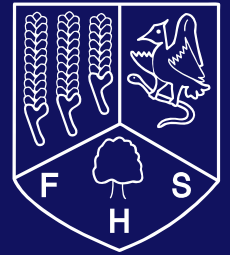


FEATHERSTONE HOUSE NEWS



Welcome to the first edition!

Event News



Photography Competition

This is a brand new competition for FHS pupils and staff, and a real chance to get involved in a modern, popular form of art. Could you take the winning photo for your house? Get out and about in the community with your camera and take an image which represents your house name in some way!



QATITEDNRMENT??



Not sure what this word is? Well, the 14 brainy members of each house at the first MFL/Humanities Quiz on 17th November worked out it was "DETERMINATION" which was a quality they all demonstrated. The evening was loud, fun and challenging and eventually won by Honour House. Thank

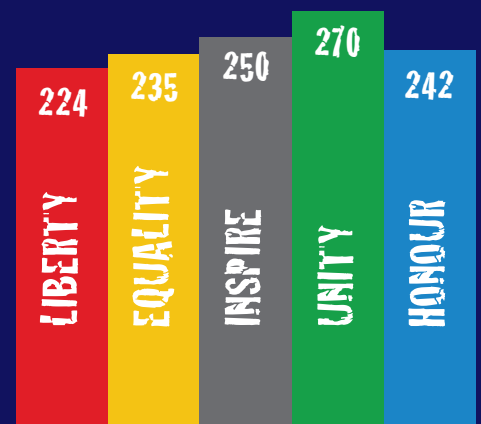
Community Volunteering Competition



Give up your time to help others and earn points for your House.

This competition is already open! Volunteer passports are available from tutors, so collect yours and start helping. Every minute of volunteering can be logged in your passport, from refereeing to chicken duty! Get pro-active and ask "how can I help?"

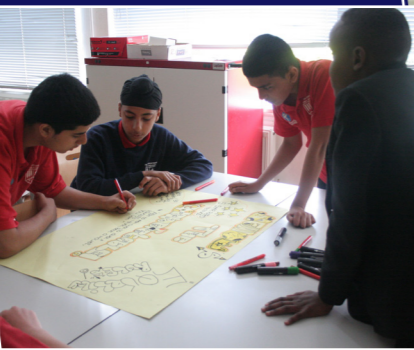
you to all the MFL/Humanities and House and Vice Captains for working so hard to organise and make the event such a success. Overall there was a fantastic air of healthy competition accompanied by a great deal of noisy cheering and good-natured laughter – truly an exhilarating event!



House Points

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EQUALITY

Hello Equality House,

We started the year with high expectations as we were the first winners of the sports day - a fantastic achievement! We have also seen success this year, 1st in the year 8 inter form football and second in the year 8 Inter form basketball, not to forget the outstanding performance of the sixth form football team who won every game. Added to this we have elected our brilliant House Captains, and it has been fantastic to see the house grow, and work together in assemblies, 6th Form inter house sports, and at the MFL and Humanities quiz. It was great to see staff members of Equality house pull together and try our best in the Staff quiz, and in the end we did take home a trophy, it was however the wooden spoon! I am very excited to see what the next year holds for Equality House, and cannot wait to share many more successes with you all!

Ms Seward
<http://equalityhouse.weebly.com>



INSPIRE

Dear Inspire House,

The autumn term has seen numerous positives for Inspire including the triumphant Year 9's in their inter house football competition and the valiant effort of staff finishing runners up in the Staff Quiz. It has been a privilege to be a Head of House to a group of pupils and staff showing determination, pride and resilience when representing their own House. We are currently sitting in a very good position in terms of House Points and it is vital we continue to participate and represent Inspire. Let us continue to show the rest of school what Inspire represents and lead as role models. Remember, you are Inspire so wear your badge with pride!

Mr Sangha
<http://fhsinspire.weebly.com>

LIBERTY

Hello Liberty House,

The massive student turn out to the MFL and Humanities quiz, sent out a clear message to the other houses: Liberty gets involved! It was great to see organisers having to start a rolling subs system just for us! Our staff quiz team numbers also dwarfed other houses. From our victorious 6th form sport teams, to our triumphant year 7 football team, Liberty has shown unrivalled energy. And with this energy we can easily power our points up past the other 4 houses. House positions will change completely with every event. Come on Liberty!

Ms Harvey
<http://fhsliberty.weebly.com>



HONOUR

Dear Honour House,

A big welcome to you all to the first of my termly messages to all members of Honour House. This section of the newsletter will act as an opportunity for me to inform you of important House developments and praise those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the House.

Today I would like to thank all those who took on board my message of 'never giving up' in assembly and have volunteered in large numbers and with great enthusiasm in recent inter-house events. Thanks to your 'play fair, play hard' attitude - in the truest traditions of Honour House - we have rocketed up the charts and have now moved to third in the overall House points standings. A special mention must go to those pupils who powered Honour House to victory in the recent MFL and Humanities quiz - our first House victory!

So remember, it's not where we finish overall now, but where we finish come the end of the year. So keep on competing - the only way is up!

Mr Aujla
<http://honourhouse.weebly.com>



UNITY

Unity - leading the way!

What can I say? What a brilliant and successful term for Unity! The spirit shown by so many members of our house has been truly amazing. This united spirit means that Unity is currently the winning House!

Unity House is first and foremost a family and every pupil and staff member is a crucial part of the Unity family. Unity generates positive energy. We do this by having fun and giving pupils and staff the opportunity to shine and succeed whilst giving them a sense of belonging.

It is only because so many of you are supporting the inter-house competitions that we can proudly say at this point that Unity are simply the best! So keep taking part; keep working together; and we WILL keep on achieving.

Ms Toms
<http://fhsunity.weebly.com>

Message from Mr Noel



The House System was a key part of the school's three year vision with a view to:

- Promoting wider participation in a range of activities across the schools provision.
- To promote vertical interaction between students of different ages and thereby enhance the pastoral life of the school.
- Developing competition and pride for one's House.
- Developing opportunities for leadership.

The House system is now an integral part of school life, with tutor groups renamed and striking images of influential people around the school. The House system allows every student, member of staff and governor to feel a sense of belonging by being a member of Liberty, Unity, Inspire, Equality or Honour.

By being a member of the House family, students and staff are encouraged to show team spirit as all of the Houses thrive on the ethos of "it's the taking part that counts".

Each House is made up of two tutor groups from each year team which are overseen by a devoted Head of House. With regular House assemblies and competitions taking place this vertical gathering and participation breaks down barriers between the year groups and creates a sense of togetherness; encouraging the older students to get to know and support the younger ones (and vice versa).

There are many house events throughout the year from all areas of school life. The events are designed to bond all members of each House to be as one. Remember, "Together we Achieve".

Diary Dates



Community volunteering competition: Monday 5th December to Friday 10th February

Film night: Thursday 15th December

Winners of House motto/logo/song announced: January 2012

Next house assemblies: Thursday 26th January

Arts photography competition: Monday 9th January to Monday 30th January

"Build a house" Science competition: Week of 20th February

Year 7 Spelling Bee competition: March 2012

Year 9 Debating competition: March 2012

ICT/Maths/Enterprise competition: May 2012

House Team Building and Sports Days: Thursday 12th July and Friday 13th July

Literacy Corner:

Boggle: how many words can you find?

Rules:

The words must only use a single letter on the Boggle board once, and all letters in the word must be connected on the Boggle board horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Words must be 3 letters or more.

Scoring:

3 letters = 1 pt

4 letters = 1 pt

5 letters = 2 pts

6 letters = 3 pts

7 letters = 5 pts

8 letters or more = 11 pts

Boggle:

A	V	J	G	B	E
S	N	M	K	O	R
G	I	B	P	S	Q
Y	M	W	U	V	B
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By Armindar Panesar (12 Roosevelt) Literacy Captain for Liberty

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