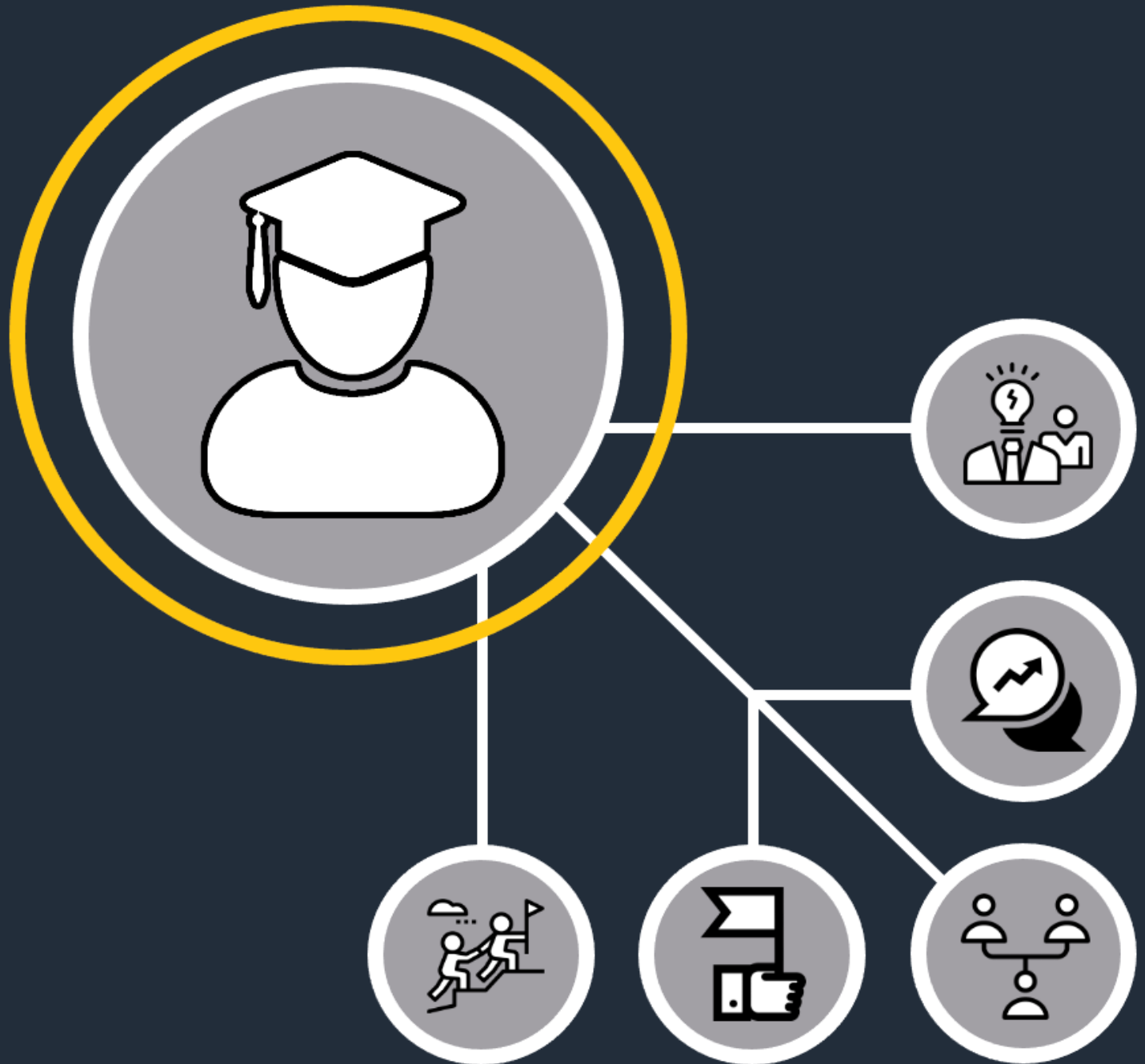




HOUSE SYSTEM

BELFAST BOYS' MODEL SCHOOL



KEY GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION



'Belfast Boys' Model School has 3 core values, Respect, Commitment and Integrity. We seek to prepare pupils for adult life by developing respect for self and others and the environment in particular'.

HOUSE SYSTEM

THE STRUCTURE



Purpose: The House System is designed to incorporate the values and ethos of the school and aims to be an integral part of our school community. It creates competition, promotes good work and behaviour, encourages teamwork, provides opportunities to take on responsibilities and brings everyone in the school together. Here at Boys' Model, every student and staff member are assigned to a house. Pupils are assigned to one of the four houses on entrance to the school in Year 8 where they will remain until they leave.

The four Houses are:

1. Kelvin
2. Lewis
3. Branagh
4. Gregg

Kelvin

Branagh

Lewis

Gregg

Once assigned to their house, students will wear a colour to indicate which house they belong to and staff will wear house coloured lanyards. This will develop of social solidarity; where students and staff feel a sense of belonging to something within their community.

What the Houses do

The Houses form a focus of school life in many ways: academic, social, sporting, leadership and responsibilities. In addition each House will be responsible for co-ordinating fund raising efforts to raise money for an annually nominated charity. The Houses make banners and assist in the running of House events.

Earning house points

There are many activities running through the school year for students to contribute to their House. Each house point awarded to students automatically adds to the house title via SIMs. Students will be awarded house points for participating in house competitions as well as finishing in the higher positions. In addition to this, students can gain House Points for taking part in extra-curricular activities, for representing the school, excellent attendance and gaining reward points. These points all add up towards a cumulative House total and, at the end of the year, decide the outcome of the **RIC** Cup. There is a count up of the current House point totals each half term, and a chart showing current positions is available to see in the House System section of this web-site.

House Merits

As well as offering competitions, all staff have a personal budget of 10 house merits per academic year to award to individuals as '20 reward points' when they wish. This is for rewarding individuals who have achieved something exceptional. This could be to do with attainment, effort, good/improved behaviour or helpfulness for example; it is up to the staff member.

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House Officials

At the beginning of the academic year, each house will join together to vote for their House Captain and Vice-Captain. Alongside the House captain will be Subject Captains. This is a democratic process that is richly embedded within the school community. At Boys' Model our ambition is for House official and Student Council to work together to create a even stronger student voice and further the community spirit of the school.

House System Terminology

- House Director — The member of staff responsible for the House System
- Head of House — A member of staff from each House chosen to oversee the effective development of a House for a year. (Voluntary)
- House — A group of approximately 260 students ranging from Years 8 – 14
- School House Captains — Seniors (Yr14) who have been chosen by the school to help lead all the Houses
- Vice House Captains — (Yr12 & Yr13) who will lead students within a House. One pupil from each house in Yr12 & 13 will be selected as Vice Captains.

There will be 12 house events per year for students to take part in. Students will be awarded house points for taking part in house competitions as well as finishing in the higher positions. Throughout the school year there will be opportunities for students to earn points through House Challenges, which involve working hard in their school subjects and in everyday school life. Points will be calculated each week, a live table will be placed on the school website and students will be informed of their house position in their weekly assemblies.

Assemblies

Used to bring students up to date on events, scores, highlighting good practice and presentation of awards which would be organised by the HOH/House Captains.

The Winning House

At the end of each academic year, the House with the most points will be awarded the HOUSE CUP The RIC Cup which is short for our core values Respect, Integrity & Commitment.

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HOH RESPONSIBILITY

- Assembly = 1 per half term organised by HOH, delivered by House officials
- Motivating House members
- Meet termly with other HOH/Director of House System
- Assembly to be plotted against school assembly rota
- Oversee organisation of participation in competitions

	HOH	HOH
Branagh	Mr Hesbrook	Mrs Baird
Gregg	Mr McCausland	Miss Sykes
Kelvin	Mrs Hawthorne	Miss Beggs
Lewis	Mrs Todd	Mrs Higgins

HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

- Assembly = 1 per half term organised by HOH, delivered by House officials
- Motivating House members
- Actively support and promote the school ethos of Respect, Integrity and Commitment
- Be a good ambassador for the school and for your House

	House Captain	Vice Captain
Branagh	Charlie Neill	Jackson Allen
Gregg	Sandile Sibande	Brandon Bradford
Kelvin	Dean McKinley	Joshua Gilliland
Lewis	Billie-Jo McQuiston	Brandon Mawhinney