



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Sports Kit Update

Throughout last summer we became aware that a number of parents had suffered difficulties in purchasing the Under Armour sports kit from our chosen retailer Maudesport.

The school has been working over several months to identify what the problems were and to establish a positive solution for the future.

As a result of our findings, we have spoken to five new sports kit providers. Our objectives were

- a) to increase the reliability of the services offered,
- b) ensure the ability for stated delivery dates to be met and
- c) to reduce the price of the items whilst maintaining the quality of the kit.

In addition to this we have reviewed the retail structure for purchasing sports kits to ensure that parents and students get the very best support, advice and customer service experience.

As a result of our thorough review and competitive procurement exercise we would like to officially announce that from September 2019 the school will be moving over to Nike sports kit with Maudesport remaining as our retailer. A large order will be placed by Maudesport in the next couple of weeks, which should be in store and available to purchase by early June 2019. The majority of items from the PE and Games bundle have also seen significant price reductions, whilst Maudesport have also committed to freezing these prices for a 3-year period.

Maudesport still have a large amount of branded BVGS Under Armour kit and they will be selling this at a discounted price over the next few months. There is no expectation for students to stop wearing the Under Armour kit, once we move over to Nike. The designs that we will be having for Nike are very similar and we are happy for the changes to be phased as students grow out of their old kit.

Whilst undertaking these discussions, we have also highlighted the issue of how much kit each student actually needs. In subsequent years, the required kit will very much depend on what activity the student does in Games. Whilst all students will still need the house PE shirt, black PE shorts and striped socks, the remainder of the items will all be at the discretion of the parents based on each individual student's needs for Games. For example, all rugby and hockey players will still need a reversible jersey in order to represent the school in fixtures. However if the student is in another group based activity at the Pavilion, a hoody and pair of tracksuit bottoms may prove more worthwhile than the reversible jersey.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail on b.davies@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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