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Dear Parents / Carers

Quick read

- We are recruiting House Captains in years 7-11; students apply via a Google form (attached below).
- The House System has had a really positive start, and we have seen increased engagement from students in school activities as a result.
- We have given out 206439 House Points so far this year and 49 pin badges.
- House Tie applications open after Christmas for students in Y8 and above.

Longer read

This week we're launching the recruitment process for House Captains in the lower school, and wanted you to know what was happening so that you can talk to your child about this and - if necessary - support them with their application.

The roll out of the House System in school has made for a really exciting start to the year. It's so great to have another vehicle through which to celebrate student successes and for students to have another opportunity to feel as though they belong to a community in school. It's been great to see students engaging in House activities, and to hear them discussing the Houses that they are in with staff and other students.

The introduction of the House system has seen a really positive increase in the number of students entering competitions, and putting themselves forward (and sometimes out of their comfort zone) to earn points for their House. This is exactly what we hoped for, and something on which we want to continue to build.

We held our first House Assemblies at the end of the first half term, and it was a genuine joy to see students across all year groups celebrating one another's' achievements in the main hall. For our younger students, it's great for them to have role models in the upper school and sixth form, and for our older students there are opportunities to lead, to encourage and support those students in their House who are younger than them.

So far we have given out 206439 House Points, 49 extra-curricular pin badges through the House Assemblies, and a phenomenal number of students have achieved their bronze, silver, gold and ruby certificates for accumulating vast numbers of House Points. I even spoke to a student on Monday evening who has a weekly goal for House Points to keep him on track to achieve the Areté Award (1250 House Points). It's amazing to see our students actively *enjoying* success; that's not always easy (and doesn't always come naturally) when you're a teenager!

Bronze Award (100 House Points) - 788 students
Silver Award (200 House Points) - 225 students
Gold Award (300 House Points) - 43 students
Ruby Award (400 House Points) - 7 students

After Christmas, students will be able to apply - if eligible - for a House Tie to show their commitment to their House and the school, and there are so many other exciting things in the pipeline too...

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Having appointed House Captains and Senior House Captains in the Sixth Form, these students are now helping us to recruit House Captains in the lower school to build their house team. **ANY** student is eligible to apply, regardless of whether they are already a part of our student leadership team, and even if they've no experience in a role like this. There will be two House Captains appointed per form, and students can apply via a Google form (link at the bottom of the letter). Applicants will then be interviewed by the Sixth Form House Captains which will give everyone experience either as an interviewer or as a candidate at interview. Successful candidates will be appointed in January and will then officially be a part of the House Leadership team.

Students are being spoken to about this role over the coming weeks, but if you think this is a role that would suit (or help to develop) your child then we would love for you to encourage them to apply and support them in filling in their application.

The deadline for applications is Friday 8th December. Should you or your child have any questions at all about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

[House Captain advert](#)

[House Captain Job description](#)

[House Captain Application form](#)

Thank you for all that you do to encourage and support your children; it really helps us at school.

Kind regards

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