

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Farrington Community Academy we are proud of the pastoral care and support that we provide our students. To further strengthen and build on this, from Monday 25th June, we are introducing a House system.

We want our House system to reflect the proud history and culture of Sunderland, along with the vision and the values of our Academy. We have therefore decided to base our House system on the rich heritage of the ship building industry, an industry that was built on the hard work, endeavour, resilience and the aspiration to be the best in the world, all values that align themselves with Farrington Community Academy.

Our House system will comprise 4 Houses, all named after famous shipyards in Sunderland. They are Thompson, Crown, Laing and Austin. Each House will consist of 8 tutor groups and will be supported by a Head of House, Progress Leader and a member of SLT. Your first port of call will always be the form tutor. It is the tutors who are, in effect, the students' champions. It is the form tutor who best knows each child in a class of 30 students. Students will be placed in vertical tutor groups, which means their form will consist of students from years 7 to 11.

Heads of House will work closely with Form Tutors to ensure that the students, within their House, are supported effectively. They will provide support with behaviour and attendance whilst working with our most vulnerable students. Progress Leaders will monitor the progress of the students within their House and ensure action is taken to prevent underachievement. Details of your child's Head of House and Progress Leader can be found on the school website. Students will be easily identifiable by their distinct House tie, for boys, and badge for girls.

Our House system is designed to encourage an environment of reward and competition. Each year the houses will compete for the House Trophy. Students will gain points for their house through good attendance, good effort and achievement in their work, by contributing positively to the life of the Academy or by competing in one of the many House sports competitions we will run each year.

Students will be informed of the House system during a series of assemblies on Monday 18th June and will be told of their House, tutor, tutor group, tutor room on Friday 22nd June.

Yours sincerely,



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