



House News

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As we reach the end of another vibrant school year, it's time to reflect on the incredible achievements and community spirit shown across our House system. Our four Houses – Seacole, Attenborough, Turing, and Franklin – have once again gone above and beyond, making this year one to remember. From high-energy house sports competitions to inspiring charity events, each House has brought passion, teamwork, and determination to everything they've done. Students have demonstrated not only talent and dedication, but also a strong sense of unity and pride in representing their House. We wrapped up the year in true House style with a fantastic Year 7 trip to the Isle of Wight, where students from all four Houses enjoyed unforgettable experiences, strengthened friendships, and celebrated the spirit of adventure and collaboration that defines our school community. We are incredibly proud of everything our Houses have accomplished this year — here's to even more success, service, and spirit in the year ahead!

A huge congratulations to **Seacole** for taking the lead in our **STAR** points.



QUEENS' HOUSE Sport

This year has been packed with exciting House sport events, giving students the chance to showcase their sporting talents and team spirit across a wide range of competitions. From the fast-paced action of football and basketball, to the strategy and teamwork seen in netball and tag rugby, and the summer fun of rounders, each event brought incredible energy and enthusiasm. One of the standout successes this year has been the increase in participation, with each House proudly fielding teams in the majority of events—showing just how engaged and motivated our students have been. The growing involvement across all year groups has created a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere, with more students than ever representing their House. After months of thrilling contests and closely fought matches, we're delighted to announce that Seacole are the winners of this year's House Sport Championship, finishing on an impressive 176 points! A huge well done to Seacole, and congratulations to all Houses for an outstanding year of sport.

Attenborough	Franklin	Seacole	Turing
160	143	176	161





Year 10 Rounders



Year 8 Rounder



Year 7 Rounders



Year 9 Football



Year 7 Girls Football



Year 8 Girls Basketball

SEACOLE

What a phenomenal year it has been for Seacole House! From the sports fields to charity events and unforgettable trips, our students have truly embodied the spirit of teamwork, independence, and kindness.

House Sport Success

This year, Seacole House has excelled in house sport with unwavering enthusiasm and commitment. Our students have gone above and beyond to represent their house with pride, ensuring teams were organised and ready for every competition—often without a single reminder! This level of independence and organisation has been incredibly impressive, and I couldn't be prouder. Your energy, determination, and team spirit have made Seacole a standout house across the school.

Charity Champions

Our charity events may have been few this year, but the impact was mighty. Thanks to everyone who supported and helped organise these initiatives, we raised a fantastic amount for our chosen charity. Your generosity and effort have made a real difference—thank you!

Year 7 Isle of Wight Trip

A special highlight of the year was the Year 7 enrichment week trip to the Isle of Wight. From the moment they arrived, our students enjoyed a fun-filled week of activities. They played mini golf, visited the zoo, spent sunny days at the beach, and made a splash at the aqua park. More importantly, they built lasting friendships and showed

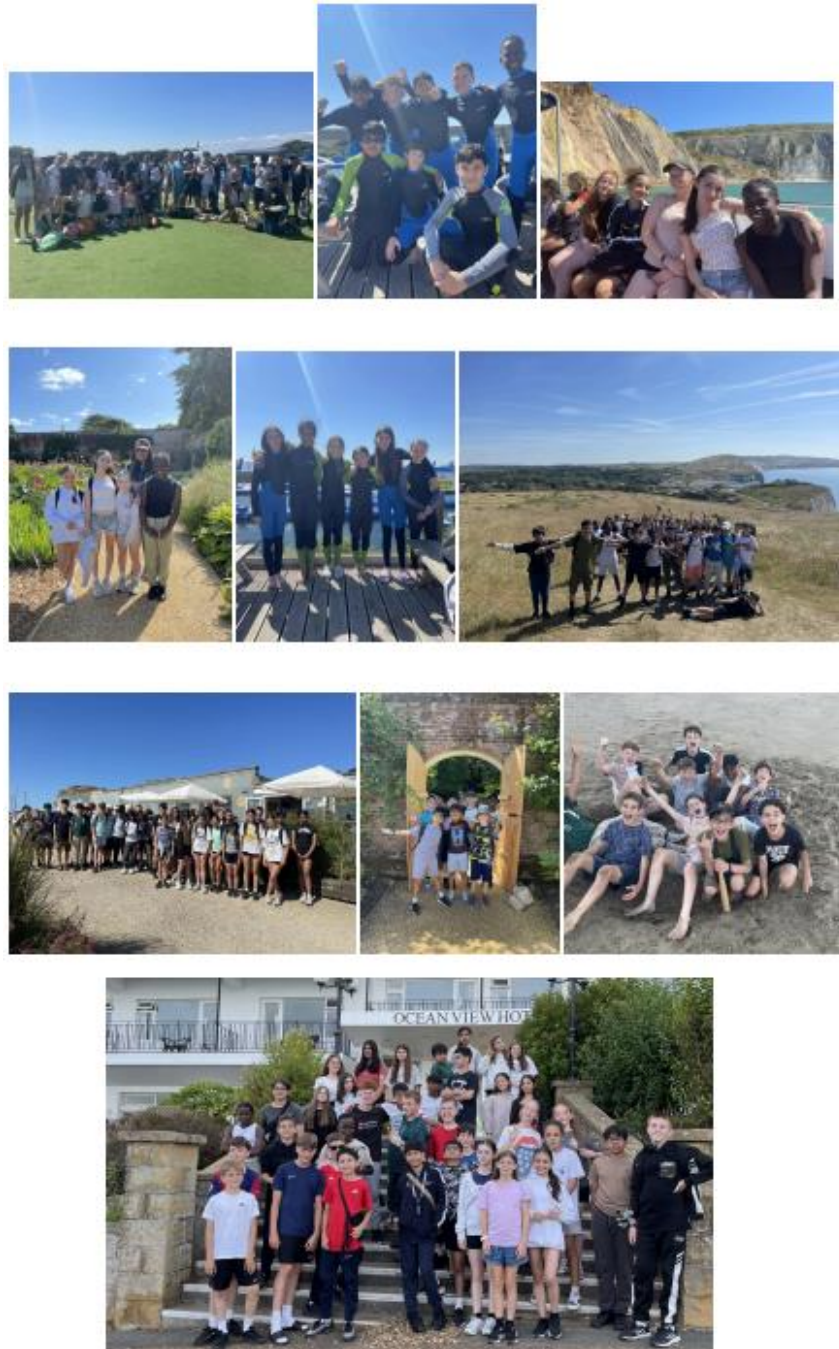


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outstanding behaviour throughout. Staff members were incredibly proud, and it was a joy to see our youngest Seacole members thrive and bond as a team.



A Fond Farewell (For Now!)

As I head off on maternity leave, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to every single one of you for making Seacole House such a vibrant and special part of Queens' School. Whether it's representing your house in competitions, showing kindness and respect in assemblies, or simply being your wonderful selves around school—each of you makes me so proud. While I'll miss you all next year, I know you'll continue to shine under the brilliant leadership of Miss Hall. Keep being fantastic, stay proud of who you are, and continue to make Seacole House the best it can be.

Have a wonderful summer!

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Doerr



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ATTENBOROUGH

Attenborough has had an amazingly busy year with lots of fundraising, sports competitions and House competitions. We have raised £1880 for Charity this year. £1602 going to Great Ormond Street Hospital, Attenborough's nominated Charity for this year and £245 to the Vine Trust, who provide medical boats traveling around isolated communities in Tanzania and the Amazon which have limited or no health care. This total has been raised through events like our Halloween Fair, Christmas Fair, Valentines Fair, Splat the Teacher, Staff v Students Basketball Competition and through the Christmas Chocolate Hamper Raffle, Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle, to name some of our fundraising events organised by our fantastic Charity committee, 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 24 - 25 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 to Joy, Andrew, Lara and Krishna who have gone above and beyond.



Which leads me onto welcoming in our new 25 – 26 House Captains Siena and Aashni, our Charity Prefects Chizi and Aryan, Sports Prefects Yash and Lily, Eco Prefects Toby and our Arts Prefects Aashni and Molly I would also like to offer a special congratulations to Attenborough's own Bethany who was nominated as Head Student. They have already picked up the baton running and started their leadership with a hugely successful Staff v Students Basketball Tournament, the atmosphere was spectacular, the Students won!!! and 4 July Candy Sale.

As joint Houses we collected donations for Watford Foodbank, donating a massive 62kg 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 29 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 Mr Penhaligon and our wonderful Music Department and by our House competitors with months of planning and rehearsals. This year Attenborough House was totally amazing and won the Best Choir and Over All Winners 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 Year 9 Netball, Girls Year 7 Football, Boys Year 10 Basketball, Girls Year 10 Netball, Girls Year 10 Football, Year 8 Rounders. We end the year in third place, Congratulations to Seacole.



We have just returned back from our Year 7 trip to the Isle of Wight where our Attenborough students had a wonderful time visiting The Donkey Sanctuary, Osborne House, Needles Pleasure Cruise, J R Zone Laser Play, Wildheart Sanctuary, Tapnell Farm Aqua Park, Tennyson Down Walk and Carisbrook Castle. It was a wonderful week and the students were a real credit to our school. Special mention to our students of the week - Nylah, Attenborough Prize – Elena and Emily, Most Helpful – Hannah, Best Walker – Dexter and Most Polite – Jayden. I would also like to thank our wonderful staff team Mrs Estell, Mr Harold-Egole, Miss Keene, Miss Smith, Miss Dennis and Mr Camilleri and for tirelessly giving so much of their time to making this trip such a memorable experience for the students.



Attenborough came second in the Maths Challenge, congratulations to Franklin on coming First.

English Spelling Bee First place Rayan for Attenborough Second place Zara for Turing and Runner up Amar for Attenborough, a huge well done and congratulations to them all.



MFL Spelling Bee Gold Timothy for Attenborough, in Silver place was Karen for Attenborough and Bronze place was Lorenzo for Turing, Congratulations to them for doing so amazingly.

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.



TURING

It has been an exceptional academic year for Turing House! Success has been celebrated across a wide range of events, from sports and music to faculty competitions and remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime trips. Every student in the house has played a part in this achievement, contributing through their enthusiasm, commitment, and respect for others.

House Sports

Firstly, a huge well done to all of our students, your participation in the second half of the year has been nothing short of outstanding. Thanks to your commitment, we haven't lost a single point due to lack of involvement! After a leadership change midway through the year, we found ourselves 15 points behind in fourth place. But through your dedication, teamwork, and house spirit, Turing has surged back into second place. I've been genuinely impressed by the standard you've set, and I fully expect you to carry that momentum into next year. With Sports Day just around the corner, we now have an exciting opportunity to leap into first place. Let's give it everything and finish the year on a high!

Charity Campaigns

This year, we've run several successful charity events, many of which were thoughtfully timed to coincide with key moments in the school calendar—such as the Valentine's Fair. We've raised a significant amount for the Alzheimer's Society, and I couldn't be prouder of the dedication shown by our Charity Prefects, as well as our Arts and Charity Representatives. Their creativity and initiative have been the driving force behind our fundraising success.

Year 7 Isle of Wight Trip

One of the standout moments of the year for many of our Year 7 students was the Isle of Wight trip during Enrichment Week. With a wide variety of activities: from Aqua Park and laser tag to the zoo and Osborne House, there truly was something for everyone. These shared experiences helped students form meaningful connections, with the absence of mobile phones encouraging face-to-face interaction and new friendships to blossom. Their behaviour throughout the trip was exemplary, and it was a privilege to lead such a fantastic group. The memories made will stay with them for years to come, and staff were incredibly proud of how they represented the school and supported one another.



Final message

I want to personally thank every single student who has helped make Turing House such a vital and valued part of Queen’s School this year. Whether through your enthusiasm, participation, or behind-the-scenes organisation, you’ve all played a role in something truly special and I couldn’t be prouder. A special thank you to my incredible prefect team, whose dedication, leadership, and support have been instrumental in delivering events and opportunities for all our students. You’ve led by example, and it hasn’t gone unnoticed. Have a fantastic summer, you’ve earned it. Rest up, recharge, and let’s return next year ready to aim higher, go further, and win it all. Turing House is just getting started!

Kind Regards, Mr Patel



FRANKLIN

It’s been a dynamic and rewarding academic year for Franklin House! From thrilling sporting triumphs to successful charity fundraising and unforgettable school trips, our students have shown dedication, resilience, and team spirit in abundance. Every member of Franklin should feel proud of their contribution—your enthusiasm and effort are what define us.

STAR Points

Although we currently sit at the bottom of the STAR point leader board, we’re second lowest in negative points, showing that Franklin students continue to uphold the school’s values and standards of behaviour. With renewed focus and momentum, there’s no doubt we can turn the tide and climb the rankings next year.

House Sports

This year, Franklin has been a force to be reckoned with in House Sports. Our students secured 1st place an impressive five times, took 2nd place on four occasions, and achieved 3rd place six times, including one joint third. While we did miss out on points twice due to team absences—something we’ll aim to improve next year—there’s no denying the competitive spirit and energy you’ve all brought to each event. With Sports Day fast approaching, we’re on the brink of securing yet another remarkable sporting legacy. Since 2003, Franklin has only finished below second



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place twice, and with your drive and determination, we have every chance of keeping that tradition alive. A massive well done to every student who represented Franklin in House Sports this year. You've set an excellent standard. A particular shout-out goes to our Sports Prefects, who have worked hard throughout the year to organise teams and maintain our presence at competitions—your consistency has made a real difference!

Charity Campaigns

This year, Franklin House supported the British Heart Foundation, and thanks to your generosity and involvement, we've had a fantastic impact. From the October Walks, where one outstanding student raised £235, to our ever-popular Christmas and Valentines Fair events, we've seen brilliant engagement from the whole school community. Including our Non-Uniform Day in December, we've raised £620.25—with even more to come following the final Non-Uniform Day of the year. Huge congratulations to our Charity Prefects, whose creativity, organisation, and commitment made every event a success. Your work has truly made a difference.

Year 7 Isle of Wight Trip

And finally, the Year 7 Isle of Wight trip was, without a doubt, one of the most unforgettable highlights of the school year. Every day was packed with laughter, excitement, and memories we will never forget. We kicked off the week on Monday with a heart-warming visit to the Donkey Sanctuary, where students had the chance to meet and learn about the animals in a peaceful, rural setting. In the evening, we explored Shanklin Town, enjoying the local shops, seafront views, and plenty of ice cream to end the day on a high.



On Tuesday, we stepped back in time with a visit to the magnificent Osborne House, once the summer home of Queen Victoria. Students were fascinated by the grandeur of the building and the beautiful grounds. That evening, we took a relaxing trip to the beach, where students enjoyed playing games, paddling in the sea, and soaking up the coastal atmosphere.



Wednesday was full of variety and energy. We started the day at the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary, where students saw big cats, monkeys, and more, all while learning about conservation and animal welfare. In the



afternoon, we strolled to Sandown Pier, with time for arcades and seaside fun. The day ended with high-energy excitement at Laser Quasar, where students teamed up for an action-packed evening of laser tag battles.



Thursday was a showstopper. We kicked off the morning with a splash at the Aqua Park, where inflatable obstacle courses and teamwork challenges had everyone laughing and cheering each other on. In the afternoon, we took on the scenic but challenging Tennyson Down walk, where students showed true resilience and were rewarded with breathtaking views. As the sun began to set, we rounded off the day with a round of pirate-themed mini golf—a fun and competitive way to wind down after a full day of adventure.

The friendships formed and memories made created a wonderful sense of community. Staff were continually impressed by the exemplary behaviour of the group—it was a joy and a privilege to lead such a fantastic cohort. The trip captured everything that makes Franklin House special: fun, friendship, curiosity, and courage. These are memories that will last a lifetime.



Final Message

As the year draws to a close, I want to take this moment to thank every single member of Franklin House—students and staff alike—for making my first year as Head of House such an incredible experience. Your support, energy, and spirit have made this not only a successful year, but a truly memorable one. I feel genuinely proud and deeply grateful to be part of Franklin, and I'm excited to see what we can achieve together next year.

Thank you for being the heart of this house. Mr J Hurst

