



### Dear Parents

The houses - King, Kolbe and Teresa - have been our focus this week. The house structure lies at the heart of our pastoral system and house identity is a key ingredient of the Ridgeway bond. Heads of house are responsible for monitoring students' progress and looking after their well-being. The school blazer includes a ribbon on the pocket in the appropriate house colour, and every student will



soon be receiving a lanyard in their house colour, holding their ID card and with school timetable information on the reverse. In the picture above, King House students are waiting for Mr Tyler, their head of house, to begin his assembly: every half-term regular assemblies are replaced by house assemblies, when students from across the year groups meet together.

The provision of opportunities for students to take part in competitive events is one of the areas in which Ridgeway High School really excels, and it is a major part of our character-education programme. I believe passionately that participation in competitions - from inter-house level right up to national standard - enriches students' experience in school. We report attendance figures and achievement-point totals by house - the latest totals are shown in this table. We also run half-termly, subject-based inter-house competitions. First up is mathematics next Monday and Tuesday. Each house is currently selecting five students from each year group to compete in a series of maths-based challenges. Good luck to all the participants!

KING HOUSE	KOLBE HOUSE	TERESA HOUSE
16,947	13,632	16,842

After the much-reported success of the Year 7 boys' football team in May, reaching the final of the Merseyside Cup, I was delighted that the under-14s girls' football team has this week made an excellent start to this year's sporting campaign with a nail-biting 5-4 victory in their national cup game against Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. It was great to see the touchline support from staff and students, who turned out to cheer the girls on. Next up is All Saints Catholic High School from Kirkby. We wish the squad well.

The idea of 'going the extra mile' - the many additional things that take place day-in and day-out to support students and deepen learning - is also a key element of what we offer at Ridgeway. On Wednesday, Miss Cotter took the GCSE religious education students to visit Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and a Buddhist temple in Runcorn. This trip will help the students understand the real-world application and relevance of things they are learning about in the classroom - as well as providing them with a lasting memory of a wonderful spiritual occasion.

I said on results day that success comes when students and staff work together with commitment. Last Friday, over seventy students stayed behind until 9pm for science intervention. [Our interventions with Year 11 take place every day of the week](#), but there is something special about the Friday night sessions, running until late in the evening, with a well-earned break for food midway through. It's an opportunity to really get to grips with a particular topic or to press ahead with a long-term project or assignment. Students leave for home tired but knowing that it has been time well spent. Tonight is the turn of performing arts.

**Mr T Taylor**  
Headteacher

### Upcoming Events

- Monday 1 October & Tuesday 2 October: House competitions
- Thursday 18 October: Year 7 disco
- Friday 19 October: Parent Review Day