



Lady Lumley's School

being our best

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you and consult with you, regarding an exciting leadership opportunity that we will launch at Lady Lumley's School this half term. We have nearly 900 students with a range of talents and interests who currently benefit from an extensive enrichment experience as well as our taught curriculum. Our students have also proven themselves to be leaders through opportunities such as the Sport's Leaders programme. There is untapped leadership potential in our students that we would like to engage with, through the House System.

The House System was originally created in 1930 to support sporting competitions. In 1936 the school was given permission to name the first two houses Feversham and Acland. When the new school site was built on Swainsea Lane and the number of students attending increased another house, Highfield, was created with a fourth house established in 1973, Hainsworth house. Thus, the Houses have evolved over time to suit the demands of the school. Consequently, we are at point where we need to add two new houses to ensure all students in the school can fully benefit from the House System.

The House System has been a crucial vehicle to support sporting competitions and social events at Lady Lumley's which have been interrupted and paused by 'lock downs' caused by the pandemic. We now have the opportunity to refresh and galvanise this tradition and adapt it to the current context.

I have worked alongside local historian and author John Smith to investigate possible candidates for the new houses, which would then give Lady Lumley's 6 houses.

For many years, there has been a tradition that when students join the school they automatically go into the same house as their parents or siblings. The intake area has grown over the years, with students joining us from Pickering to Scarborough. If we were to maintain this tradition, the houses would be about where a student lives which goes against the community integration that we are working to achieve. Therefore, new houses will be assigned to students based on which tutor group they are currently in.

If any parents/careers feel strongly about having their children remain in a particular house, I would encourage you to contact me via email s.thompson@ll.coastandvale.academy to share your concerns and see if accommodations can be made. Please can all correspondence be made by Monday 7th November.

Kind regards

Sarah Thompson