



# Montgomery High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about the exciting new house system that we are launching at Montgomery. The house system is designed to embody the values and ethos of the school, aiming to be an integral part of our school community.

The house competition is about participation and working together with students from all year groups. It provides students with opportunities to be a leader either by being a house captain, being elected as an ambassador or even taking responsibility to help lead a specific activity or event.

Our aim is to provide every student in each house with the following:

- a sense of belonging within the school community,
- opportunities to develop social, intellectual, physical and practical skills,
- a sense of achievement both inside and outside of the classroom,
- fun and excitement through competition,
- opportunities for leadership,
- an awareness of individual and collective responsibility.

Students have been assigned to one of four houses alongside their Progress Tutor and Tutor Group. Each house has a Head of House overseeing all house challenges and activities. Every member of staff is also attached to a house and we would like parents and carers to feel a part of this journey- regular house point updates and challenge information will be shown on the house twitter feed-

<https://twitter.com/MontyHouseInfo>. Each student will be issued with a fabric strip of their house colour. This will need to be ironed/sewn onto their blazers in order to join the weekly challenges and other events that will take place. If students lose the house strip, they will be required to pay 50p to replace it. Staff will be assisting in the ironing process throughout the next few weeks to help to support this process and get as many students representing their house as soon as possible, however it is recommended that they are also sewn onto the blazer to keep them in place after regular washes.

Each house is in competition with one another, the aim is to achieve the highest number of house points at the end of each term and most importantly by the end of the academic year. Regular house point totals will be advertised in tutor time and around the school. Students can contribute to their house point totals in a number of ways both in and out of the classroom through:

### Weekly Challenges

- **Ambition Points-** Students are awarded ambition points for effort and achievement in lessons. Each week house points will be awarded to the winning houses.
- **Attendance-** The average attendance for each week will be calculated. Each week house points will be awarded to the winning houses.



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- **House Challenges-** Each week students will embark on a weekly challenge in which students will compete against other houses to be awarded weekly house points. The challenges will be linked to different subject areas throughout the year and available to all students.

## **Bonus Challenge Opportunities**

- **Charity fundraising-** Each house will work with a local charity which they will support throughout the year. Every £1 that the house earns will equate to 1 house point.
- **I am learning engagement-** Every half term the top student that has engaged with I am learning will gain 50 bonus house points.
- **Accelerated Reading-** Word counts will be linked to house points in years 7 & 8 with the top readers in each house acknowledged.
- **PIXL Engagement-** Every half term the top student that has engaged with PIXL will gain 50 bonus house points.
- **Extra-Curricular Clubs** - Students can also earn house points for their involvement with extracurricular clubs. These can be achieved by students showing commitment through high attendance, outstanding effort and outstanding achievement. (At the end of each term students can ask the teacher in charge of the club they have attended, to email the house leader with specific information of the achievement to earn relevant house points.)
- **Academic Achievement** – Students that make the Montgomery Way will be added to the house totals.
  - Diamond students- **20 points (per student)**
  - Gold students- **10 points (per student)**
  - Silver students- **5 points (per student)**
  - Bronze students- **2 points (per student)**

We are looking forward to introducing the house system and our wish is that all students, staff and parents are involved with more opportunities available to students outside of the classroom as well as in. As always I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions, ideas or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Cumming

Assistant Leader of Pastoral and Welfare.