

June 2026

Dear Class of 2031 (and families),

We are delighted to welcome you to the **Burton Borough School** community. As you prepare for this exciting next step, we are pleased to share your **house allocation** and what it will mean for you as you begin your journey with us.

Your House Allocation

Alongside this letter, you will have been sent a **link to a short video** which confirms your house allocation. You will have been allocated to one of our three houses – **Chetwynd** (red tie), **Hawkstone** (green tie), **Aqualate** (purple tie).

If you have a **sibling** who currently attends **Burton Borough School**, you may notice that you have **not** been placed in the same house. Whilst we have **traditionally** matched sibling houses, over the past year we have been working hard to **further integrate our house system into school life**. As a result, we have decided **not to match sibling houses** going forward. This will help us with **organising house assemblies** and **inter-house competitions**. Please note that this will **not** affect tutor group allocations or students' ability to be placed with familiar peers.

You may find that **some of your friends** are in a **different house** to you, and that is absolutely okay. Our **house system** is not about separating friends, it is about **bringing our whole school community together** in a different way. It gives you the **opportunity to meet new people, work with students from across all year groups**, and **build friendships** you might not have made otherwise. Your house allocation **does not affect your teaching groups** or **tutor group placement**. You will still **learn, grow**, and **succeed** in the same lessons as everyone else.

You will need to remember your **house allocation** when purchasing a **Burton Borough tie** and for when you join in **September**. You will **not** be organised during our **transition activities** according to your houses.

What Our Houses Represent

Each house has its **own identity**, rooted in **local heritage** and **shared values**:



Chetwynd – Strength Runs Red Through Us All

Built on resilience, tradition and support for others.

Charity: Newport Food Bank



Hawkstone – Green & Strong, it's where we belong

A symbol of courage, teamwork and unity.

Charity: Midlands Air Ambulance



Aqualate – Purple with Purpose

Representing ambition, determination and community spirit.

Charity: The Hub, Newport

Life in Your House

Your house will be at the **heart of your experience** here. Across the year, you will take part in a range of **exciting inter-house events** including **sports, creative challenges, and fundraising activities**. These moments are designed to help you **build confidence**, show **teamwork**, and **feel proud** of your contribution to both **your house** and your **school**.

Looking Ahead

The next letter you will receive will be on **Thursday 4th June**. This letter will **confirm your tutor allocation**. You will be **given a colour** for your tutor group, and you will need to remember this colour for the **pre-transition sessions**.

Please **do not worry about your tutor group allocation**, tutor groups are simply another way we **organise support** and **help you settle** into school life. They **do not** limit **your friendships** or **opportunities**.

We are very much looking forward to **welcoming you** and seeing the **energy, enthusiasm, and individuality** you **bring to your house**, your **year group**, and the **wider school community**.

Kind regards,

BBS Transition Team