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### Academy House System Re-Launch

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some of the exciting changes that are taking place regarding the Academy's House System.

Students and staff have voted for new House names and have decided on Turing, Seacole, Bilocca and Whitely. The House names represent a cross section of our local and wider community and feature key historical figures who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in their own fields as it is vitally important that students have such role models to learn from.

A House system is incredibly important for students as it gives them a sense of pride and belonging. Through House competitions, students learn a range of valuable character building skills such as resilience and team work as well as leadership skills. Students are allocated a House when they join the Academy and remain in that House for the remainder of their time at The Boulevard Academy. They are encouraged to earn House points throughout their studies and can take part in regular competitions with the other Houses. The House System allows every student, regardless of their ability, the chance to take part in a wide range of activities and in doing so develop their self-esteem and confidence.

Please see below for current House competitions for students to get involved in!

**The English Department's Literacy competition – 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Students will be provided with a picture that they have to describe. The description must be EXACTLY 200 words – no more, no less! Prizes include: merits, sweets and a VIP spot in our newsletter!

**The Business Department's Design a mask competition – 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Students will be tasked with designing a face mask. The winning design will be created through our partnership with a local printing business.

Details of the 2021 competitions will be announced shortly via our social media channels and further information on the House System can be found on our website.

**Regular rewards and a House Cup finale!**

Each competition brings with it the opportunity for students to earn merits for their House. Every merit collected by the students of each House will be totalled at Sports Day in July 2021. The House with the most merits from all its members will be awarded the House Cup, which they will have rights over for the following year. Besides the House Cup, the merits awarded to students can also result in pizza lunches, certificates, and other exciting prizes. Most importantly, every merit a student receives in the classroom is also counted towards their House, as we believe hard work and engagement are key qualities for success.



The current House leader board as of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 is:

Whiteley	46,382 points
Seacole	44,080 points
Bilocca	43,824 points
Turing	43,723 points

Please contact the Academy if you have any questions regarding the House System. If your child is unsure of their allocated House then they can ask their Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Yours faithfully,

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House System Coordinator