

THE SOAR VALLEY

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The competition continues with a positive and resilient spirit. Despite the ongoing restrictions this half term, the Heads of House and House Captains have continued to work tirelessly on this important aspect of the culture at Soar Valley, delivering a range of exciting House competitions that appeal to all students. The amount of student participation and strength in unity that all involved in the House system have shown over recent weeks has been inspirational to see.

Heads of House



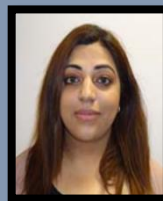
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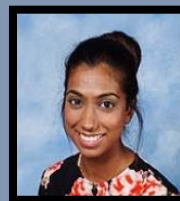
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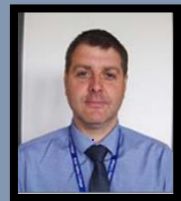
Bradgate



Castle



Victoria




Watermead

Since our last update the Heads of House have taken full advantage of the weather and encouraged our students to sign up to a range of activities and competitions.

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House Competition - Table Tennis Year 9

House	Rank	House Points
Beacon	1	150 pts
Bradgate	2	120 pts
Abbey	3	100 pts
Victoria	4	90 pts
Castle	6	0 pts
Watermead	6	0 pts



ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE

The return of House competitions has really galvanised the school into action. Most students have really missed the opportunity to have some competitive games amongst friends.

The Year 9 Table Tennis competition was no exception, all participants tried their best and had some extremely close games. The atmosphere was brilliant and the games were played in a fair and supportive environment.

Beacon eventually ran out the winners, but it was all to play for in the last round.

Geography- Cake Competition

The Geography department ran a 'Bake off' style cake baking competition. Entrants were asked to bake a cake with the theme of a country. This could be a famous landmark, flag or anything else. The response was outstanding! Victoria were victorious and gained 150 points, Castle were awarded 120 for second and Bradgate received 100 for third. All entrants had an extra 10 points.

House Debating Competition Results

The Debate Competition this year was really well attended across the year groups. Some extremely strong conversations and forthright opinions were shared, and all participants were respectful of other viewpoints. Some individuals even found their initial ideas had changed by the end.

Winners were;


Year 7: Castle

Year 8: Abbey

Year 9: Victoria

Year 10: Bradgate

Leicester City -Euro 2020 Competition



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House Competition – Year 7 and 8

Challenges to do during the Euro's	Prizes to be won from Leicester City FC
<p>Leicester City are holding a competition on social media linked to the Euros.</p> <p>We have been allocated <u>Denmark</u>, as our country.</p> <p>There are a number of challenges taking place over the next few weeks.</p> <p>All entries need to be submitted through the House system so please submit your entries to your Head of House by Wednesday of each week.</p> <p>The winners of each task will be entered into the Leicester City prize draw each week.</p>	<p>Week beginning 21st June - Take a photo of you watching Denmark play in the Euros</p> <p>Week beginning 28th June - Cook a dish from Denmark and post a picture</p> <p>Week beginning 5th July - Design a new shirt for Denmark</p> <p>Week beginning 12th July - Write a poem with your reflections on the Euros.</p> <p>Entries in by Wednesday of that week.</p>

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This competition has captured the imagination and creativity of a large number of students, some of the photographs showing students watching Denmark beat Russia 4 -1 on the TV were brilliant. We have had a number of Danish dishes posted, we are assuming pastries and bacon sandwiches count!

This competition is going to run on into the holidays but there is absolutely no reason why a new design for the Danish team kit and a poem about the Euros can't be submitted early (unless you want to write about England winning. Or not, again!)



Art

The Art department shot for the moon again with a 'Design and Decorate a Rocket' competition.

They were not disappointed with the results either! Watermead managed to hit the heights and shot into first place - amazing!

House Assembly Card Sort Competition

This was a short whole school competition during registration time in the morning during our House Assembly time. All tutor groups were issued with a number of pictures of famous faces and a number of quotes or sayings. The objective of the contest was to match up the right person to the correct quote. Marks were then awarded to the forms who submitted entries.

1st: Victoria 2nd: Beacon 3rd: Abbey 4th: Bradgate 5th: Castle 6th: Watermead

Penny Weigh In

During our brief return to school following the first national lockdown we organised a whole school fundraising event for Unicef.


Students were encouraged to bring in loose change and put it into a House coloured container in reception.

After a slow start, word got around and students and staff began to offload their loose change.

Beacon eventually came out as the most generous House, but it was an extremely close contest.

Well done to all, and lots was raised for a very deserving cause.


The Big T



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House Competition – Staff NHS Big T

House	Rank	House Points
Victoria	1	150 pts
Watermead	2	120 pts
Castle	3	100 pts
Bradgate	4	90 pts
Beacon	5	85 pts
Abbey	6	80 pts



The money raised = £205.55
This has been donated to the
NHS charities.

ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE

The staff were able to get in on the action and join in with a fundraising event.

Many staff hadn't been in a competition for a while and really entered into the spirit.

The event consisted mainly of buying and eating cake and ice cream, which everyone seemed to find easy! Victoria managed to roll out the eventual winners, and we raised just over £205 for NHS charities.

Inter-house Boy's Cricket and Girl's Rounders Competitions

Unfortunately Covid restrictions have sadly meant no Sports Day this year. This is a real shame as it is fantastic day for all students to have a go at a huge range of inclusive sports around the school site.

However, in its place, the PE Department have been running a Rounders' and Cricket Competition in lesson time over the last 3 weeks. Every house has played each other in a round robin tournament. Scores have been recorded, points have been awarded and totals have been counted to crown the eventual winners...

You will have to login to the school website to find out who this is...

... and finally

A note to say thank you to both Mr Greenhalgh, Head of Abbey House, who is moving on to pastures new and also to Miss Ricketts, Head of Beacon House, who is standing aside, for all their hard work and input over the last couple of years.

This has led to a reshuffle and we would like to announce Miss Wood, Head of Abbey House, and Miss Underwood, as the new Head of Watermead House, and a sideways move for Mr Hatto to Beacon from Watermead (free transfer!).

We are looking forward to a strong start to the new competitions in September... may the best House win!

Have a fantastic summer, enjoy the family time, keep reading, but most of all keep yourselves happy and safe.

Take care

Soar Valley Heads of House