



Welcome to **ABRAHAMS HOUSE!**

House Champions – 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023 & 2023/2024!

Hello! My name is Miss Kugeniek (Miss K) and I am the very proud Head of Abrahams House. Each year group has two form classes per year in their House – one from band X and one from band Y. Every student in our House is AMAZING! Every member of staff is assigned to a House too – so it really does bring the whole school community together and creates a wonderful sense of friendly competition.

Once students are in Year 8, they are given the opportunity to apply to be House Captain of their House. This year I would like to congratulate Ahsan and Connie who are the new Abrahams House Captains and Tilly, Ella and Harrison who are the Abrahams Deputy House Captains! They are full of enthusiasm and are going to do a wonderful job, in the academic year 2025/26.

Our House is named after Harold Abrahams who was an English track and field athlete and an Olympic gold medallist. His athletic events were long jump and sprinting. Harold Abrahams was born in Bedford. The well-known film 'Chariots of Fire', tells the true story of Abrahams life. This is where our House motto originates from:

'With wings on their heels and hope in their hearts'

This motto represents Abrahams House because we want all of our students to believe in themselves, as much as we believe in them. Also, we want our students to embrace new opportunities with enthusiasm and enjoyment. The motto also fits perfectly with what everyone has been through during the last few years – **hope** has kept so many of us going!

Our House Ethos

We believe that being part of a team, gives an individual a sense of belonging and belief in themselves. Abrahams House is about working together as a team, always trying your best, looking out for each other, being respectful, enthusiastic, determined, resilient, kind and always demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Although we are competitive (Miss K maybe more than anyone), our main focus is to ensure that every student in Abrahams feels included and a part of our team. Throughout the year, there are various House Competitions for all students and staff to participate in and our Abrahams students and staff NEVER fail to amaze us with their determination and effort to earn points for their House, as well as themselves. We want our students to give

everything a go and demonstrate a can-do attitude. This is one of the many reasons as to why we have the strongest team spirit!

Abrahams House Information

Our House colour is yellow and you will notice our logo in lots of places around the school – the four House logos look amazing located on the year 5 block and in the sports hall we each have a sign, which shows our logo, motto, and the person our House is named after. Watch out for the yellow pom poms too!

We also have House Facebook pages which are used to share: House competitions, House competition entries and placings, examples of excellent work in lessons, pictures/videos sent in to us by parents/carers (school or non-school related), achievements, fundraising and the House points table update. Please like/follow the Facebook page (RBA Abrahams) and email kkugeniek@bestacademies.org.uk with anything you would like Miss K to share.

Another aim of Robert Bloomfield's House system is for each House to run events to help support their chosen charity. Our focus – reflecting RBA's ethos, ***Vitality, Opportunity, Independence, Community and Excellence***, is to raise money for local charities to support our community and to work together to help others. This year, ALL four Houses will be supporting the same two charities - the 'Caraline Charity' and the 'Ronald Mcdonald House Charity'. This is the first time all four Houses have supported the same charities but we have a very important reason for doing so. We sadly lost a very beloved member of the RBA and Shefford community unexpectedly earlier in the year – Mr Steve Fox, who was the previous Head of School at RBA. These two charities were chosen by his wife, as the charities to make contributions to at his funeral. We hope to raise as much money as possible, to support these two very special charities which are very close to the families' hearts.

Every year, the four Houses compete to be awarded with the House trophy. The new House system began in (2019/2020) and Abrahams were the first winners and have won five years in a row! This makes me so proud and really highlights the team spirit and dedication from our students and staff. There are various ways in which students can earn points for Abrahams, including: their VOICE note having a full day of ticks, demonstrating any of the VOICE values during their lessons or outside of the classroom, outstanding reports, entering House competitions, plus many other ways. Some of the superb House competitions we have on offer include: Bloomfield's Got Talent, The Great Bloomfield Bake Off, Design your own Christmas Tree Decoration, Sports Day, multiple House sport competitions in PE, pumpkin designing, poetry, music and many more!! House competition entries really do make such a huge difference to where each House places at the end of the year, so please ensure you get involved!

I hope this gives you an insight into our amazing House and please don't forget to follow/like our Facebook page (RBA Abrahams)!

GO ABRAHAMS!!!