

Welcome to **Abraham House!** I'm very excited to be part of revamping how we run our House system and really pleased that you are going to part of the team - the first winning House team of the new format, obviously!

We are **Abraham House**, named in honour of the successful athlete from the local area who was immortalised in the film Chariots of Fire, Harold Abraham. Find out more information about him here [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold\\_Abrahams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_Abrahams) In a tenuous 6 degrees of separation, his great nephew was my best mate growing up, so there is an added meaning to his inclusion in the House names for me.

**Anyway, welcome aboard to the following forms:**

5A, 5E, 6A, 6E, 7A, 7E, 8A, 8E

Our **House colour** is going to be yellow, and as we raise our profile we can expect to see a lot more of it throughout the sea of red around the school.

We also have a **House motto** that will inspire the pupils, taken from the tag line of Chariots of Fire:

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

I really want the pupils in our House to approach the opportunities we give them with enthusiasm and enjoyment, and I think this quote sums that up well.

On that note, our **House philosophy** will be based around that very notion. We are looking to offer a real, inclusive set of events that pupils can be involved in - competitions, fundraisers, experiences - that creates a sense of unity, camaraderie and belonging amongst all the pupils in the house. I want there to be something on offer for everyone, from sports to academics to extracurricular opportunities. Being the most competitive house isn't what I'm after: I want our pupils (and staff!) to be the most enthusiastic and most prepared to give it a go! This will come directly from how we deliver the opportunities to them, so I need your help as Team Abraham to fully buy into this and demonstrate it to our pupils. We need a really strong push from the staff team to make sure our philosophy filters down to the pupils, and from there the whole school community - pupils, staff and parents - can be part of an amazing school experience.

Our philosophy will play nicely into the **House calendar**, which will be made up of opportunities for all strengths and interests, and I hope this will encourage as many pupils and staff to take part as possible. Even if the event isn't your strongest suit, we can still show the kind of teamwork and enjoyment that will set a great example to Abraham House pupils. We will all need to do our bit so I will of course be asking everyone to lead, organise or take part in the house calendar throughout the year. So if you have any ideas of how to make pupils feel part of the house, or if you can see an area to get more pupils involved, let me know and we can work together to get the ball rolling.

Our **House charity** is Magpas, and with Mrs Abbott on board we can hopefully continue the amazing fundraising that she has started. They are big fans of ours given y6 efforts this year so again, if you have any ideas, feel free to hit the ground running next term, especially as money raised will link to house points.

