

# **PASTORAL CARE**

## **LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILDREN**

Although Yateley is a large school, every student is valued as an individual. When students first arrive, they are placed into a tutor group with other students of all abilities and backgrounds, within one of the school's four Houses. The form tutor looks after the welfare of each student and deals with the day to day administration.

In charge of each House is a Head of House and an Assistant Head of House who will oversee your child's progress through the school and ensure that high standards of academic progress, behaviour and appearance are maintained.

## **HOUSES**

It is intended that siblings within a family will be in the same House to enable effective liaison between school and home. The House system also allows for competition and co-operation in sporting, dramatic, musical, social and charitable activities. Each house has its own colour and house affiliation is shown by a coloured stripe – green, red, yellow and blue on our sweaters. The four houses are:



<b>Darwin House</b>	
Head of House	Mr Coggan
Assistant Head of House	Mrs Danelutti
Ethos	Courage and freedom
Local Charity	Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care
National Charity	Teenage Cancer Trust
House Colour	Green



<b>Nightingale House</b>	
Head of House	Mrs Short
Assistant Head of House	Mrs Goldwater
Ethos	No excuses
Local Charity	Frimley Park Breast Care Appeal
National Charity	Make A Wish
House Colour	Red



<b>Pankhurst House</b>	
Head of House	Mrs Uttley
Assistant Head of House	Mrs Balls
Ethos	Deeds not words
Local Charity	Parity for Disability
National Charity	Cancer Research
House Colour	Yellow



<b>Wilberforce House</b>	
Head of House	Mrs Williams
Assistant Head of House	Mrs Penman
Ethos	Equality and fairness
Local Charity	The Brain Tumour Trust
National Charity	Diabetes UK
House Colour	Blue

## **ASSEMBLIES**

Year 7 will normally attend assemblies once a week. These will usually be House assemblies one week and year assemblies the next.

Once a year in the summer term we have a Celebration Day assembly at which students are awarded certificates for achievement, service to the school, etc.

## **HOUSE POINTS**

We encourage participation, helpfulness and achievement through awarding House points or commendations. House points are awarded for good answers in class, acts of helpfulness, supporting school activities and of course, good work. For excellent work, consistent helpfulness and success in school activities, a commendation can be awarded. This is worth 10 House points. For outstanding efforts or achievements, a Headteacher's Commendation (20 House points) may be awarded.

There are a wide variety of other ways in which student achievement is recognised and recorded as House points. Parents are able to see when their child is awarded points during the day via the School Gateway App. If parents have downloaded the app, they will get a notification instantly when any achievement is logged in our SIMS

school system for their child (details regarding the app and how to access information will be emailed to you in September).

Students who receive 100, 250, 500 and 1000 House points will receive a certificate. All House points contribute to a House Cup which is a fiercely fought contest.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

A fire drill is held each term to ensure that students are aware of evacuation procedures. Form Tutors will explain these procedures at the start of the autumn term and will show students where they should assemble whenever the fire bell sounds.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The school's Attendance policy is attached to this booklet as appendix 1. *Please sign the appropriate reply slip and return to school along with all other forms.*