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HOUSE NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025

Kerrison House



From the HM



Where did 2024 go? As we are half a term into 2025, I often look back over the year and set myself goals for the future. That said, I am not a great believer in New Year's resolutions as the statistics for them being continued do not make good reading!

It has been lovely welcoming the boys back into the House following the Christmas Holidays, listening to their adventures (many of which make me very jealous!) and hearing of the stories of family and Christmas feasts.

I hope you have all managed to catch up with your sons over the break and they have all seemed ready for the challenges that lie ahead. My first challenge for them all was to come up with a House charter in their year groups. I was a little relieved when many of them were very similar and we were able to put together a "Kerrison Charter 2025" document (which you can see below), giving the boys some ownership over the House and what we can all hold each other to account for. Over the past week I have also spoken to them about accountability and its importance as they move through the different stages of their lives. This comes from business and how to create a strong team culture. It speaks about how we can remain "above the line" by taking Ownership, Accountability and Responsibility (OAR) when we make a mistake, being a Victor, rather than dipping "below the line" by Blaming others, making Excuses and Denying it has happened (BED) and being a victim. Please do have a chat with your sons about this when they return for half term! This should also help with those examined years who are or will be receiving the results of their mock examinations, thinking about how they react to their results and move forwards towards the summer examination season. Please do hold your sons accountable at home too, as we will in House - encourage them to stay above the line - "It's easy to stay in BED; the powerful response is to start paddling with your OAR"!

Other than this, it has been another busy term, ranging from Junior House Hockey in week 1 - allowing coaches to see the depth of talent within Year 9 and 10, to the House quiz. I was delighted with the result of the Junior House Hockey, securing a solid second in the A team competition with a shock win against Rendlesham, and being unbeaten in the B team competition - the future of both Kerrison and Framlingham College Hockey is in safe hands. There were some standout performances from some of our Year 9 pupils, Sid T and Raff L to

mention two. Our Year 10 pupils showed their knowledge and experience leading the team, with Tyler F and Toby T organising and leading from the front, and some great performances by Archie B, Aden V and Jack B.

The House Quiz this term saw the Kerrison A and B teams place first and second (thankfully in the correct order!), with the A team winning the competition very convincingly - well done to all those involved!

Moving towards the second half of this term sees Senior House Hockey, with many of our boys representing the First or Second XI this term, I must admit I am rather hopeful! I would also like to take this opportunity to say well done to our Year 11 boys for getting through their mocks, and wish the best of luck to our Year 13s who face theirs after Half Term!

We should also congratulate our very own Jack W for a superb Merit in the International Maths Olympiad!

Thank you to all of the Kerrison parents for entrusting your sons to us during term time and I would like them to remember "Once Kerrison, Always Kerrison!"

Note: Registration in the mornings is at 0815 - after this please take your sons to reception

The Kerrison Charter 2025

As part of building the House ethos this term, we have asked the pupils to think about what they would like the House to be like, and what they can leave as their legacy as they move on to pastures new. Once the year groups put their opinions across, it was down to our Head and Deputy Heads of House and I to meet and put the ideas and views into a meaningful document.

I am so proud of the boys for coming up with such a well thought out, aspirational and inspirational charter - testament to what they want Kerrison to be. As part of this we have included why we are doing this and what the charter looks like in every day life around the House. This is something we all buy into, both pupils and staff, and we expect to be held accountable to this charter.

As Kerrisonians, we are Honest, Kind, Enthusiastic, Respectful and Polite, and show Integrity in all we do.

Kerrison House in pictures

