



BROCKHURST & MARLSTON HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

Hermitage, Nr. Newbury, Berkshire, RG18 9UL

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Dear Parents,

Uniform - 2011 and Beyond

As most of you are aware, we have had problems with the supply of uniform from Perry for some time now. We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused many of you and thank you for your patience whilst we resolve the situation.

We are now delighted to announce that we have just finalised preparations for Stevensons to take over from January 1st. Stevensons is a third-generation family-owned business which supplies over 150 schools, including Downe House. As we have had to make the transition quickly, ordering will initially be done by telephone, with online ordering available around Easter 2011.

Although the move to a new supplier is never an easy one and certainly not one we would have chosen to do at this time of year, we have taken the opportunity to explore ways of improving the service to parents, quality of product and thus the day-to-day appearance of the pupils.

New guidelines on standards and appearance will be introduced, as stated in the attached document, and will be obligatory from September 2011. The aim is to have a distinct uniform that represents Brockhurst, Marlston House and Ridge House, continuing the feel of a country prep school, whilst ensuring that the children look smart.

A new shirt for the boys in Form 7 and above will be introduced. It will be available from Easter 2011 and will be obligatory from September 2011. We feel that, together with the new grey jumper and Harris Tweed jacket for the older pupils, this gives the boys a more individual uniform, in line with that of the girls.

With regard to the Ridge House uniform, because of the issues surrounding the sourcing of the red fleeces and jumpers, we have made the decision to change to a navy jumper with a red woven inset on the v-neck and a navy fleece to match the red and blue tie. The girls will be changing from the grey pinafore to a navy one and will wear red tights/long socks. The tracksuit will now come with a logo from Stevensons, and the white t-shirt will be replaced with a red polo shirt with school logo. There will now be a navy fleece/waterproof jacket combination which the children will wear instead of their own coats. This will be obligatory from September and will also carry the school crest.

Please read the guidelines and new uniform lists attached. Please note the items that have changed or are new are obligatory for September 2011.

Thank you.

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