



INTER-HOUSE NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has seen a brilliant display of teamwork and House spirit. Students across all year groups have taken part with real enthusiasm, whether through competitions during lesson time or beyond the classroom.

Our House Leaders have continued to set an excellent example, helping to promote kindness, participation and high standards across the school. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, your energy and commitment are what make our House community so strong. We look forward to even more achievements and celebrations next half term!

Miss R Golightly
Assistant Principal



I am delighted to be writing this as my first contribution to the Inter-House newsletter. Having worked at Oxted School for 12 years in various different roles nothing gives me greater satisfaction than seeing our students engage in their Inter-House competitions. The sense of belonging to a House community is key to ensuring our students feel a sense of belonging at Oxted School and is a huge part of our school's history.

This Spring term I have had the pleasure of watching students take part in Inter-House activities involving Maths, Science and English, and this week I have especially enjoyed seeing the range of fancy dress worn by the Sixth Form to raise money for two charities close to our heart – Clockwork and Brake.

I hope you enjoy reading about everything our House system has achieved this Spring term. Wishing you all a restful Easter break.

Mrs Connell
Head of House Co-Ordinator



'Leading the Way'



'Born to Compete,
Driven to Win'



'Growing Our
Pride By Getting
Involved'



'Proud to Be
Purple, Strong in
Spirit'



Stand Firm,
Fear Nothing'



Completing Our Student Leadership Team – Applications Now Open for House Ambassadors

With our House Captains, Deputy House Captains and House Representatives already doing a fantastic job representing their peers, we are now ready to complete our student Leadership structure by appointing House Ambassadors. This final stage will ensure every House has a strong, active team of students helping to shape events, strengthen community spirit and support the continued success of our Inter-House system.

We are still looking for House Ambassadors, particularly from Year 9 and Year 10, and encourage students from these year groups to consider getting involved. In addition, current Year 11 students who are planning to stay on for Sixth Form may wish to think about applying to become Deputy House Captains, offering a great opportunity to step further into leadership as they continue their studies.

House Ambassadors will play a key role in bringing ideas from tutor groups to life, working closely with House Captains, Deputy House Captains and with Mrs Connell, our Head of House Co-ordinator. They will help promote activities, support fundraising events and contribute creatively to the development of new Inter-House opportunities throughout the year.

We encourage students who are enthusiastic, organised and passionate about their House to apply. It is a wonderful chance to develop confidence and leadership skills while making a meaningful contribution to our school community.

We look forward to welcoming our new House Ambassadors soon and completing the full team that will carry the House system forward this year.

Inter-House Curriculum Competitions – Latest Results

Pi Day

Well done to Grants who took the top spot in Pi Day, led by Olivia (Year 10) who recited an impressive 240 digits of Pi! Every student that participated earned House points with Grants earning 500 House points towards the Inter-House cup. Closely followed by Stocketts in second and Detillens in third. Thank you to the Maths department for making this such a success.



Science Inter-House Challenges

Science have been a busy department this Spring term with Years 7, 10 and 11 all completing different experiments in lesson for their Inter-House activity. Well done to Year 7 Foyles who won the Year 7 Inter-House by moving the most cubes of jelly from one place to another using only chopsticks! Year 10 and Year 11 had the challenge to make an origami box to hold 50ml of water and be the first team to boil the water, with the micro-bunsen burners, to a temperature of 70 degrees. Congratulations to Year 10 Grants and Year 11 Tenchelys who came out victorious!



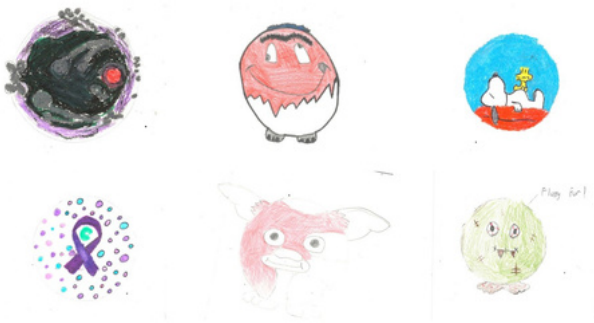


Red Nose Day - Design Yer Nose Challenge

During lunchtime, students took part in our special Red Nose Day challenge 'Design Yer Nose', creating their very own imaginative red-nose designs. We were thrilled by the creativity and enthusiasm shown across all year groups.

Congratulations to our overall winner, Stanley C (Year 7), whose design really stood out. Second place was awarded to Miles B (Year 9) for his fantastic entry.

A big well done as well to Iliana D-S, Freya M, Henry J and Alex O, whose brilliant designs are also featured below. Wonderful participation from everyone involved!



Lyric Story Competition

English ran a very amusing competition this term! Each tutor group had to submit one song lyric to their House Captains and Deputy House Captains. The Sixth Form House team then had to take all the lyrics and make them into a short story! We had some amusing stories submitted from all Houses, however, the overall winners were Foyles with Katherine (House Captain) and Ben (Deputy House Captain) putting together the best short story. Judges were from the partnership, therefore eliminating any bias towards a House (staff can all get rather protective of our own Houses in school!). Also, a big well done to **Stocketts** and **Tenchleys** who came joint second.

Upcoming Inter-House Events

The Summer term is looking to be as action packed as the rest of this year. We are looking forward to the following Inter-House activities.

- English are running a poetry competition for all year groups
- Maths have their ongoing Sparx competition
- Science are moving on to a Sixth Form Inter-House competition
- PE are running rounders Inter-House in lessons, please ensure you have your PE uniform ready to take part on your PE days!
- Geography are running a name the flag competition
- History are running an Inter-House competition for Year 8 '**Life in the Trenches**'
- The Art Department are running a mask making competition for all year groups
- Computer Science are running a Raspberry Pi coding competition - this is open for all year groups, please see Miss Killick in Computer Science for sign up details



Lyric Story Competition - Winners Foyles



"We are the Champions of the World!" blared from the school speaker as the hall filled with cheers. It was the final round of the House Quiz, and Foyles were tied for first. My best friend muttered, "I push my fingers into my eyes," trying to block out the noise and think through the last impossible question. Across the row, students grinned nervously and whispered, "Never gonna give you up," like a promise to the rest of us. The clock ticked down. Doubt crept in, but Foyles stood tall, took a breath, and smiled. "Let it go, let it go, can't hold it back anymore." We stopped overthinking and trusted ourselves. The buzzer sounded. Our answer flashed on the screen. CORRECT! For a second there was silence. Then the hall erupted. We weren't just celebrating points, we were celebrating teamwork, courage, and the moment we realised we could actually win!



House Charities



Next term, every House will be taking on an exciting fundraising challenge in support of their chosen House charity. Our House Captains and Deputies are already buzzing with creative ideas, and we can not wait to see the fantastic activities they will design to raise money for such meaningful causes. From fun competitions to inventive team events, we know our students will bring their enthusiasm, teamwork and house spirit to every moment. Let's make this our most successful fundraising event!

<p>Grants - Great Ormond Street Hospital</p>	<p>Grants House will be supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital, a charity that provides life-changing care for children with complex and serious health conditions. Students will be helping raise awareness and funds for the incredible work GOSH does every day.</p>
<p>Detillens - The Fountain Centre</p>	<p>Detillens have chosen The Fountain Centre, a local charity offering vital emotional and practical support to individuals and families affected by cancer. This cause brings the House community together around empathy and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Foyles - British Red Cross</p>	<p>Foyles have selected the British Red Cross, an organisation known for its humanitarian support both in the UK and around the world. Students will help raise awareness of the vital work done in crisis response, health support and community outreach.</p>
<p>Stocketts - Surrey Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>Stocketts House is championing Surrey Wildlife Trust, a charity dedicated to protecting local habitats and wildlife. This choice reflects a commitment to sustainability, conservation and caring for our environment.</p>
<p>Tenchleys - Young Lives vs Cancer</p>	<p>Tenchleys will be raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer, a charity that supports children and young people undergoing cancer treatment, as well as their families. Their efforts will help make a real difference to young people facing unimaginable challenges.</p>



Inter-House Update – Cumulative Results So Far

We are excited to share our leaderboard for cumulative House points since September, along with our Inter-House Cup leaders. Well done to Grants House who, with one term remaining, are making great strides towards retaining their title of Champion House. With a full term still to go, there is everything to play for! Detillens are currently in the lead for Inter-House activities, but with 500 House points awarded each time an event is won, I am sure that Grants and Foyles will not let that gap stand for long. These impressive totals reflect the hard work and dedication of our students, who should feel immense pride each day as they put on their ties and represent their House, demonstrating Oxted BASICS and FINEST every day, every lesson. Oxted School is lucky to have you!

Cumulative House Points (from September)

Grants	379,190
Foyles	355,740
Detillens	349,115
Stocketts	348,075
Tenchleys	313,575

Inter-House Cup Running Totals

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Online Safety Reminder

An app and website called OME TV has been brought to our attention. This platform is strictly for over-18s and contains inappropriate content.

Please can we take this opportunity to ask you to check your child's phone and remind them about staying safe online.

As always, thank you for your support.



#teamOxted

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

- Snapchat
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Whatsapp
- YouTube
- Facebook
- Pinterest
- TikTok

- Tumblr
- LinkedIn

- Flickr
- Tinder
- OME TV

