

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME SCHOOL



SENIOR SCHOOL HOUSE HANDBOOK 2009 - 2010

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THE STRUCTURE OF THE HOUSE SYSTEM

General

All pupils across the whole 3 to 18 age range belong to one of four Houses. The Houses and their colours are:

Barratt	Maroon
Dutton	Royal Blue
Kitchener	Yellow
Myott	Green

The Houses are split into three sections:

Junior School	Years 1 to 6
Lower School	Years 7 and 8
Upper School	Years 9 to 13

The House system is run in the Junior School by the Head of the Junior School and in the Lower School (Years 7 and 8) by the Lower School House Coordinator. The Upper School Houses each have a Housemaster and a Housemistress. At all levels staff are assisted by House Captains and other officers from the pupil body. There is a separate annual House competition in each of the three sections, each with its own trophy. An overall School House trophy is awarded at Senior and Junior prize givings in July.

Pupils in Years 7 to 11 wear the colour of their House as a stripe on their school ties. Sixth Form students display their House colour on their Sixth Form badges.

Pupils are allocated to membership of one of the Houses on entry to the school. This is done on a random basis apart from siblings who are placed in the same House.

All members of the teaching staff, with the exception of the Year 7 and 8 Form Tutors and Year Heads, are allocated to the four Houses (see below). Staff are expected to attend their House's assemblies.

House Committee

The House Committee, comprised of Upper School House staff, the Lower School House organiser, the Director of Sport, the Head of Girls' Games and SMT members, meets

termly under the chairmanship of the Deputy Head (Pastoral). The committee is responsible for all aspects of the operation of the House system in the Senior School.

Assemblies and Presentations

Upper School House assemblies are held on alternate Tuesdays in the following locations:

Barratt	Victoria Library
Dutton	Dutton Dining Room
Kitchener	Memorial Hall
Myott	Lancaster Library

Lower School House assemblies are held on alternate Wednesdays in the following locations.

Barratt	St Paul's Hall (music department)
Dutton	Dutton Dining Room
Kitchener	Victoria Library
Myott	Lancaster Library

Cups for House competitions are presented by the Headmaster in school assemblies. The trophy for the overall Upper School House competition is presented at a final House assembly in May shortly after Sports Day. Lower School House presentations are made at a House assembly in July.

House Activity Times

Upper School House activities usually take place on Tuesday lunchtimes, and Lower School activities on Wednesday lunchtimes. At these times House activities have priority over other activities. Some House competitions take place on games afternoons. There is one larger scale Upper School House event each term: the swimming sports in December, music in March and athletics sports (Sports Day) in May. All House activities are listed in the calendar.

The following procedure is used for scoring. For each event the competition in each year group is scored 5, 3, 2 and 1 for boys and girls separately for that event. These scores are totalled for all the year groups taking part in the event. These total scores are then used to determine the final positions in the event. These final positions determine the House points which count towards the House competition, with the winning House scoring 5 points, second place 3 points, third place 2 points and fourth place 1 point.

Upper School House Staff Responsibilities

For a detailed description of the responsibilities of the Upper School House staff please refer to the job description elsewhere in this handbook.

In the Upper School Houses House staff are responsible for event organisation as listed in the following table. The list of events is periodically reviewed by the House Committee.

Event	Staff Responsible
Overall competition	MI
Athletics – Girls	GMC, DB, DAW
Athletics – Boys	GMC, DB, DAW
(Athletics – trophies)	JXP
Badminton – Boys	DAC
Badminton – Girls	DAC
Chess	DAW
Cross Country – Girls	JXP, RAM
Cross Country – Boys	DGM
Crossword	NJS
Football – 11 a side	DGM
Football – 5 a side – Girls	JXP, RAM
Football – 5 a side – Boys	DGM
General Knowledge	RAM, MI
Hockey – Girls	JXP
Hockey – Boys	DAC
Music	MI, DAW
Netball	JXP
Rowing	DAC
Rugby	NJS
Swimming – Girls	PJB, RAM
Swimming – Boys	PJB, NJS
Tug of War – Girls and Boys	DGM

UPPER SCHOOL HOUSE STAFF ALLOCATIONS

BARRATT	DUTTON	KITCHENER	MYOTT
Mr. D. Brayford	Mr. D.A. Cawdron	Mr. D.G. Murtagh	Mr. N.J. Simms
Mrs. J. Pinton	Mrs. M. Isherwood	Mrs R.A. Moon	Mrs. D.A. Woodcock
Mr. A. Fishburne	Mr. R. Lench	Mrs. J.A.Simms	Mrs. M.M. Atkins
Mr. G. Breen	Dr. S. Bremner	Mrs. J. Machin	Mrs. C.M. Barber
Mrs. C. Burrows	Mrs. P. Woodcock	Dr. D. Dunlop	Mrs. B. Joughin
Mr. I.J. Cartwright	Miss. L. Barton	Mrs D. Glenn	Mrs. A.A. Keay
	Miss J. Galvin	Mrs. B. Godridge	Mr. T. Buckley
Mr. P. Dare			Mr. D. McGarry
Mrs. S. Stockdale	Mrs. B.W. Jones	Mrs. N.G.Swindells	Mr. P. Calder
Mrs. H.M.Goodall	Mr. O.J. Leech	Mr. D. Sherratt	Dr. D.R. Pepper
Mrs. S. Parkinson	Mr. C. Diaz	Mr. T.P. Jowitt	Mr. S. A. Robson
Mrs. F.P. Williams	Mr. M.S. Snell	Mr. D. Patrick	Mrs. P. Smith
Mr. T. M. Sagar	Mrs. K. Tan	Dr. G. Moore	Ms T.A. Thomas
	Miss E.A. Webb	Mr. P. G. Tankard	Miss L. Herian

NOTES ON THE NAMES OF THE HOUSES

Barratt

Barratt House was named after Winifred Mary Barratt who was an old girl of Orme Girls' school which she attended from 1918 to 1924. During her time at the school she played hockey for the school and was fully involved in school life. She was a member of a firm of Burslem Potters and she and her family were pioneers of the sheltered housing concept. She was, for a time, a City magistrate and did a lot of work for a variety of people including the elderly and the Scouts and Guides. She was also a generous benefactor to Newcastle-under-Lyme School and one of her benefactions included the £50,000 bequest that funded the purchase of houses in Vessey Terrace that now constitutes the Barratt Centre.

Dutton

Dutton House is named after William Henry Dutton who was a founding force of Newcastle High School and who was elected as the first Chairman of the Governors of the school in 1872. He died in 1896 and in 1903 a wing for new science laboratories was opened and named after him. Today the former site of these laboratories is known as the Dutton Dining Room.

Kitchener

Kitchener House is named after Francis Kitchener (1838-1915). He was the first Headmaster of Newcastle High School from 1875 to 1891. Francis Kitchener was a highly respected Headmaster and was described in the 'Firefly', the Old Boy's newsletter at the time, as being high-minded, warm-hearted, broad-minded, able and having a love of hard work. Francis Kitchener was also an innovator of games as an integral portion of school life and encouraged enthusiasm and keenness for sport among the pupils. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds at the time, Dr. Michael E. Sadler, who knew Francis Kitchener well wrote: "It is to Kitchener and men like him that England owes the high principle of character which, on the whole, governs our public life. He was never on the make. He had great ambitions, but they were not personal. He had large visions but they were not fantastic. He was unselfish, unsparing of himself, unmindful of public honours, a patriot, and a good man".

Myott

Myott House is named after Sydney Myott (1871-1963). He was an 'O.N.' spending three years at Newcastle High School from 1884-1887. His three brothers also attended the High School. They lived in the Ironmarket in Newcastle. His family ran the company of Myott, Son and Company, earthenware manufacturers in Cobridge. Sydney Myott held a number of public offices, including three times Mayor of Newcastle, Chairman of the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board, a County Councillor, President of Newcastle Chamber of Trade, and President of Newcastle Rotary Club. He was a magistrate and People's Warden of St. Giles. He was also Chairman of the Governors of the Endowed Schools (ie the High School for boys and the Orme School for girls) and was associated with the Orme School for over fifty years. M Block, the Biology Laboratories, is named after Sydney Myott and his photograph is displayed inside the entrance to the building. The chair with the Orme crest on the stage in the Victoria Library was donated by Mr and Mrs Myott. They had four daughters and lived at Derwent House on The Brampton in Newcastle.

THE PURPOSES OF THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The House system fulfils several purposes.

Participation. The House system provides an opportunity for a wider range of pupils of differing sporting and other abilities to take part in competitive sport and other activity than is provided elsewhere within the school. The range of House activities is sufficiently broad, and the number of pupils in each House in a year group sufficiently small, for all pupils to participate in at least one House activity every year. The school hopes that pupils will enjoy such participation.

Pupil Development. The House system provides a number of opportunities for pupils to develop wider skills such as leadership and organisational skills through positions of responsibility within their House. Pupils are also challenged by unfamiliar activities such as rowing. Success in House events depends upon teamwork, cooperation, commitment and reliability. House events also encourage a competitive spirit alongside fair play, respect for officials and the ability to lose gracefully.

Range of Activities. By providing competition in activities not provided elsewhere in the school the House system contributes to the school's wide range of extra curricular activities. For example chess, crossword, football, general knowledge, rowing and tug of war have little or no representation outside the House system.

Vertical Interaction. By providing interaction between pupils in up to six different year groups the House system is perhaps the school's major channel for encouraging cooperation between pupils of different ages.

School Ethos. Taken together the purposes listed above help to support the wider pastoral and academic values and the ethos of the school.

UPPER SCHOOL HOUSEMASTER/MISTRESS

JOB DESCRIPTION

This job description applies to House staff responsible for the operation of the Upper School House system to which all pupils from Year 9 to the Upper Sixth belong. The Lower School House system is run separately by the member of staff responsible. Each Upper School House is run by two staff, a Housemaster and a Housemistress, working together. Upper School House staff are expected to :

1. Ensure that their House has a team for all House events (with the Housemaster taking the major responsibility for boys teams, the Housemistress for girls teams).
2. Maintain and keep up to date House noticeboards, one on each site.
3. Support House teams as much as is practicable at all House competitions.
4. Attend House Committee meetings as called by the Deputy Head (Pastoral).
5. Take, and publish, minutes at the House Committee meetings as required (normally one meeting in eight for each Housemaster / Housemistress).
6. Organise, prepare and officiate at House assemblies.
7. Appoint House Captains and other House officials following the annual timetable agreed at House committee.
8. Take responsibility for organising a fair share of House events, and for reporting the results to the Headmaster, as agreed at House Committee.
9. Supervise and organise their House teams throughout the Senior House Athletics Competition (Sports Day).
10. Supervise and organise their House teams throughout the Senior House Swimming Sports and assist in entertaining guests over lunch.
11. Liaise with the Deputy Head (Pastoral) as necessary over House issues.
12. Foster and promote through the House system a spirit of fair play, healthy competition and cooperation.
13. Look for ways to develop the range and depth of House activities within the school.
14. Undertake other duties and responsibilities which the Headmaster may delegate.

The above are in addition to the responsibilities and duties for an assistant teacher.

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND DEPUTIES

JOB DESCRIPTION

This job description is intended to act as a guideline for House staff. Different House staff will probably choose to use their House Captains and Deputies in slightly different ways whilst the particular strengths of the Captains and Deputies will probably vary from year to year.

This job description should be read out to the Lower Sixth before they vote on the House Captain for the next year.

1. To organise Sixth Form teams for House events.
2. To take, organise or help with House assemblies as required by House staff.
3. To assist House Captains in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms in organising teams for House events.
4. To attend and support House activities on Tuesday lunchtimes.
5. To ensure the House has a full team for all events.
6. To collect trophies in assemblies and at Prize Giving.
7. To set an example to the rest of the House in terms of attitude and participation.
8. To liaise regularly with House staff.
9. To deliver an oral report on their House year at Final House Assembly.

PAST WINNERS OF THE UPPER SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION

1991-2	Myott
1992-3	Myott
1993-4	Myott
1994-5	Kitchener
1995-6	Kitchener
1996-7	Kitchener
1997-8	Dutton
1998-9	Barratt
1999-2000	Kitchener
2000-1	Kitchener
2001-2	Kitchener
2002-3	Kitchener
2003-4	Kitchener
2004-5	Kitchener
2005-6	Myott
2006-7	Myott
2007-8	Myott
2008-9	Dutton
2009-10	

PAST WINNERS OF THE LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION

1999.2000	Dutton
2000.1	Kitchener
2001.2	Kitchener
2002.3	Barratt
2003.4	Myott
2004.5	Myott
2005.6	Myott
2006.7	Dutton
2007.8	Barratt
2008.9	Dutton
2009-10	

RULES OF UPPER SCHOOL HOUSE EVENTS

ATHLETICS

Upper School House Sports Day takes place early in the Summer term before study leave. Athletes may compete in the following events:-

Hurdles, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Javelin and Shot. There are also two relay events: 4 x 100m and 4 x 300m.

The Hurdles, High Jump and Javelin events usually take place before Sports Day on a date determined by the Director of Sport.

Each House enters a Girls team and a Boys Team. For each team, two competitors should be entered from each Year Group for each event. Four competitors are needed for the Relays. The Sixth Form Year Group comprises both Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth competitors. Athletes in Years 9, 10 and 11 make up the rest of the team. An athlete may compete in a maximum of 2 Track, 1 Field event (or vice versa) plus 1 Relay (4 events in all)!

Points for events are allocated as follows:-

1st place – 9 points (16 points in relays)

2nd place – 7 points (12 points in relays)

3rd place – 6 points (8 points in relays)

4th place – 5 points (4 points in relays)

5th place – 4 points

6th place – 3 points

7th place – 2 points

8th place – 1 point

The House with the highest number of points will be declared the winner.

There are also trophies awarded to individual Field and Track champions in each Year Group plus a Victor Ludorum award for the combined track and field champion in the Sixth Form events.

BADMINTON

Teams will consist of pairs and will be played along the lines of the new 21 point format which is this official one used by the International Badminton Federation (IBF). The only difference is that all games will be played to 11 points rather than 21.

Each House will provide two pairs of boys from each year for the boys competition and two pairs of girls from each year for the girls competition. One pair will be the 'A' team and the other the 'B' team. The 'A' teams from each house will play each other and the 'B' teams will do the same ie the 'A' and 'B' teams do not play each other.

To win a game, one pair has to score 11 points. If a score becomes 10-10, the side which scores 2 consecutive points shall win that game. If the score becomes 19-19, the side that scores the 20th point shall win that game. There are no "service over", meaning you can score a point no matter who serves. There is one service only for doubles.

Points for each year's competition are awarded on the following basis: 5 for 1st place, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd and 1 for 4th. To find the overall winner, the points for each House for each year group involved are then totalled.

CHESS

1. Each House is to nominate 3 players, of either sex, for each match
2. Matches will be on a knock out basis. (See attached sheet for full details)
3. Each match will consist of three games on 3 consecutive Tuesdays. Standard chess competition rules will be used. There will be a referee for the games whose decision will be final. If games are drawn at 1.25pm the winner will be decided on the points value of the pieces left on the board.
4. Games will start at 12.50pm and should be completed by 1.25pm. Any games not completed by then will be considered drawn. Failure to turn up will lead to loss of the game and failure to turn up by 1.05pm will lead to the loss of the game.
5. Matches are to be played on Tuesday lunchtimes in Victoria Library.
6. 2 pts will be awarded for a win in a match, one for a draw and zero for a defeat. If the total points scored by two or more Houses are the same at the end of a year group competition, the number of total games won will be taken into account. House points for the competition in each year group will be awarded using the 5, 3, 2, 1 system and

these will be added up across the year groups to establish the overall positions of the Houses and the winners of the Senior House Chess Trophy.

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys :

Years 9 and 10. All boys run in the event and count towards the final House positions. The events are held in a games lesson.

Sixth Form and Year 11. Each House will provide a minimum of 8 Sixth Form and 6 Year 11 runners with no maximum number. The event takes place on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Girls :

Years 9 and 10

This will be run during games lessons and all girls will run. The first six runners home for each house will count for the final placings. Lowest total scored will decide the final places.

Sixth Form and Year 11

This will be run as a relay race round school with teams of six. Points will be awarded according to finishing places.

CROSSWORD

Each House to provide:

One team of 4 boys, with one boy from each year group.
plus
One team of 4 girls, with one girl from each year group.

25 minutes maximum to complete the puzzle.

Most number of correct answers will win

FOOTBALL (5 A SIDE) Boys and girls

Each House will provide a team of 5 players with up to 3 substitutes who can be used on a rolling basis.

Format will be round robin, each House playing the 3 other Houses. All matches will be of 5 minutes duration, with no half-times.

Teams must have a minimum of 4 players otherwise they concede the game 3-0.

3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 for a draw.

In the event of a tie, goal difference, then, if necessary, goals scored, will decide the overall positions.

Normally held on a Tuesday lunchtime, in the Sports Hall, hence a prompt 1pm start is desirable.

FOOTBALL (11 A SIDE)

Each House will provide a team of 11 players with unlimited substitutes to compete in a round robin tournament against the other three Houses.

The competition will usually be held in games lessons.

If two or more teams are tied on points (3 for a win, 1 for a draw) goal difference, and then goals scored, will be used to determine final positions.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

The Quiz is split into two events, Years 9 and 10 together and Year 11 and 6th Form together.

Each House team consists of four people, a boy and girl from each year.

The quiz is made up of five rounds.

Rounds 1 and 3 involve one separate question to each member of the team with no conferring. 1 point is given for a correct answer and nothing for an incorrect answer.

Rounds 2 and 4 involve four questions to each House with conferring allowed, same scoring system as rounds 1 and 3.

Final round is the buzzer round, 20 questions that the teams can buzz in to answer. 2 points for a correct answer but 1 point deducted if they answer incorrectly.

The scores are then calculated over the two age groups to give the overall results for the House competition.

HOCKEY (GIRLS)

Matches will be played during games lessons

- Each house may select a team of 8 (including a fully equipped goalkeeper) from a squad of 9 players.
- Each game will be 10 minutes each way.
- There will be 2 minutes half time.

The order of play will be decided and published before the start of the competition.

Scoring: 5 points for a win, 2 point for a score draw, 1 for a draw.

If the points are equal at the end of the competition the places will be decided by:-

- i. The result between the two teams.
- ii. The number of goals scored.
- iii. The number of goals conceded.
- iv. If still equal – points are shared.

HOCKEY (BOYS)

This is a mini-hockey competition held during Games lessons. Each House may select a team of 7 (including a goalkeeper) from a squad of 10 players. Each game will be 10 minutes each way and there will be 2 minutes half time.

Each House will play each other and 3 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. If the points are equal at the end of the competition, the places will be decided by: the result between the two teams; the number of goals scored; the number of goals conceded and if still equal – points are shared.

MUSIC

The Criteria are as follows:

Each House will perform 4 items lasting no longer than 20 minutes in total. There is an external adjudicator to judge the event. The order of performance for each House rotates each year.

Scoring Criteria :

Score	
1. Participation from all ages	6
2. Presentation, Introduction and flow of items	6
3. Range of Music: Diversity of music played. Originality.	6
4. Quality of performance of each item 8 marks per item	32
Total	<hr/> 50

NETBALL

1. House netball will be a round robin competition where all Houses play each other.
2. Matches will be played during games lessons.
3. Matches will consist of two halves of equal time.
4. England Netball playing rules will apply to all games; including rules regarding dress and nail length.
5. Teams will consist of a maximum of 12 players; 7 players on court and 5 reserves. The minimum number of players that will enable a team to take the court is 5.
6. Scoring will be 5 pts for a win, 3 pts for a draw and 2pts for losing by 50% or more and 1 pt for losing by less than 50%.
7. If the points are equal at the end of the competition the final positions will be decided by
 - i) the result between the two equal teams.
 - ii) The number of goals scored

- iii) The number of goals conceded
- iv) If still equal – the points shall be shared

8. Overall positions will be decided by totalling the results from all four years.

ROUNDERS

- Matches will be played during games lessons.
- Each House select one team.
- Each game will be 10 minutes each innings.

The order of play will be decided and published before the competition starts.

Scoring: 5 points for a win, 3 points for a draw, 1 for losing team scoring 50% of score.

If the points are equal at the end of the competition the places will be decided by:-

- v. The result between the two teams.
- vi. The number of rounders scored.
- vii. The number of rounders conceded.
- viii. If still equal – points are shared.

ROWING

For each year group, two boys and two girls from each House will compete. Each individual is required to row for 3 minutes. They can set the machine to whatever level they desire but they will only start to row once the rowing machine has been reset by the Housemaster or mistress in charge. Once rowing has started, the competitor cannot ask to restart unless there is an exceptional reason to do so.

The distance (in metres) for each Houses' four rowers is totalled to determine who has won each year group. Points for each year's competition are awarded on the following basis: 5 for 1st place, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd and 1 for 4th. To find the overall winner, the points for each House for each year group involved are then totalled.

RUGBY

Matches will be played in games lessons

7 a side with 3 in each scrum

rolling subs

round robin

drop goals for conversions

scoring team kicks off

SWIMMING

Participation: each competitor may enter a maximum of 2 individual events, 2 relays and the Cannon relay.

The events: backstroke (50m), butterfly (25m girls, 50m boys), breaststroke (50m), freestyle (50m), medley relay (4 by 25m girls, 4 by 50m boys), freestyle relay (4 by 50m) and Cannon relay.

Notes:

1. black swimwear must be worn
2. once the whistle sounds silence must be observed by all
3. nobody may leave the pool until all medals and trophies have been awarded
4. The teacher i/c swimming will give further guidance on the day

TUG OF WAR

Each House will produce a team of 8. Substitutes may be used if required.

Competition will be a round-robin event. Each House will play each other, best out of 3 pulls.

3 points will be awarded for a win. In the event of a tie on points, Houses will be separated, if possible, by number of pulls lost, then, if necessary, by results against each other.

THE LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION

Outline

The Lower School House Competition is undertaken by pupils in Years 7 and 8 of the Senior School. House assemblies take place every two weeks on a Wednesday morning. Wednesday lunchtimes are used for House Competitions as well as some games lessons. The House Public Speaking takes place in PHSE and is linked to the content of the PHSE course. Each term a major competition takes place during the school day as follows:

Autumn Term:	Swimming Sports
Spring Term:	Music
Summer Term:	Athletics Sports

Lower School House Coordinator role

The member of staff who holds this role is responsible for the following:

1. Briefing House Prefects on House assemblies and administration linked to assemblies
2. Organising the appointment of House prefects in conjunction with Senior House staff.
3. Liaising with games staff over organisation of competitions in games lessons and music staff over organisation of House music.
4. Organising and supervising competitions on Wednesday lunchtimes.
5. Organising the presentation of cups in assemblies and the final House assembly of the year.
6. Collating the results of competitions and publicising the competitions and results via the School website.

House Prefects

Two Upper Sixth Form boy and two girl pupils are nominated by House staff as House prefects from each House. The nomination process takes place in the first half of the summer term of the Lower Sixth year. The Headmaster approves the list of nominations and the prefects assume their duties after they return from study leave after half term. The Prefects supervise the fortnightly House assemblies and assist the pupils in organising teams for the competitions. They also assist in supervising competitions on Wednesday lunchtimes. The House prefects supervise the new pupils on New Pupils

day at the end of the summer term and the Xmas party for Year 7 at the end of the autumn term. Badges recognising their appointments are worn by House prefects.

One boy prefect and one girl prefect are selected at the end of the summer term to act as assistants to the Lower School House Coordinator.

House Captains

A Year 8 boy and girl from each House will be elected as House Captains at the first House assembly of the year. They will assist the House prefects in organising teams for the competitions. Badges are worn by the House Captains.

Form Tutors

All Year 7 and Year 8 Form Tutors are allocated to a House and attend the House assembly for that House. Their role is to support the House prefects if necessary and to keep their forms informed of House events. They help prepare pupils for the House public speaking competition.

House Assemblies: Venues

House assemblies take place in the following venues:

Barratt:	Music School Hall (JAC, RWB)
Dutton:	Dutton Dining Room (HJB, JBN)
Kitchener:	Victoria Library (JMG, SL)
Myott:	Lancaster Library (DAW, JCC)

In the second half of the Summer Term all four Houses meet together in the Victoria Library.

COMPETITIONS

There are 20 competitions which are scored as follows:

First: 5 points Second: 3 points Third: 2 points Fourth: 1 point.

In the case of a draw for any position the points are shared between the Houses.

Regular updates of each House's position in the competition will be published on the school's website.

A brief outline is given below for each event.

1. Tug of War

This takes place on the Upper Close on a Wednesday early in the autumn term starting at 1250. There are four separate competitions which take place as follows

Week 1:	Year 7 Boys	Year 7 Girls
Week 2:	Year 8 Boys	Year 8 Girls

Each House to have teams of 8 with 2 reserves for each competition.

Competitors should wear games kit – tracksuits are useful as the weather can be cold. Gloves assist in keeping a grip on the rope. Hockey or rugby boots should be worn as they provide more grip than trainers.

All pupils should report changed in their teams to the Upper Close as soon as possible after the end of morning school.

Each competition is undertaken on a round robin basis with FOUR ropes being used simultaneously on each lunchtime's competition.

Results for each of the four competitions are collated together to produce an overall result.

2. Quiz

The competition takes place in the Autumn Term on Wednesday lunchtime and the venue is the Victoria Library.

There is one team for each House: Barratt, Dutton, Kitchener, Myott and each team consists of two boys and two girls.

There are five rounds are follows:

ROUND 1: INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS TO TEAM MEMBERS (16)
ROUND 2: QUESTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL TEAMS - 4 TO EACH TEAM.
ROUND 3: INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS TO TEAM MEMBERS (16)
ROUND 4: QUESTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL TEAMS – 4 TO EACH TEAM.
ROUND 5: 20 QUESTIONS OPEN TO ANY TEAM: FIRST ONE TO BUZZ
IS FIRST TO ANSWER.

Scoring:

Rounds 1 to 4: 2 points for a correct answer

Round 5: 2 points for a correct answer and -1 for an incorrect answer.

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

3. Chess

The competition takes place in the Autumn Term on Wednesday lunchtime and the venue is the Victoria Library. There will be separate competitions for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. Each competition will take place over two weeks.

For each competition each House is to nominate 4 players of each sex - 3 of these are to take part in any one match. A Team Captain must also be selected.

Matches will be on a knock out basis. Each match will consist of three games. Standard chess competition rules will be used. There will be a referee for the games whose decision will be final. If games are drawn at 1.25 the winner will be decided on the points value of the pieces left on the board.

Games will start at 12.50pm and should be completed by 1.25pm. Any games not Completed by then will be considered drawn. Failure to turn up will lead to loss of the game.

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

4. Swimming

The swimming sports take place on the afternoon of the penultimate day of the Autumn Term. During this term the Teacher in Charge of swimming times pupil performances in swimming lessons. From these performances a programme of entries is produced. A pupil may take part in two individual events and the relays. The event is organised by the Teacher in Charge of swimming assisted by Sixth Form swimming officials and Form Tutors.

A presentation ceremony for medals, individual cups and the House Cup takes place at the end of the afternoon.

5. Cross Country

All pupils take part in the Cross Country competitions in games lessons (autumn term: girls and spring term: boys). The course is decided by the games staff supervising the events. The first ten pupils from each House count towards the competition.

There are separate competitions for the boys and girls. Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result for each competition.

6. Netball

The competition takes place in games lessons in the Spring Term. The competition is undertaken on a round robin basis using standard Netball rules. The whole competition is completed in one games lesson.

- Matches will be played during games lessons.
- Each House select one team. The aim, if possible, would be for all Year 7 & 8 girls' to play in the Tournament.
- Each game will be 16 minutes, running clock, change ends at 8 minutes.

Scoring:

5 points for a win; 3 points for a draw, 1 for losing team scoring 50% of goals

If the points are equal at the end of the competition the places will be decided by:-

- ix. The result between the two teams.
- x. The number of goals scored.
- xi. The number of goals conceded.
- xii. If still equal – points are shared.

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

7. Badminton

The competition takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes in the Spring Term.

The competition will be played as a series of Round Robin competitions:

Year 7 Boys

Year 7 Girls

Year 8 Boys

Year 8 Girls

Each House will produce a squad of 4 players for each year: 2 boys / 2 girls.

All games will be played under standard badminton rules and will be doubles. The court allocation is as follows:

Court 1: Year 1 Boys Court 2: Year 1 Girls Court 3: Year 2 Boys Court 4: Year 2 Girls

Each round takes place in a single week and so the competition lasts a total of three weeks.

Results for each competition are collated together to produce an overall result.

8. Rugby

There are separate events for the year 7 and year 8 boys and these take place in the games lessons in the spring term.

The games are 7 a side with a round robin tournament that takes place in a games lesson. Each game lasts 5 minutes. If teams are level at the end of the tournament positions are decided on tries scored.

Results for each competition are collated together to produce an overall result.

9. Hockey

There are separate competitions for boys and girls and these take place in games lessons in the spring term.

For both sexes the competitions are mini hockey played on a round robin basis. Each game lasts 15 minutes one way. If points are equal at the end of the competition places will be decided on goal difference. If points are still equal then competition points will be shared.

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

10. Music

The House music competition takes place on the last Friday of January during periods 6 to 8. The venue is St Paul's Church.

The competition consists of a vocal and an instrumental number. Maximum participation is expected from all of the Houses

Music staff help Houses choose suitable music/songs for the event. They also rehearse the Houses at the following times:

Instrumental: Monday nights at 4pm in Music School.

Vocal: Wednesday lunchtimes at 1250

Friday morning during PHSE on the day of the event

A full timetable is published each week for rehearsals by the Music department.

The competition is judged by Sixth Form Music Students using the following criteria which are given equal weighting:

Performance: (To include Enthusiasm and how well the performers participate)

Musicianship.

The House music cup is presented at the end of the event after a few words by the chair of judges.

11. Football

The House football competition takes place throughout the academic year. There are separate competitions for the boys and girls and for each year group: four in all. The sequence of competitions is as follows:

Year 8 Boys, Year 7 boys, Year 7 girls, Year 7 girls.

Each competition is played on a round robin basis and each team plays three games over a period of 3 weeks.

The games will take place in the Sports Hall starting at 1250 and each team must have a squad of 8 players – 6 of these play in any one game.

Each game consists of 2 halves of 7 minutes with a 1 minute break.

Normal 5-a-side rules apply.

Results for each of the four competitions are collated together to produce an overall result.

12. Newsheet

The purpose of this competition is to get 4 newsheets published - one each from each House. The competition will take place on Wednesday lunchtime between 12.50pm and 1.50pm in the Victoria Computer lab.

Each newsheet will consist of a maximum of 2 sides of A4. The newsheet will be an introduction to the school for the new first form pupils in September. Graphics and photographs will be allowed.

There will be 6 "editors" from each House – these must include the House Captains from the second year.

The leaflets are judged by a panel consisting of House and ICT Department.

13. Public Speaking

This will take place in the Autumn Term for Year 8 and Summer Term for Year 7. The competition takes place in a PHSE period.

All of the year group with their Form Tutors will attend to watch the competition for their year group.

Each House is to enter one speaker who will produce a speech. The speaker is to prepare a speech of about five minutes duration based on a subject from the PHSE Course. The subject will be decided by the House Staff and form Tutors for that year group. Speeches longer than 5 minutes will be penalised as will speeches that are considerably shorter.

The competition will be judged by Year 11 Monitors – a panel of two boys and two girls.

The instructions for the competition are given below:

Speakers may discuss their initial ideas with a member of staff before beginning to write their speeches. They may take advice or suggestions from other pupils in their House at any stage in the preparation process. Speakers may use brief written notes to guide them through their speeches but **MUST** not rely on simply reading out a written version of

their speech. They may use visual aids but no ICT is to be used. Each speaker will be given points out of 20.

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

14. Athletics

The House athletics sports take place on a Tuesday afternoon after the school exams in the summer term. They take place on Stubbs Field starting at 1130 with a break for lunch. Parents are invited to attend and refreshments are available during the day for them.

The event is organised by the Head of Girls Games and the House Staff. They decide the programme of events for the sports and the order of events. Pupils select teams during examination week based on entry criteria: These allow a maximum of 2 track and 1 field event or vice versa for each competitor. In addition each competitor can take part in one relay.

Form tutors, games and House staff supervise during the afternoon. Some events take place as “pre-events” during games lessons.

A presentation ceremony for medals, individual cups and the House Cup takes place at the end of the afternoon.

15. Cricket

The House cricket competition takes place in the games sessions during exam weekend in the summer term. There are separate competitions for each year group. The competitions take place on the Astro and are played as Quick Cricket.

The competition runs on a round robin basis with all games completed in one afternoon.

Rules:

1. All house play.
2. Only extras are wides worth 2 runs. No extra ball for a wide.
3. All runs come off the bat and must be run – no 4’s or 6’s
4. Batsman retires after 25 runs.
5. 8 overs per innings: each by a different bowler.

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

16. Rounders

The competition takes place in games lessons in the Summer Term.

Each game will be 7 minutes each innings.

Scoring:

5 points for a win; 3 points for a draw, 1 for losing team scoring 50% of score.

If the points are equal at the end of the competition the places will be decided by:-

- xiii. The result between the two teams.
- xiv. The number of rounders scored.
- xv. The number of rounders conceded.
- xvi. If still equal – points are shared.

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

17. Tennis

The competitions takes place in games lessons in the Summer Term. There are separate competitions for the boys and girls.

The competitions take place on a round robin basis. Each House has 2 pairs in the competition for each year group.

- 2 couples per year – ‘A’ & ‘B’ couple
All ‘A’ couples play each other
All ‘B’ couples play each other
- Rules of competition
1 short set (first couple to reach 6 games) or 20 minutes maximum playing time per round. Only, completed games to count for points. Toss for first serve. Central timing will operate.
- Scoring
‘A’ couples - 4 points for each set won and
1 point for each game won

‘B’ couples - 2 points for each set won and
1 point for each game won

Points, sets & games from each couple will be added together.

- Positions for each year determined by :
 1. Highest number of points
 2. Highest number of sets won
 3. Highest number of games won
 4. Shared position

Results for each year are collated together to produce an overall result.

Commendations

A cup will be awarded for the House that has been awarded the highest number of commendations in the period from the start of the Autumn term until the end of the first half of the Summer term. The commendations for Years 7 and 8 will be added together to produce a final total. The positions in the competition will be based on this final total. Updates on the number awarded will be given at the end of the Autumn and Spring terms.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009-2010

UPPER SCHOOL HOUSE ACTIVITIES - AUTUMN TERM 2009

Tu8/9

Tu15/9

Tu22/9 6 Form Tug of War (Upper close)

Tu29/9 Y11 Tug of War (Upper close) 6 Form Girls 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)

Tu6/10 Y10 Tug of War (Upper close) Y11 Girls 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)

Tu13/10 Y9 Tug of War (Upper close) Y10 Girls 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)

M19/10	Y9 Girls Netball (games)	Y9 Boys Hockey (games)
Tu20/10		Y9 Girls 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)
	Y11 Girls Netball (games)	Y11 Boys Hockey (games)

Th22/10	Y10 Girls Netball (games)	Y10 Boys Hockey (games)
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Mon 2/11	Y9 Girls Hockey (games)	Y9 Boys Rugby (games)
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Tu 3/11 Y9/10 Chess (Victoria library) 6 Form Boys 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)

	Y11 Girls Hockey (games)	Y11 Boys Rugby (games)
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Th5/11	Y10 Girls Hockey (games)	Y10 Boys Rugby (games)
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Tu 10/11	Y9/10 Chess (Victoria library) 6 Form Boys 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)
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Tu17/11	Y9/10 Chess (Victoria library) Y11 Boys 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)
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Tu24/11	Y11/6 Form Chess (Victoria library) Y10 Boys 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)
	Girls Open Swim events (pool)

Tu 1/12	Y11/6 Form Chess (Victoria library) Y9 Boys 5-a-side Soccer (S Hall)
	Boys Open Swim events (pool)

Tu8/12 Y11/6 Form Chess (Victoria library) Reserve date for 5-a-side Soccer

Tu15/12

Swimming Sports (a.m.)

UPPER SCHOOL HOUSE ACTIVITIES - SPRING TERM 2010

Tu 5/1		
Th 7/1	4 Girls & Boys X-Country (games)	No S Hall - exams
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M11/1	3 Boys & Girls X-Country (games)	
Tu12/1		No S Hall - exams
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Tu19/1	5 + 6 Boys & Girls X-Country	3 Girls Badminton
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Tu26/1	5/6 Gen Knowledge Quiz (Vic lib)	4 Girls Badminton
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Tu2/2	3/4 Gen Knowledge Quiz (Vic lib)	5 Girls
Badminton		
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Tu9/2	Crosswords (Vic lib)	6 Girls Badminton
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Tu23/2	3 Rowing	6 Boys Badminton
	Music Rehearsal	
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Tu2/3	4 Rowing	5 Boys
Badminton		
	Music Rehearsal	
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Tu9/3	5 Rowing	No S Hall – Dance Show
	Music Rehearsal	
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Tu16/3	6 Rowing	4 Boys Badminton
	Music Rehearsal	
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Tu23/3	5 Boys 11-a-side Football (games)	3 Boys Badminton
	Music Rehearsal	
W 24/3	6 Girls Netball (games)	
Th 25/3	4 Boys 11-a-side Football (games)	
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M 29/3	3 Boys 11-a-side Football (games)	
Tu30/3		House Music (pm)
W 31/3	6 Boys 11-a-side Football (games)	

LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Autumn Term 2009

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Wednesday	16/9/09	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	23/9/09	1250	Year 8 Lower School House Quiz	Victoria Library
Wednesday	30/9/09	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	30/9/09	1250	Lower School House Tug of War	Upper Close
Wednesday	7/10/09	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 7 boys	Sports Hall
Wednesday	14/10/09	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	14/10/09	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 7 boys	Sports Hall
Wednesday	21/10/09	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 7 boys	Sports Hall
Wednesday	4/11/09	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	4/11/09	1250	Lower School House Chess -Year 8	Victoria Library
Wednesday	11/11/09	1250	Lower School House Chess -Year 8	Room M6
Wednesday	18/11/09	1250	Lower School House Chess -Year 7	Victoria Library
Wednesday	18/11/09	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	25/11/09	1250	Lower School House Chess -Year 7	Victoria Library
Friday Speaking	27/11/09	1030	Year 8 Lower School House Public	
Wednesday	2/12/09	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 8 boys	Sports Hall
Wednesday	2/12/09	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Week beginning	7/12/09		Girls Lower School House Cross-Country – Games Lessons	

Wednesday Library	09/12/09	1250	Year 7 Lower School House Quiz	Victoria
Tuesday	15/12/09		AM Year 7 Parties	Sports Hall
Tuesday	15/12/09		PM Lower School House Swimming Sports	Pool

Spring Term 2010

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Wednesday	06/1/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	06/1/10	1250	Lower School House Music Rehearsals:	Music school
Tuesday	12/1/10		Boys Lower School House X-Country: Year 8	
Wednesday	13/1/10		Boys Lower School House X-Country: Year 7	
Wednesday	13/1/10	1250	Lower School House Music Rehearsals:	Music school
Wednesday	20/1/10	0900	Lower School House Assembly:	Victoria Library
Wednesday	20/1/10	1250	Lower School House Music Rehearsals:	Music school
Friday	22/1/10	1400	Lower School House Music:	St Paul's Church
Wednesday	27/1/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 2 Boys	Sports Hall
Wednesday	27/01/10:		Lower School House Girls Hockey Year 7	
Monday	1/2/10		Boys Lower School House Rugby: Year 7	
Wednesday	3/2/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	3/2/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 2 Boys	Sports Hall
Thursday	4/2/10		Boys Lower School House Rugby: Year 8	
Tuesday	09/2/10		Lower School House Girls Hockey Year 8	
Wednesday Hall	10/2/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 2 Girls	Sports
Wednesday	24/2/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	24/2/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 2 Girls	Sports Hall

Wednesday	3/3/10		Lower School House Girls Netball: Year 7	
Wednesday	3/3/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 2 Girls	Sports Hall
Wednesday	10/3/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday Hall	10/3/10	1250	Lower School House Badminton:	Sports
Wednesday	17/3/10	1250	Lower School House Badminton:	Sports Hall
Thursday	11/3/10		Boys Lower School House Hockey Year 8	
Monday	15/3/10		Boys Lower School House Hockey Year 7	
Wednesday	24/3/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	24/3/10	1250	Lower School House Badminton:	Sports Hall
Tuesday	31/3/10		Lower School House Girls Netball: Year 8	

Summer Term 2010

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Wednesday	21/4/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 7 Girls	Sports Hall
Wednesday	21/4/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	28/4/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 7 Girls	Sports Hall
Friday	07/5/10	1030	Year 7 Public Speaking	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	05/5/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
Wednesday	05/5/10	1250	Lower School House Football: Year 7 Girls	Sports Hall
Wednesday	19/5/10	1250	Lower School House Newspaper	Victoria Lab
Wednesday	19/5/10	0900	Lower School House Assemblies	
7/6/10- 12/6/10:	Boys Lower School House Cricket: Year 7		Games Lessons	
	Boys Lower School House Cricket: Year 8		Games Lessons	
Wednesday	17/6/10	0900	Lower School House Assembly	Memorial Hall
Tuesday	23/6/10:	1130	Lower School House Athletics Sports	Stubbs
Thursday	25/6/10:	Games	Lower School House Boys Tennis: Year 8	
Monday 7	28/6/10:	Games	Lower School House Boys Tennis: Year 7	
Tuesday	30/6/10:	Games	Lower School House Girls Tennis/Rounders	Year 8
Wednesday	1/7/10:	Games	Lower School House Girls Tennis/Rounders	Year 7
Wednesday	1/7/10:	1415	Joint House event: Year 6 and Year 7	
Thursday Cup	2/7/10:	0900	Final Lower School House Assembly: Review of Year and Presentation of St Paul's Church	