

THE BRAKENHALE SCHOOL, RECTORY LANE, BRACKNELL, BERKSHIRE RG12 7BA

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Year 7

The Brakenhale School house system was created to further encourage a feeling of community within the school. School houses bring great benefits to the school in that they:

- provide supportive family groups to which all members of the school will belong
- create a strong feeling of community within the school
- encourage participation in all aspects of school life
- give students responsibility by providing roles in the leadership and management of the houses.

The School Council was instrumental in setting up the House System in 2009 and consulted widely with the student body resulting in the houses being named after famous and influential people of the 20th Century. The houses are named after Winston Churchill, Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt and Nelson Mandela; a short biography of these famous people is enclosed.

The house colours have been designated as follows:

- Churchill - Blue
- Gandhi - Green
- Roosevelt - Red
- Mandela - Yellow

There will be various events such as quizzes and competitions in sport and the performing arts.

Your child has been allocated to one of the four houses (individual letters of notification have been sent out).

It is our policy that siblings within the school are placed in the same house. Any issues where brothers and sisters have not been allocated to the same house should be notified to Student Reception as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Paul Salter
Headteacher

