

# Vinehall

ROBERTSBRIDGE, EAST SUSSEX



11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent

As you will recall in a letter from Mr McKinnon, there have been some exciting changes to the school sports kit, for September 2018. We are introducing a new Gilbert playing shirt with matching Gilbert skort or shorts, new lightweight house t-shirt and Gilbert PE shorts, as well as new swimming costumes for boys and girls and a sports holdall to replace the 'pillow case'.

Further to these changes we engaged with the school outfitters, Simmonds, and asked them to source a new, more aesthetically pleasing blazer, whilst ensuring ease of care and value for money. We discussed several different designs and fabrics and have chosen the one you see below. It is a 100% Polyester navy blazer with gold trim and embroidered logo, which can be machine washed at 40°C. It will hold its shape more and, with the addition to the trim, it is a return to a blazer seen at Vinehall in years gone by. We think you'll agree all of our requirements have been met and the children will look incredibly smart and be very proud of their new blazer.



The new items will become new school uniform from September 2018 but, as with any uniform change, there will be a phasing out period, so please contact the school if you have any questions about the uniform changes.

Items of old uniform - such as house polo shirts, sweatshirts, track pants, skorts and shorts - will be sold in the uniform shop over the next 12 months at an excellent discount. They are suitable as play clothes and for relaxing clothing for boarders.

Simmonds are offering £5 discount for every £50 spent 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018; please ring 01424 773087 to make an appointment. Alternatively families may wish to buy online at [www.simmonds-ltd.com](http://www.simmonds-ltd.com) and receive free postage (no discount is applicable online.)

Full lists of uniform requirements for all age groups can be found on the parents' section of the school website.



New items from September 2018:

- **Trimmed blazer (33356)** is available from July for all new starters in Years 7&8 and any existing pupils who wish to have it. The old blazer may be worn for a further 12 months for existing pupils only and short term visitors.
- **Tracksuit top (44267)** is now available for all pupils in Years 3-8 and is the only permitted track top.
- **Tracksuit pant (44268)** is now available for all pupils in Years 3-8. This is the only permitted track pant.
- **Gilbert unisex rugby top (42320)** is available in July for all pupils in Years 3-8; this will be worn by teams and all new starters. It compulsory for all pupils in the school year 2018/19.
- **Gilbert rugby short (43369)** is available in July for all boys in Years 3-8; this will be worn by teams and all new starters.
- **Gilbert skort (74327)** is available in July for all girls in Years 3-8; this will be worn by teams and all new starters.
- **Gilbert unisex PE short (43932)** is available in July for all girls in Years 3-8; this will be worn by teams and all new starters.
- **PE t-shirts in house colours (42974/2/3/5)** are available to buy now online and in the shop.
- **Vinehall Gilbert unisex sports bag (31075)** is due in July and is for all pupils in Years 3-8 and new starters.
- **Vinehall swimming jammer shorts (43500)** are for boys in Years 3-8; these are compulsory for team and club events and all new starters; all other swimmers by 2019/20. Plain swimwear is sold in the uniform shop only for children up to Year 2.
- **Vinehall legged swimming costume (70467)** is for girls in Years 3-8; this is compulsory for team and club events and all new starters; all other swimmers by 2019/20. Plain swimwear is sold in the uniform shop only for children up to Year 2.
- **Swim-bag is for all swimmers (31055)** in school and new starters. It is available in July.

New compulsory items from September 2018;

- **Wide brimmed cricket hat (31250) or baseball cap (31248)** will be compulsory for all pupils in teams, Years 3-8.
- **Cricket shirt with logo (42017)** will be compulsory for all pupils in teams, Years 3-8.
- **Cricket trouser with logo (43075)** will be compulsory for all pupils in teams, Years 3-8.
- **Banded cricket jumper (42002)** will be compulsory for all pupils in teams, Years 3-8

We do hope you will like the new initiatives, both in look and quality and ease of care.

Kind regards

Joff Powis  
Headmaster