

19 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

HOUSE SYSTEM

We are delighted to share an exciting development in our school community. This term, we are relaunching our House System — a cherished tradition that promotes teamwork, pride and a strong sense of belonging for every student.

As part of this relaunch, we are expanding our houses from three to six, and introducing new house names inspired by remarkable individuals who embody our school values of **Respect**, **Aspiration** and **Resilience**. These figures have each made a powerful impact on their own communities and the wider world, demonstrating courage, perseverance and a commitment to positive change.

What will remain the same?

- Achievement points
- House competitions — with even more opportunities this year
- Recognition and rewards
- A strong focus on belonging and school spirit

What's new?

- Six houses instead of three
- House names linked to inspirational global figures
- New student leadership opportunities
- Dedicated staff House Champions

There are twelve inspirational figureheads to choose from and, through a democratic process, this will be reduced to six final house names.

In keeping with our commitment to community voice and shared ownership, students, staff and parents will all be able to vote, shaping the legacy and future of our school together. This is a tremendous opportunity to unite our community in celebrating the qualities we value most.

The twelve nominees are:

- Mary Seacole
- Harriet Tubman

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- Frida Kahlo
- Florence Nightingale
- Jesse Owens
- Malala Yousafzai
- Marie Curie
- Lorenzo de' Medici
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Alan Turing
- David Attenborough
- Emmeline Pankhurst

Attached here you will find an information sheet introducing each potential figurehead and outlining how they represent our school values of **Respect**, **Aspiration** and **Resilience**. This will also be included in Friday's Parent Bulletin.

We hope this information will prompt meaningful conversations at home with your children, and support you and your children in making an informed decision.

Parents will be able to vote [here](#) for their chosen house figureheads when the vote opens at **3pm on Friday 28 November**. This link will not work before then. Voting will then close on **Monday 08 December**.

This is a huge step for our school community, strengthening our culture of Respect, Aspiration and Resilience and ensuring every child feels seen, valued and proud to be part of our school.

We look forward to embarking on this exciting journey together.

Yours sincerely,

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