



8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### House System

As part of the continued changes to the school, we will be introducing a new House System. All of our students have been involved with choosing the names of the Houses, their colours and their logo, as well as suggesting house competitions and activities that they would like to participate in.

Year 11 will remain in a year system, and this will be led by a new member of staff – Mr Ayres. Who we are very excited to welcome to the school!

The House Structure will be as follows:

<p><b><u>Aqua</u></b> <b>House Leader:</b> Mr J Dale <b>Link Senior Leader:</b> Mr Anderson <b>Tutor groups:</b> 7KKR, 8MRH, 9FJS and 10 LAF</p>	<p><b><u>Ignis</u></b> <b>House Leader:</b> Mr Patchett <b>Link Senior Leader:</b> Mrs Hughes <b>Tutor groups:</b> 7KMN, 8EJC, 9NPD and 10 CJP</p>
<p><b><u>Terra</u></b> <b>House Leader:</b> Mrs Denham <b>Link Senior Leader:</b> Mrs Wallace <b>Tutor groups:</b> 7GWH, 8PBB, 9DMM, 9DDS and 10 DPM</p>	<p><b><u>Ventus</u></b> <b>House Leader:</b> Mr Rinaldi <b>Link Senior Leader:</b> Mrs Lee <b>Tutor groups:</b> 7LWR, 8FHB, 9CMH and 10 SEO</p>

### Teaching and Learning

This half-term we have had four external reviews of the school, these have focused on: Inclusion; Safeguarding; Art and Modern Foreign languages. These reviews have been very positive and we are now working to implement the recommendations and actions highlighted, supported by the Trust School Improvement Team. The reviews show that the school has already begun to make significant progress.

### Parents Evening

We have held two parents' evenings for Years 11 and 8, a Year 11 information evening for parents as well as a parent/carers evening to give all parents and carers the opportunity to meet with Senior Trust and school staff. It has been so nice to be able to meet with parents face to face and have the building open to everyone! We also really appreciate the time that you have taken to work with us.



### **Behaviour and Attitudes**

The new behaviour system was introduced at the start of the half term, this has had a real positive impact on student behaviour. We have carried out a number of student voice activities to gather student views and the students are telling us that their issues are now being dealt with much more speedily and positively. They also tell us that they see less disruption in lessons and we are also seeing an increase in the number of incidents students are reporting to us.

### **Respect Programme**

This term we have been joined by Owen Jones from Hope Not Hate and Leah Fewless from Corner house, to learn about prejudice, discrimination and LBGTQ+. This is part of our new Respect Programme which aims to challenge discrimination and prejudice as well as celebrate difference.

This programme will support our new PSHE Curriculum which will now be delivered as discrete lessons for years 7 to 10 as well as our new registration programme.

### **Fundraising**

The school has been running an aid appeal for Ukraine which has been led by students in Year 8. The students wrote to parents and created posters for this appeal and worked so hard to collect items and donations. As a school, we were overwhelmed with the support from students and their families. It took a whole afternoon to sort through the donations and pack them which was an amazing problem to have. Can I please thank you all for your generosity and support.

As part of the non uniform day the school also raised £560 for the aid appeal for Ukraine. In addition, the school raised a further £300 for Comic Relief.

Thank you to all the students, parents/carers and family members for this aid effort and for the donations to the non-uniform day and Comic Relief!

I hope that all the students enjoy their well deserved Easter Holidays!

Yours Faithfully

Mrs A Gardner  
Head of School