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## House Updates

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been looking to raise the profile of the House System this academic year at Ramsey Grammar School and have been working hard to encourage students to take pride in their House, developing a sense of belonging and strong identity between forms.

Form groups have moved away from numbers, eg 7.1 and 7.2, and have now returned to House Names, 7 Ayre, 7 Barrule, etc, which I know will please a lot of people. House Names have long been a tradition at Ramsey Grammar School, and we are pleased to revert back to this system.

We have seen more interhouse events taking place across the school, with language competitions, sports activities and art design competitions. We have introduced termly House Assemblies with rewards and spot prizes, and the school year will culminate in our House Day, which we relaunched last summer and is back, bigger and better than before!

House T-shirts are still an integral part of our uniform at RGS. However, due to budget restraints, we are no longer able to provide our new intake with one. They are now available to purchase from a local supplier. We are very grateful to Happy Dog Image Solutions who have set up an online shop for you to purchase these at a cost of **£6.50** per shirt. They can be delivered free of charge to the school office, labelled with your child's name, ready for distribution in September 2024. You can also arrange to collect from their premises on Jurby Industrial estate at no additional cost if you would prefer, or you can have them delivered to your home address (additional cost applied). The link for the online shop is [www.happydogis.co.uk](http://www.happydogis.co.uk) - click on the Kennel Club button and make your order.

House T-Shirts have been a long-standing tradition at Ramsey Grammar School. They give form groups a strong identity at whole school events such as Sports Day, Swimming Galas and House Days. They are an essential part of the RGS uniform, so please order to ensure you have one for September.

Finally, we have been extremely fortunate to have some fantastic support from some of our local businesses this year. We have managed to secure sponsorship for our Gold & Platinum award winners for gaining the highest number of House points over this academic year. We are very grateful to the following local businesses who have supported us this year:

**Gray Law**  
**Dolce Vita**  
**The Hutch**  
**CE Richmonds Ltd**  
**Apex Roofing**

**Property Wise**  
**Charterhouse Lombard**  
**EnergyFM bowling**  
**LJ Fiduciary**  
**Indulgence**

These award winners will each receive a voucher to spend in shops in Ramsey, supporting our local community and economy.

If any local businesses would like to support this scheme next year, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would be very grateful for any support from local businesses so that we can enthuse the next generation of young people in Ramsey to have a love of learning and be outstanding citizens.

Kind regards

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