



**CHENEY SCHOOL**  
*Think for yourself, act for others*

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Cheney House System

Firstly, please can I thank those of you who got in touch to give us your feedback on our proposed House system. We had a selection of initial name ideas proposed from our Diversity Group, and parental and student feedback added a number of really exciting suggestions into the mix. We really value the contributions made by our community on what they would like to see embedded in a Cheney House system; the feedback received was constructive and helpful in moving our thinking forward, so thank you to those of you who shared your views.

In total, we were able to canvass the views of students in 75% of our tutor groups, as well as individual feedback from a number of students. Staff were also given opportunity to share their thoughts. From this, the Senior Leadership Team, Diversity Group and our newly appointed Heads of Houses, worked together to choose names that represented the views of the majority of our students. The overwhelming theme to our feedback from students, staff and parents/carers, was that names should attempt to represent the diversity of our school community, and students wanted names that were more global than local.

I am therefore excited to share with you the names of our newly appointed Heads of Houses, and the 5 chosen House names for the Cheney House system.

Our 5 Heads of Houses are:

- Jennifer Horn
- Louise Mayes
- Daniel McAteer
- Bryony Robinson
- Faye Young

Our 5 chosen names for Houses are:

- Hawking
- Mandela
- Seacole
- Turing
- Yousafzai

Students will be expressing a preference in tutor time this week as to which House they would like to be a part of. We will then invite students to an online assembly next week where we will reveal which House they will be joining.

Some parents and carers have expressed a preference that siblings are in the same House. We are not able to provide this as a matter of course, as we feel that it is important that students are in the same House as others in their tutor group. However, if you have a strong view on this, please do contact me at [cbr@cheney.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:cbr@cheney.oxon.sch.uk) and we will try to accommodate.

Thank you again for all of your support and feedback. I am sure you can agree, in a gloomy Covid world, this is a potentially very powerful and exciting development for Cheney.

Kind regards

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