



Traditional **Values**

Contemporary **Aspirations**

Creative **Curiosity**

PSP/KPE/bih  
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Dear Parent / Carer

## **New House System - Your Views**

We will be launching a new house system towards the end of this academic year ready for the start of September 2017.

This new pastoral structure will be based around six houses, with each house made up from a number of form groups from each year group. This will not affect your child's form and single year form groups will be retained rather than moving to mixed age form groups.

We will be consulting with pupils in all year groups about how we can help them instil a sense of belonging to a house. This will include looking at reviewing our rewards, competitions and other areas.

Each house also needs to have its own distinctive character and we have asked pupils and staff to start thinking about possible house names and identities now. We would really like your input in this too, and we have devised a short questionnaire so that you can let us know what you think would work best to capture what it means to be a member of the Malet Lambert community. Whatever your suggestions we would really love to hear them. You just need to give us a theme and provide us with six different names. Any suggestions you have for colours and emblems for the houses, please forward these too.

There are plenty of examples about how other schools operate a house system on the internet; listed below are just a few to help give you a starting point. You will find that some schools use inspirational or motivational words as their house names and as a reflection of their ethos and beliefs with names such as Honour, Equality, Inspire, Liberty and Unity or Endeavour, Invincible, Triumph, Valiant and Victory. Other schools have used names of famous historical figures and building or ex-students. Others have used mathematical symbols such Gamma, Beta, Pi, Omega, Sigma, Infinity and Delta or shipping areas such as Lundy, Fitzroy, Cromarty, Biscay, Portland and Shannon.

The questionnaire is open from Friday, 20 January until midday on Thursday, 2 February and you can access this using the link <http://tinyurl.com/hxj3s3h>. This link can also be found on the school website.

All suggestions will be considered by a shortlisting panel and the three preferred options will be put to a final vote in February. We hope that you will be able to spare 10 minutes to contribute to this exciting development at Malet Lambert and let us know your suggestions.

Yours faithfully

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