

March 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am getting in touch because we are starting the process of allocating all new 3<sup>rd</sup> Form pupils to a senior boarding house. As I'm sure you know, we have seven senior houses, all led by excellent pastoral teams with experienced Houseparents at the helm who are supported by their Assistant Houseparent, Tutor Team and Matron Teams. Our senior houses accommodate pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> Form to Upper Sixth with four senior houses for boys and three for girls.

The houses are:

**Boys**

Hazelveare  
School  
Summerfield  
Sutton

**Girls**

Haygate  
Park  
Gosden

As this process gets under way, I wanted to contact you to try and allay some very natural anxiety around house allocation that some of the pupils (and indeed parents) may be feeling. We do not ask for preferences when undertaking this process: this is partly because we have brilliant teams in all the houses and we are confident that pupil experience across the houses is broadly the same – bedtimes do not vary by house, for example – but more importantly because it helps us to avoid friendship cliques developing and enables the children to build those all important social skills that sit at the heart of their senior school education from the outset.

In our experience, even those pupils who are initially nervous about their house allocation quickly settle and are usually pleasantly surprised as they forge new friendships as well as maintaining those older relationships formed at their previous school or in Junior House and we work really hard to support them at this point of transition. Whilst we do not seek preferences, we do spend a good deal of time and energy ensuring that we get the allocation right for each child and to that end we reach out to their current schools where applicable and take onboard input from the Junior House team to ensure that we have as much information as possible to help us place each child in the right house for them.

We would also be really grateful if you could let us know if there are any other factors that we should be aware of during the allocation process, for example, if there is a medical condition that would benefit from proximity to the Health Centre or some other family connection to a particular House. If



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you already have a child at LWC, we tend to place siblings of the same gender in the same house unless we receive a request otherwise; please do let us know if you would like siblings to be placed in different houses.

If there is anything you would like us to be aware of, please could we ask that you complete this form by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April:

### [3rd Form House Allocation September 2024](#)

If you have any questions at all regarding house allocation (or anything else regarding your child joining 3<sup>rd</sup> Form) please do not hesitate to get in touch either with the admissions team or with myself directly. I know that the Senior House teams are really excited to welcome the next cohort of 3<sup>rd</sup> Form in September and look forward to seeing you and your children at the various induction events that are planned.

All this information and these documents can be found by using our [Key Dates and Links | Lord Wandsworth College](#) link.

Best wishes,

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Deputy Head Pastoral