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Dear Parents

Royal Grammar School - House System

As the first week of the new school year draws to a close, I would like to say how well the week has gone and I look forward to the term ahead. Particular thanks to our students - I have been impressed with the enthusiastic and purposeful way they have started the term. I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on the School's House System for those who are new to RGS but also as a reminder to all those who have already contributed and competed over the last academic year. Particular recognition goes to St James House for not only lifting the Sports Day House Cup but also the 2022 House Shield.

The aim of our House system is to provide an even greater sense of community spirit through competition, learning new skills and creating new opportunities for students to get involved in school life.

All staff and students are assigned to a specific House when they join the school:

St James	Red
Buckingham	Green
Windsor	Yellow
Balmoral	Blue
Sandringham	Orange
Kensington	Purple

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Each House is led by two Sixth Form House Captains who are elected each year following an application and interview process. The House Captains are supported by six members of staff who are Heads of House.

The House system is a central part of our school community, encompassing our school values of Respect, Integrity and Aspiration. It unites students across each group, including the Sixth Form. It helps create a sense of belonging and will involve a wide range of events and competitions.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS & HOUSE POINTS

House Competitions are run by subject departments as well as directly by House Captains. They contribute to the overall yearly winners by giving out House Points for both participation and placements in each individual event. We have termly House competitions such as a Maths Challenge, Art, Interhouse Sport, Club & Society competitions, Drama competition and the amazing RGSHW Photography Challenge. This also includes larger House Cup Events such as the House Music and Sports Day, where more points are won in each event. The culmination of this is the awarding of the House Shield.

At RGS, our students are extremely proud and loyal to their House and the aim is that for many years to come, there will be healthy and positive competition between Houses and an enjoyable sense of camaraderie belonging.

Good luck for the year ahead!

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