



House News

July 2024

We have reached the End of the school year which has been packed with House activities from House charity events to House sports and Department competitions! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our House captains for their dedication and hard work, they have been amazing! We would also like to welcome our new house captains elected earlier this year. We can't wait to hear all the exciting plans you have for the House system in September.

Well done to Turing House for taking the lead in STAR points so far this year!

ATTENBOROUGH
64358

FRANKLIN
67028

SEACOLE
60995

TURING
70567

Sports

This term we have held rounders and cricket competitions. Well done to Attenborough house who have taken a very light lead for the Robert Brown Trophy, we can't wait to see the winner after sports day!!

Attenborough	Franklin	Turing	Seacole
188	174	160	180



Franklin Year 7 Rounders



Franklin Year 9 Netball



Attenborough Year 8 Rounders



Seacole Year 7 Basketball



Seacole Year 11 Basketball



Attenborough Year 9 Basketball



Turing Year 8 Football



Turing Year 7 Football

Charity

All the Houses have been so busy raising money for their respective charities this term.

Attenborough – Great Ormond Street Hospital GOSH

Franklin – St. Francis Hospice

Seacole – Give a Duck

Turing – UNICEF

Charity boots

In the last newsletter we asked for as many football boots to be donated for charity boots, a UK based charity who donate them to children across the world. We received an amazing amount of donations and every pair was great fully appreciated!!!



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Franklin

I can't believe we have come to the end of another fantastic year! It has been a privilege to get to know each student who has given up their time to represent Franklin House. This term we have been very busy, making sure we have full teams for house sport, organising sports day and organising the eagerly awaited Year 7 trip to Ingleton. The highlight of my term has to be the enthusiastic Year 7s who took on the other houses at rounders. The atmosphere was amazing and each student put in maximum effort to secure the win!!

At the end of this half-term, Franklin House finally won house maths!! Thank you to all the students who took part.

The Year 7 trip to Ingleton was a huge success. We started the week with a 3 hour walk around Bolton Abbey and then headed to our lovely hostel in the middle of the Yorkshire Dales. On Tuesday we swung from the trees in Go ape and finished the day with a very cold & rainy dip in the village Lido. On Wednesday we met up with the lovely Attenborough House where students could explore Blackpool pleasure beach (most students were braver than the teachers!). On our last day we walked the beautiful Ingleton waterfalls walk and ended our afternoon exploring the underground caves! We had to be very careful not to bang our heads on the low ceilings!! All the students were a credit to Queens' School and I know all the staff loved getting to know them!

I now look forward to the best day of the year – SPORTS DAY! GOODLUCK FRANKLIN HOUSE!!!

Unfortunately, I am now standing down from House Lead to follow an exciting opportunity in Learning support, but I leave you in the fantastic hands of Mr Hurst from September!

Have a great Summer!!!

Miss Holder



Seacole

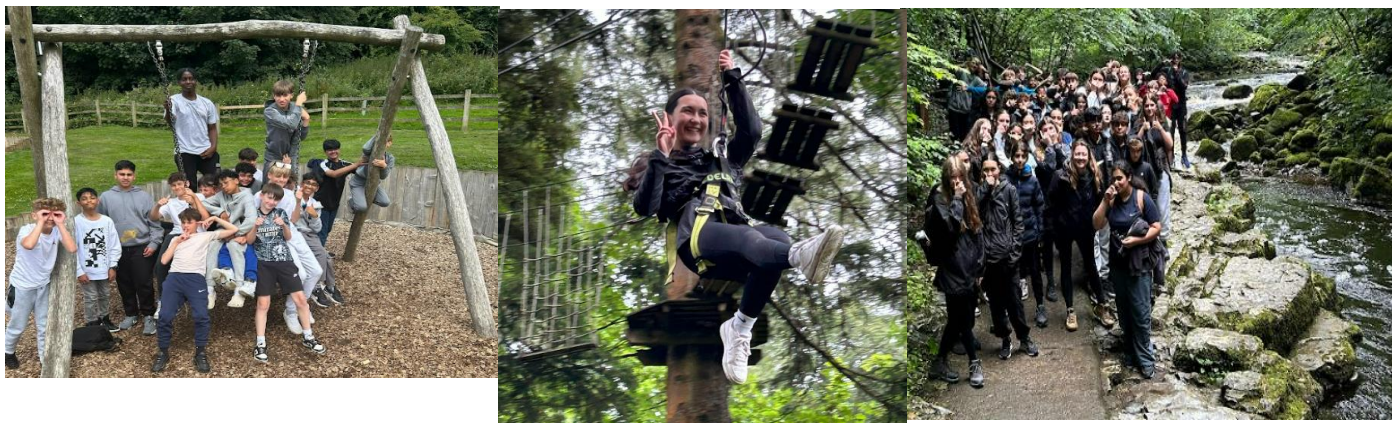
Seacole you have had a fabulous year and created such an unbelievable atmosphere around Queens' School. This term has been so busy with House Rounders, Getting teams ready for Sports day and of course our amazing Year 7 trip to Malham. I am sooooo excited for Sports Day. This year Seacole are in 2nd place for the Robert Brown Sports Trophy- this is a huge achievement for Seacole House. Let's see if we can take the lead at Sports day!



I want to thank you all for your charity contributions this year! We have raised £817 for our chosen charity Give a Duck so far and still have Sports day and our last non-school uniform day to add to this. All four Houses raise money throughout the year and these contributions are really appreciated so thank you so much to everyone who has donated and got involved in our charity events this year.

To round off our year the Seacole Year 7 Trip to Malham took place from the 8th-19th July. I would like to say a massive thank you to the staff who attended this trip: Mr Mistry, Miss Butkute and Mrs Diegan whom without the trip would not have ran. Another thank you goes to all our amazing Year 7 pupils who came to Malham and made the trip run so smoothly due to their positive attitudes and immaculate behaviour. As a Year 7 Seacole House I hope we created memories and friendships which will last a lifetime.





I hope you all have the most amazing Summer. Please take care and I can't wait to see you all in September.
Mrs Doerr (Seacole House Lead)

Turing

Becoming the Turing House lead this year has been an incredible journey, unlike any other. The strong connections I've built with so many students have been phenomenal. From the moment I stepped into this role, I've experienced a profound sense of pride and responsibility that has been both challenging and immensely rewarding. Together, we've navigated competitions, organised events, and supported each other, fostering a deep sense of unity. The energy, enthusiasm, and positivity everyone brings to the table are contagious.

We've celebrated numerous victories, winning house music, excelling in various house sports competitions, and earning the most star points throughout the year. One of my primary goals was to make Turing the most respectful house, and I'm proud to say we've received the highest number of house respect points compared to any other house. This was evident during our Year 7 residential trip, where hostel staff, coach drivers, and even random passersby praised our students for their outstanding respectfulness. It was a proud moment for me as a house lead.



During the trip, we embarked on three incredible walks, starting with Bolton Abbey under the shining sun. It was a brief yet delightful walk, followed by playtime in the playground and a delicious dinner at YHA.



On Tuesday, despite the rain, we tackled the Ingleton Falls walk with positivity, tenacity, and altruism. Even as the rain soaked through our boots, we maintained our spirits, completed the walk, and then visited the White Scar Caves, ending the evening with swimming. Wednesday's Malham Cove walk left us in awe of Gordale Scar and the iconic Malham Cove, a filming location for Harry Potter. Though tiring, we ended the day watching football.



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Thursday's adventure at Blackpool Pleasure Beach was a hit with the students, culminating in an evening of karaoke and awards, which was challenging to give out due to the students' overall loveliness.

All in all, this year has been unforgettable.
Miss N Uthayakumaran



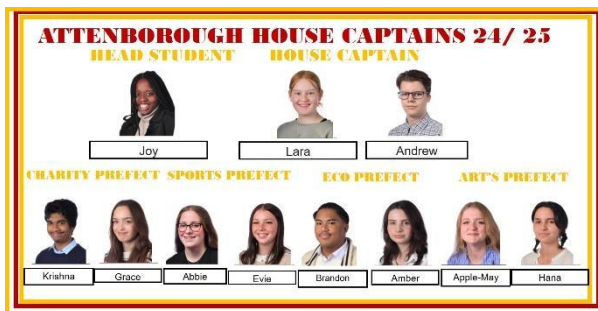
Attenborough

Attenborough has had an amazingly busy year with lots of fundraising, sports competitions and House competitions.

We have sent a cheque for an amazing £2,516 in memory of our Queens' student Leah who we very sadly lost last year. The cheque was sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital, Attenborough's nominated Charity for this year. This total has been raised through events like our Halloween Fair, Valentines Fair, North v South Basketball Competition and through the Valentines Cake Raffle, Easter Egg Raffle and Chocolate Hamper Raffle, to name some of our fundraising events organised by my fantastic Charity committee and House Captains and Prefects who work so hard organising and running these events throughout the year.



A huge thank you to my wonderful House Captains and Prefects 23 - 24 Team who have done an amazing job with all our Charity Events and House Competitions. It's been wonderful working with you and a special shout out Olivia and Izzy who have gone above and beyond.



Which leads me onto welcoming in our new 24 – 25 House Captains Andrew and Lara, our Charity Prefects Krishna and Grace, Sports Prefects Abbie and Evie, Eco Prefects Brandon and Amber and our Arts Prefects Apple-May and Hana I would also like to offer a special congratulations to Attenborough’s own Joy who was nominated as Head Student. They have already picked up the baton running and started their leadership with a hugely successful North v South Basketball Tournament, the atmosphere was spectacular and South won!!!

We also took a group of students to visit Oakmoor Lodge Care Home this Christmas, it was a wonderful visit singing a few Christmas songs together, get to know each other and chat about Christmases past, we hope to visit again soon.

As joint Houses we collected donations for Watford Foodbank, donating a massive 108.9kg of food Thank you to everyone that donated and to the amazing Foodbank volunteers that do such wonderful work.

We also worked with Charity Boots donating 51 pairs of second-hand Football Boots, which will now have a new life and will be really appreciated by those in need.



House Music was a hugely successful evening and so much work and effort was put into this by our wonderful Music Department and by our House competitors with months of planning and rehearsals. This year sadly we did not receive any trophy’s but they were certainly winners in my eyes with such spectacular performances.



We have had another successful year with House Sports Competitions with full teams for almost all events. Well done to the following teams for winning their events – Girls Y9 Football, Y12 Mixed Basketball, Girls Y11 Football, Girls Year 8 Netball, Girls Year 11 Netball, Girls Year 9 Basketball and Year 8 Mixed Rounders. We end the year slightly in the lead with Seacole very close behind!



We have just returned back from our Y7 trip to Malham in Yorkshire where our Attenborough students had a wonderful time climbing over the Yorkshire Dales, exploring the Ingleton Waterfall Trails, seeing the sights underground, learning about the rock formations at Gordale Scar and Malham Cove and soaking up the scenery at the beautiful Janet’s Foss Waterfall and maybe some water as well. It was a wonderful week and the students were a real credit to our school. Special mention to our students of the week - Andrew and Alex, Kindest Student – Sienna, Bravest Student - Lewis and Best Walker William. I would also like to thank our wonderful staff team Miss Dennis, Mr Camilleri and Mrs Estell for tirelessly giving so much of their time to making this trip such a memorable experience for the students.



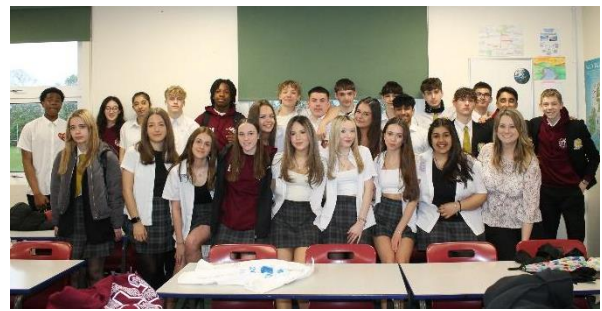
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And finally, from Attenborough I would like to say good bye to the Year 11's and Year 13's who have just sat their exams, we wish you lots of luck with your results and with all your future endeavours. We hope to see you again either in Sixth Form or coming back to visit.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer holiday from Attenborough House and Ms Thomas



Finally let me wish you all a very happy summer holiday, I hope you all keep safe and have a wonderful family time.

Best Wishes from the House Teams.