

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to express a warm welcome to you and your son as our newest members of Sartorius House. Below you will find some information on the House which I hope will be a useful reference point across the year. I look forward to seeing your son participate and hope to see you cheering with me at future House events.

#### **Key House Members**

**Mr Royle:** *Head of House* - I deal with the overall running of Sartorius House, so any questions or concerns please do let me know.

**Mr Parkes:** *7Sa Form Tutor* – Mr Parkes will assist the form in organising teams, giving event reminders and supporting their pastoral needs.

**House Captain: Patrick (135a)** – Patrick leads a team of House Prefects who, between them, will recruit and manage House events. The team will come to introduce themselves to the form in the first week and will visit the form regularly.

## **Sartorius House History**

Sartorius is named after three brothers; Euston, Reginald and George all of whom are Old Victorians who served in the army. What makes this family unique is that the oldest two both received a Victoria Cross for bravery in conflict. Sartorius is the only house that has two Victoria Crosses to its name!

Sartorius' House colour is Red and our mascot is a dragon. Our Motto **Ymdrech Alwydffa** translates as **"Effort leads to success".** 

#### **House Cups and Events**

Across the year, every house competes for the overall School Challenge Cup, this is defined by three categories which each have their own trophies, and also considers the reward points accumulated for the year across all year groups.

**The Blomfield Shield:** This includes various sports competitions across the year including rugby, football, tennis, hockey, cricket and many more. It also includes the Knights Shield (a school based running event during Founders' Week), Swimming Gala, Cross Country and Sports day.

**The Landick Cup:** This includes our creative arts competitions; House Drama which takes place in October, House Music and House Art which both take place in the Spring Term. More information on these events is sent via the College Newsletter nearer the time.

**The Ed Le Quesne Cup:** This includes our academic competitions such as House Chess, General Knowledge Quiz, Computer Science games challenge 'Flippy Bit' and two of our new events House Escape Room and Rubix Cube.

**Founders' Walk:** This is one of our main charity events. We ask for sponsorship for the annual walk in September which goes towards our Victoria College foundation and assisting students with bursaries. If you wish to give a donation, the information on how to donate is sent out close to Founders' week in the College newsletter.

At the beginning of term, your son will complete a Microsoft Form which will list the different events. He will tick which ones he is good at/ enjoys so that we have an idea when choosing teams who is interested and ensures fairness in participation. This does not guarantee he will do the event (all events require certain numbers, some only 1 person) but we will do our best to ensure all boys participate in some events they are interested in.

### **Rewards System**

For each event your son participates in, a house point is given (this is different from an academic/achievement reward point which are recorded separately). Some events carry more points than others, all are kept in a tally, recorded by the Head of House. When a student reaches a certain number of points, they will receive their House Colours badge. The junior badge will be rewarded to those in Year 7 & 8, the Colts badge to Years 9 &10 and a Senior tie to Year 11& Sixth Form.

# **House Charity and Events**

In Sartorius House, we raise money for Sightsavers International and Jersey Diabetes.

We have some events to raise money for our charity including some non-uniform days, a House Meal and our annual Apple Picking event coming up soon. More information will be sent out separately via the College Newsletter.

With kind regards,

Mr A Royle Head of House