

Dear year 7 parents

I would like to welcome you to Walker House. Our students have been cared for pastorally in year groups for many years. This year we have had a change of direction and have reallocated all students into a house system. We believe this will give our students an increase sense of community, as they will be part of a smaller group of students.

Along with this change to a house system we aim to celebrate our students achievements in and out of school. A culture of rewarding students is being developed at St Hilda's. The students of Walker house are keen to lead the way!

All students have been allocated 50 points to get them off to a positive start. Points have been awarded in the following way;

**Student Reward Guidance**

<b><u>REASON FOR POINTS AWARD</u></b>	<b><u>REWARD</u></b>
Excellent piece of classwork/homework	2 points
Contribution around school (for example helping collect litter outside)	2 points
Citizenship point (helping other students within school)	2 points
External point (issued for noteworthy task completed outside of school). For example volunteering with a youth group.	2 points
Sporting participation (representation) St Hilda's / House in a sporting event)	2 points
Sporting achievement (winning as part of a team or as an individual)	2 points
Participation in school / Form group participation	2 points
Attendance Reward 100% weekly attendance	5 points
Monthly attendance award 95% or above attendance per month	5 points

Students are then able to cash them in for a range of rewards. These rewards increase in size with points achieved.

At St Hilda's we recognise the importance of attendance. We have built reward points into our points awards. There will also be a series of reward trips built into the school year.

Vouchers / certificates can be cashed in at the following stages;

### **House Rewards**

	<b>Point totals</b>
<b>Bronze voucher</b>	75 points
<b>Bronze certificate</b>	100 points
<b>Silver voucher</b>	150 points
<b>Silver certificate</b>	200 points
<b>Gold voucher</b>	250 points
<b>Gold certificate</b>	300 points
<b>Platinum voucher</b>	350 points
<b>Platinum certificate</b>	450 points
<b>Diamond certificate and voucher</b>	600 points

Throughout the academic year there will be a series of intra and inter house competitions. Your child can use these competitions to get involved in school life. House points will be awarded for participation and success in these events.

The students and staff had a major input into our house name and already there wear the house colours with pride. Our school ties with an orange section is helping students recognise fellow house members.

All houses have a system of leadership. At the end of the last academic year students applied for posts as house / form captains. The students below were interviewed and successfully got the job!



### **Walker House – Leadership roles**

**Bobbie Marrow 10.Y – House captain**

**Isabella Fitzsimmons 10.Y – vice captain**

**Grace Pepper 9.Y - Year 10 form leader**

**Aditi Jha – Year 10 vice form leader**

**Freya Gilbertson 8.W - Year 9.Z form leader**

**Alex Rothwell 8.W - Year 9.W form leader**

**Jorja Sumner 7.Y - Year 8 form leader**

I look forward to working with you and your son / daughter,

Mr Martin (head of house / assistant headteacher)