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Dear Parent or Carer,

## SCHA House System

Here at Sir Christopher Hatton Academy, we firmly believe experiences beyond the classroom and opportunities to develop students' character qualities and showcase their talents is all part of an excellent holistic education. It is with this in mind, that I take great pleasure in sharing with you information about our new House System that has recently been launched to our students across the school.

You will be aware that your child is part of one of four Houses; **Equinox, Luna, Orion, Titan**. Having worked with a range of students and staff in recent months we have created a shared vision for the House System here at SCHA. Our vision is:

*The House System is integral to the experience of all members of our school community, where students and staff have a strong sense of belonging to their House in a friendly, yet competitive environment.*

To help us realise this vision, we are creating a House Map of the Year incorporating several key elements including:

- **6-8 Annual Events** each year that we will repeat year on year such as Sports Day, Hatton's Got Talent and our Big Fat Quiz of the Year event.
- **Department Events** – each department will hold at least one event per year where students can showcase their talents
- **Friday House Sports** – a range of sporting activities held across the year for different year groups where students represent their House and compete against other Houses
- **The Sixth Form Wandering Trophy** - a series of Sixth Form and Staff competitions and events held throughout the year
- **Basics Competitions** – attendance, uniform and positive behaviour competitions where students doing the basics well are rewarded with points for their House
- **Form Tutor Challenges** – activities and events taking place during form time
- **House Celebration Assemblies** – held once per half term

Students will receive House Points for their House team at these events and competitions that will culminate in one of the Houses collecting the **Hatton House Cup** at the end of the academic year. We have had many students show huge enthusiasm for the new House System and events that have already taken place, including over 60 Year 7 students attending the recent Friday House Dodgeball tournament. We have had a large uptake of students applying to be part of their House Leadership Team where they can support their Head of House and Deputy Head of House with creating and developing their 'Team identity and ethos'.

I look forward to regularly sharing updates with you about the House system, including upcoming events, competitions and results of these. Please see the reverse of this letter for details of events happening this half term. Please do encourage your child to 'get involved' so they can develop their character qualities and showcase their talents, alongside contributing towards their House Team.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do direct them on email [reynoldsp@hattonacademy.org.uk](mailto:reynoldsp@hattonacademy.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Mr P Reynolds**  
**Assistant Principal**

Upcoming Events:

### **Friday House Sports**

Friday 24 November – Year 8 Mixed Dodgeball

Friday 1 December – Year 10/11 Girls Indoor Football

Friday 8 December – Year 10/11 Boys Dodgeball

Friday 15 December – Year 9 Girls Bench ball

### **Department Competition**

**Art and Design Create a Christmas / Happy Holiday Card competition**

*TASK: Design a Christmas card (A5 in size). You can be as creative as you like. Ensure your name, form and house is on the back of the design.*

Post in the Christmas Letter Box by reception by Friday 1 December 2023

### **Basics Competition**

**Attendance 25 for 25 competition** - For the last 25 days of this half term (16<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> December inclusive) if a student attends every session, they will receive 25 House Points towards their House Team's total

### **Sixth Form Wandering Trophy**

**Sixth Form and Staff Dodgeball Tournament** - Thursday 14 December

### **Christmas/Festive Jumper Day in conjunction with Food Bank Wellingborough**

Students can attend school in a **Christmas/Festive Jumper on Friday 15 December**. We will ask for Food Bank donations to support those in need in our local community. More information to follow regarding this.

### **Annual Event**

**Big Fat Quiz of the Year** – students will compete with their House Teammates on the final day of term in a Big Fat Quiz of the Year.

House	Head of House	Deputy Head of House
Equinox	Mr Gibbs	Mr Davis
Luna	Mr Badhan	Ms Hunt
Orion	Mr Clarke	Mrs Bradbury
Titan	Mr Verde	Ms Scobie