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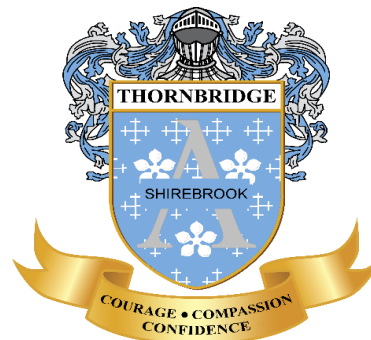
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Dear Parents/Carers



I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of an exciting introduction which was recently made to the Academy.

At the start of the academic year, we launched our very own House system at the Academy. All form groups across the Academy have been split in to Houses, with two from each year group representing each House – see below:

- Chatsworth: 7AFI, 7JBE, 8KWA, 8SDO, 9GHA, 9DLO, 10AOW, 10MST, 11NHE, 11ABN
- Hardwick: 7NCR, 7ADA, 8PMY, 8AGR, 9HCA, 9RGR, 10TMU, 10MCL, 11MMI, 11JRI
- Thornbridge: 7AMA, 7VNE, 8CSA, 8LMC, 9LHE, 9TDU, 10NSU, 10ABT, 11BGR, 11AJA

Evidence suggests that House systems often have a positive impact on behaviour, school culture, attendance and achievement over time, as well as improved student-student and student-teacher relationships. With this in mind we are confident that the introduction of a House system at Shirebrook Academy will have an incredibly positive impact on the entire Academy and the wider community.

Students will soon be receiving a colour-themed House badge which they will need to wear each day as part of their uniform. Our crests can be found above – with colour schemes linked to our Academy and Trust, and words which students chose to epitomise their House.

The aims of our House system are as follows:

- To generate competitive spirit
- To foster a 'family' spirit
- To generate positivity
- To reward students for epitomising our Ethos and Values
- To celebrate excellence

Amongst other things, students will be awarded House Points for:



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- Epitomising our 5Ps and Ethos and Values
- Excellent uniform
- Excellent attendance
- Excellent effort, progress, contribution, improvement or learning in lesson
- Praise in Faculty areas – such as Student of the Month
- Contribution to extracurricular activities
- Contribution to the community
- Awarding of Shirebrook Star or Shirebrook Shining Star
- Receiving a reward in Celebration Assemblies
- Participating in (and/or winning) Academy competitions/events

At the time of writing, Chatsworth are currently leading the way for House Points – see below our current standings:

1<sup>st</sup> – Chatsworth – 13924  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Thornbridge – 12075  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Hardwick – 11842

Over to Hardwick and Thornbridge, to challenge Chatsworth in the build up to Christmas!

Here are some interesting facts about our Chatsworth, Hardwick and Thornbridge!

- Chatsworth – stately home in the Derbyshire Dales. Interesting fact – Chatsworth was featured in the film *Pride and Prejudice* and the TV series 'Peakay Blinders'
- Hardwick – country house from Elizabethan era in Derbyshire. Interesting fact – Hardwick was featured in the film 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows' (Malfoy Manor)
- Thornbridge – a stately home in the Derbyshire Dales. Interesting fact – Thornbridge was once used as a teacher training college and a multi-purpose Education Centre

The historical significance of these Stately Homes carries significant educational value and we will look to ensure that learning focuses on their history, and where possible look to explore opportunities for educational trips and visits.

We look forward to sharing more news and achievements linked to our House system over the coming weeks and months.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Edwards, Assistant Principal: Behaviour, Attitudes and Pastoral Care



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