

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to express a warm welcome to you and your son as our newest members of Diarmid 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**

**Mrs Kellett: *Head of House*** - I deal with the overall running of Diarmid House so any questions or concerns please do let me know.

**Mr Durkin: *7Di Form Tutor*** - He will assist the form in organising teams, giving event reminders and recording house points.

**House Captain: *Ollie (13Di)*** - Ollie leads a team of 4 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.

### **Diarmid House History**

Diarmid House is named after Allastair McCready-Diarmid, an Old Victorian who served in the First World War with great distinction, being awarded a Victoria Cross for gallantry. Our House colour is purple, the shark is our House animal Mascot and our motto 'Stamos Unito' which means 'united we stand'. Though we are the youngest House, we have a proud history of success in all areas of College life.

### **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 College 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.

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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 Diarmid House, we raise money for MIND Jersey. We have an annual assembly from MIND that explains to the boys what our money is used for which is always well received.

### **Fundraising Socials**

We also have some events to raise money for our charity including our House Meal and House Bowling. More information will be sent out nearer the time via the College Newsletter.

### **Key things of note**

**Purple clothing:** For dress down days and events which require your own clothes such as the Founders' Walk, we ask that your son wears an item of purple.

With kind regards,

**Mrs S Kellett**  
**Head of House**

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