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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share with you an update to our new whole-school initiative at Cansfield: the launch of our House System. As previously mentioned, what makes this initiative particularly special is that it has been developed in partnership with our students. Students were invited to contribute ideas for the structure, names and values of the Houses, and they then voted to select the final outcomes. This ensures that the House System genuinely reflects the voice, aspirations and identity of our student community.

This marks an important step in strengthening our school community, developing a deeper sense of belonging for every student, and celebrating the values that define Cansfield. This initiative will help bring our school together through shared identity, pride and participation.

I am proud to announce the house names:-

- Sycamore – Aspiration
House Lead: Mrs Shaw
- Blossom – Respect
House Lead: Miss Sturdy
- Oak – Courage
House Lead: Mr Gregory
- Willow – Honour
House Lead: Mr McKay

Each House name reflects strength, growth and character, while the associated values underpin our expectations for every student: to strive for excellence, show respect to others, demonstrate courage in their learning, and act with integrity.

Student Leadership Opportunities

We would like to congratulate our Year 10 House Leaders, who have been selected to take on this important role. They will play a key part in shaping their Houses and will lead them with pride, acting as role models for younger students.

In September, we will also be appointing our Key Stage 3 House Ambassadors, providing younger students with the opportunity to represent their peers, contribute ideas and grow as future leaders within our school community.

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What will this mean for students?

Students will have opportunities to:

- Take part in House competitions (academic, sporting and creative)
- Earn House points for effort, achievement and contribution
- Represent their House in events such as Sports Day and CANSFest
- Develop leadership skills through student-led roles
- Feel part of a supportive community beyond their tutor group

This initiative supports our wider commitment to:

- Inclusion and belonging for all students
- High expectations and shared responsibility
- Building character and leadership
- Enhancing engagement, attendance and participation

The House System will help ensure that every student feels a strong sense of identity and connection within school.

Next Steps

Students will be informed of their House allocation shortly, and we will begin launching House activities and events over the coming weeks.

We would also encourage you to follow our school social media channels, where we will be sharing some exciting developments as the House System comes to life – including our tree planting, which symbolises the growth, strength and identity of each House.

We are incredibly excited about the positive impact this will have on our school community and look forward to celebrating the success of all our Houses together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Daniels
Headteacher