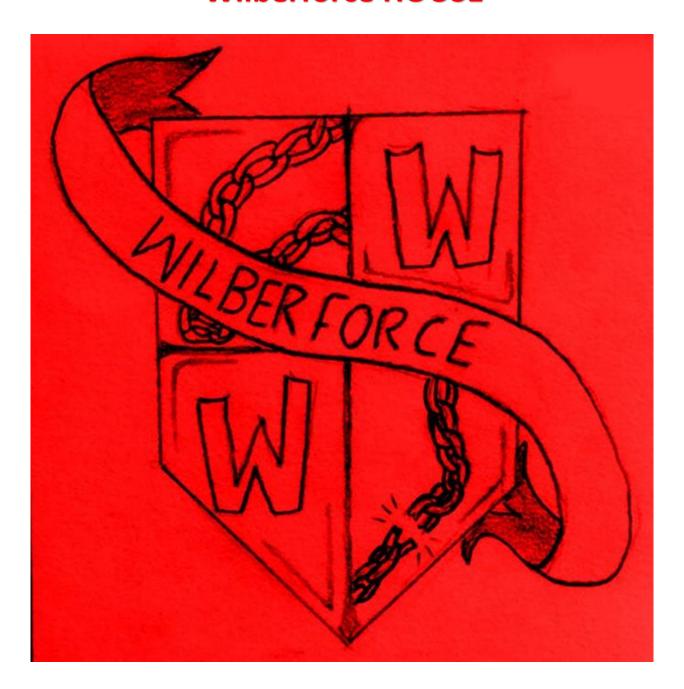




# **Wilberforce HOUSE**



# **HOUSE BASE** – Languages (MFL) Block

A message from our Head Students:

"Hi everyone. We're really looking forward to meeting you all in September and welcoming you to Roundwood Park! We hope to get to know you over the coming year and if you ever need anything, or have any questions, feel free to come and talk to us!"

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# Hello Year 6 and welcome to our House System!

Here at RPS we have 7 Houses that everyone in the school is a part of and we all get involved in competitions to win House Points for our respective Houses. You will receive a coloured badge that you can wear on your blazer to show which House you are in (there is also a coloured 'House' stripe on your tie!).

I am Mrs Tattersall and I oversee all of the Houses and House events. You will meet me and the team of Year 13s that help to run your House in September, until then this is a little booklet for you to learn all about your House and see some of the events you will be able to get involved in. Your House will be supported by a staff 'Head of House' and Year 13 'House Captains', as well as 'House Leaders' — which you could become! — made up of students from each Form Group. They will be with you at events to cheer you on and encourage you to earn House Points to battle for the 'Hart Cup' at the end of the year.

We run all sorts of House events so that every student has the opportunity to take part; House Music is our biggest and sees all Houses perform in a huge stage show of singing, dancing and playing music — this is great fun and involves most of the school. We also have House Art, national Maths competitions and specifically for your year we will have speed stacking races, netball, discos, rugby, basketball and football to name a few.

So, get ready to be involved in your House events – some of which raise funds for our school charities – such as the Giant Sleepout overnight in the playground!

Miss Tatts



I can't wait to meet you all and hear about your ideas to help your House win points and support our school charities – remember crazy ideas are the best ones!

## Wilberforce House Values

William Wilberforce's greatest political achievement was his long fight to end Britain's involvement in the Transatlantic Slave Trade. He used his position as a spokesperson for the Abolition Movement and was the first Member or Parliament to raise the issue in the House of Commons. His battle to change the law was not an easy one, however.

Wilberforce achieved the Suppression of the Slave Trade, with the passing of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill, in 1807. He remained concerned about the many people still held in slavery and carried on his campaign until the bill outlawing slavery in Britain and all its colonies was passed in 1833 - just days before he died.

Wilberforce also devoted himself to other causes and campaigns such as the limiting of the hours children should work. He fought for prison reforms, and he was also passionate about policing, education, healthcare, gambling. He appealed for amendments to the Poor Law (to improve the conditions for the poor) and in 1796 became a founding member of the 'Society for the Bettering Condition and Increasing Comforts of the Poor'. This organisation worked to reform Parish Relief and Workhouses for the poor and improve their general living conditions.

Valuing Others	Motivated	Equality
"Wilberforce valued everyone in society and believed nobody deserved to be a slave."	"Accustom yourself to look first to the dreadful consequences of failure; then fix your eye on the glorious prize which is before you; and when your strength begins to fail, and your spirits are well nigh exhausted, let the animating view rekindle your resolution, and call forth in renewed vigour the fainting energies of your soul."	"You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know."  "We are too young to realize that certain things are impossible So we will do them anyway."

"We have different forms assigned to us in the school of life, different gifts imparted. All is not attractive that is good. Iron is useful, though it does not sparkle like the diamond. Gold has not the fragrance of a flower. So different persons have various modes of excellence, and we must have an eye to all."

— William Wilberforce

# **Key HOUSE Events**

**House Leader Elections & Training House Netball Y7 House Drama Day RPS Sleepout House Music House Maths Challenge House Science House Creative Writing House Languages House Rugby House Football Charity Cup House Assemblies House Disco Y7 Charity Shoe Box Donations Deadline Senior Leadership Government Elections (Y12) House Art Individual House Weeks SPORTS DAY Interhouse Sport Competitions Ready Steady Cook Charity Cup Presentations Whole School Assembly Curriculum Weeks House Dance Speed Stacking Y7 Roundwood's Got Talent!** 

# **GETTING TO KNOW MY HOUSE:**

Bonjour, Hola, Nĭn hǎo, Olá



Head Of House
Miss Harris

Improvement
Theme:
Sports and
Participation

#### What is a House Leader?

House Leaders are elected from every year of the school and act as ambassadors for their form. They attend House meetings regularly and have a say in the organisation of their House Week and charity events. It is also their responsibility to keep their form updated with House news and to oversee their form's vote during Student Leadership Government (SLG) elections.

## What is a House Captain?

House Captains are members of the SLG and support the Head of House. They hold House meetings with younger years, giving them key information from the SLG meetings, and organise House events.

## What is a School Captain?

School Captains are members of the SLG who deal with one improvement scheme i.e. Charity, Learning or Environment. They run all events that are linked to their scheme and implement ideas and improvements throughout the year. Each improvement scheme is linked to a House.

### What is the SLG?

The SLG is a group of students who help to run events, enhance communications and seek to make improvements across school. They are responsible for House Weeks and most of the events that take place during the school year - with the help of RPS Staff. The SLG is made up of two Head Students, along with Deputies and the House & School Captains.

### What happens at House events?

House events are usually competitions between Houses where you can win House Points. The House with the most Points at the end of the school year wins the Hart Cup.

### **House Mentors:**

You will be paired with a student in a year higher than you and will get a certain amount of form time throughout the year in which you can meet with them. You can talk about whatever you like and if you have any questions, they are another person you can ask. Through this scheme you can learn a lot more about the school - who is better to learn from than a student who already attends RPS?

A task for you
How many famous 'Williams' can you name? Can you find 10?
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Bring your famous Williams with you in September to share with your form!

We look forward to seeing you and having you join WILBERFORCE HOUSE in September!