

K/HouseSystem/Blue/HoH/sep11/hoc

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Dear Parents/Carers

The new term is now under way; students are settling into their learning routines, and all have been introduced to the new house system. Each house is currently identified by a colour and over this term both students and staff will be involved in generating House names, which we anticipate will be adopted by October half-term.

Your child is in 'Blue House' and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Head of Blue House, alongside my Deputy, Miss Bryan and Student Manager, Mrs Sawyer.

It is our aim for all students in our house to be successful, happy and achieve their potential at school. As a team, working closely with your child's tutors, we are responsible for monitoring behaviour, attendance (every child is expected to aim for 100% attendance) and academic achievement.

Moving to a house system is an exciting time here at Denefield, building on our community ethos and sense of healthy competition and success. As a part of this desire to build a safer, more respectful learning environment I would like to share with you the strong values we will be upholding within Blue House.

**Team Spirit** – supporting and actively taking part

**Effort** – regardless of ability; always trying your best

**Success** – achieving or exceeding your targets and always aiming to excel

**Determination** – overcoming challenges; not giving up when things get tough

**Respect** – being polite and thoughtful towards others

These values aim to develop your child into a well rounded individual who can confidently and happily engage in the wider community and the world of work. In conjunction with this, we encourage participation in a multitude of activities; team sports, charity events, music/drama and dance productions, science and maths challenges and other exciting extracurricular events. Not only are these a fantastic way of developing new skills, they also offer students the opportunity to gain valuable house points, which will ultimately help us get our hands on the prized house cup!

In order for you to support us with this new and exciting venture, please can I ask you undertake the following:

- Please can you check your child's planner and sign it on a weekly basis and ensure they have the correct equipment to enable them to learn without disruption.

- Ensure your child is in the correct uniform ('hoodies' are NOT allowed on the school premises)
- Ensure your child is not late/absent from school without extenuating circumstances

If you have any concerns over your child's progress within school, please contact the tutor who is there to support and answer queries in the first instance. Persistent causes for concern will automatically be referred to the Deputy and Head of House.

It is great privilege to be leading the Blue House. As a team we are all looking forward to the academic year and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely

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