pervades the school.”

ISI report



“The school fully meets its aim to provide an excellent all-round education both academically and through a wide range of co-curricular opportunities.”

ISI report

We are Resilient

Our co-curricular offer covers a wide range of interests from debating and programming to horse riding, mountain biking and LAMDA. We believe that passionate exploration fuels intellect and broadens horizons.

Co-curricular activities at Vinehall are not just about honing skills; they also promote a balanced approach to education. They teach time management, teamwork, leadership and build well-rounded children equipped to face the challenges of the future.

At Vinehall, learning is not confined to the classroom. We understand every child is unique and their interests and talents equally diverse. We are proud to offer an extensive array of external speakers, from poets to explorers; this, combined with educational visits, cultural immersion days and enrichment activities, mean our co-curricular opportunities are vast.

Whether your passion lies in the arts, sport or the creative arts, we have a broad range of opportunities. We encourage children to explore beyond their comfort zones.

Spending time outdoors offers numerous advantages to children, enhancing their mental well-being and promoting the development of gross motor and sensory skills.

Our outdoor learning provision nurtures the whole child, fostering intellectual, physical, social, and emotional growth. By creating dedicated learning spaces deep within Vinehall's stunning grounds, we unlock numerous benefits for the children, empowering them with skills and knowledge that extend far beyond traditional classroom settings.

Forest School is an innovative approach to education and takes place in an outdoor, natural setting. It is not just about trees; it is a holistic experience that encourages children to explore, discover, and learn in a unique environment.

We are Courageous



Our Forest School is more than just a place; it is an experience that fosters a lifelong love of learning and nature.

At Vinehall, the Forest School is an integral part of our curriculum. From the earliest years in Nursery to the more advanced stages in Year 8, children explore and grow in the Forest School. The experiences they gain are invaluable, shaping their character and knowledge.





We are Collaborative

Sport embodies teamwork, teaching us the value of collaborative efforts towards shared goals. It instils resilience in defeat whilst nurturing unwavering focus whilst striving towards shared objectives.

At Vinehall, sport is an integral part of school life. Our approach prioritises inclusivity, enjoyment and performance. Every child is exposed to sport across the school, ensuring opportunities for participation, competition and representation.

Vinehall is well known for its sporting excellence and boasts the facilities to match – a 15m indoor heated swimming pool, an astro pitch, 9-hole golf course, cricket pitches with indoor nets and expansive sports fields.

The Early Years

Our aim is to provide our youngest children with rich opportunities to enable them to build strong foundations. These are based around the Early Years Foundation Stage framework; they focus on social and emotional development, language and communication, physical skills as well as literacy, mathematics, expressive arts and design and knowledge and understanding the world.



"Thank you so much to you and Joff for taking the time to show us around – we were made to feel incredibly welcome. We absolutely loved the school environment and what you stand for. We both left feeling incredibly positive and excited at the possibility of our daughter being able to join such a wonderful family school."

Prospective Parent

A large, close-up photograph of a young child with dark hair, wearing a dark blue sweater and a plaid shirt. The child is holding a magnifying glass over their eye, looking through it with a focused expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom or school setting.

We are Inquisitive

Pre-Prep

For children aged 4 to 7 years old, our Pre-Prep offers small classes taught by highly qualified staff, ensuring fantastic outcomes for all children. However, it is the culture of family and our exceptional pastoral care which distinguishes us. Vinehall enables all children to succeed in both academic and personal terms in a safe and supportive environment.

“Joff and Liz have created such a wonderful school for our family at Vinehall. It really is a special place for the children, and a period in their lives that they will look back on fondly as they progress into the big wild world. You should be very proud of what you and all the staff at Vinehall have created.”

Current Parent



Prep

In the Prep School, our aim is to protect and celebrate childhood, whilst also ensuring that the children are ready for what comes next. Through a combination of practical experiences, mentoring and communication, we aim to equip our children with the skills and mindset needed to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Fundamental to the success of every child at Vinehall is the strength of relationships the children enjoy with the teachers. We know that happy children who feel a genuine sense of belonging will thrive in everything they do.



We are Confident



Boarding

Located within the heart of the main school, our boarding house is very much an extended family. It is valued as a home away from home for our boarders; creating a relaxed and comfortable environment separate from academic life at the school.

Boarding has always been an integral part of Vinehall life. We recognise that many working parents need additional support from the school, whilst letting children develop independence and spend time with their friends in a safe and caring environment.

Whether you are looking for full boarding or flexible boarding options, Vinehall can cater to the needs of all in a safe and family-centred boarding house.

We are a home



Senior School Destinations

At Vinehall, we take great pride in preparing our pupils for their next educational journey.

In Years 7 and 8, our dedicated teachers focus on preparing pupils for Common Entrance and scholarships to various independent senior schools at 13+.

Our school has a history of sending pupils to some of the most prestigious senior schools in the country, including **Battle Abbey School, Bede's, Benenden, Brighton College, Charterhouse, Cranbrook, Eastbourne College, Eton, Harrow, Hurst, King's Canterbury, Mayfield, Repton, Sevenoaks, Sutton Valence, Tonbridge and Winchester.**

We work closely with parents to ensure that every child moves on to their preferred destination at 13+. Our Head and Deputy Head provide individual guidance and support to parents with senior school choices as early as Year 5. Our aim is to help parents make informed decisions and ensure that every child is matched with the most suitable school.



*We have a rich tradition at Vinehall, in which our Year 8 leavers create a shield, highlighting their unique achievements and journey with us. Two versions are made: one which they keep, the other is proudly displayed in the School. The shield of **every former pupil** can be seen on our walls and they stand as a physical record of the part each of our children has played in the life of our school.*

Admissions Process

We know that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you can make. Our Admissions team will support and guide you through the process from your first enquiry through to your child's first day and will ensure you have a full understanding of our school, its ethos and the opportunities on offer.

Vinehall School offers a happy and inspiring environment for boys and girls from Nursery to Year 8. The best way to find out more about what makes our School so inspiring is to come and see for yourself at one of our Open Days or you can arrange a private tour with our Head.

You will have the opportunity to meet our wonderful staff, our children and see our outstanding facilities.

To find out more, contact our Admissions department on:

admissions@vinehallschool.com

or call **01580 883090**.

Visit www.vinehallschool.com/admissions

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"What an absolutely fabulous tour Joff gave to us. The school is amazing and I really think our daughter will benefit from a new and fresh start at Vinehall."

Prospective Parent

"Spending time with your wonderful students is a testament of the incredible education that our children are getting at Vinehall and it makes me feel so happy knowing my children are being raised in this environment. Thank you!"

Current Parent





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