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Dear Parents/Guardians

Upper School Day House Allocation

As you may already be aware, as part of your son's progression to the Upper School next year, he will be placed into one of our six day houses, each of which is twinned with its own boarding house, as shown in the table below. The boys in the twinned houses wear a common tie and compete together in house competitions. There is considerable (and healthy!) rivalry between the houses.

Day House	Boarding House
Ashburnham	Sanderson's
Bromham	Burnaby
Crescent	Pemberley
Paulo Pontine	Redburn
St Cuthbert's	Phillpotts
St Peter's	Talbot's

Each day house provides a base for the boys with changing areas for sports/games as well as recreational facilities. Housemasters and their tutorial team aim to provide a consistently high standard of pastoral care for the boys.

When your son joins the Upper School, he will also be placed into our vertical tutor group system, where boys from each year group will be present. The vertical nature of these groups most definitely contributes to the strong sense of community that awaits your son. There will still be plenty of opportunity within the school day for boys to socialise with boys who are allocated into different houses.

The Upper School house allocation procedure will include input from Prep School tutors and will aim to balance out peer group issues whilst ensuring an even distribution of talents (academic, drama, music, sporting etc.) across all of the houses. It is an art rather than a science and one in which our Admissions team, who will be managing the process, have great skill and experience. I would be grateful if you could contact them directly if you have any questions or concerns - admissions@bedfordschool.org.uk. They will obviously be liaising with the Prep School throughout.

If relevant, please let us know if there is a family connection to a specific house. This family connection will be upheld as a priority when considering the house allocation. It may be the case that you would prefer your son to be in a separate house from a brother or one of his peers and I would invite you to indicate this, in confidence, by email to the Admissions Team.

I would be grateful if you could inform us of all relevant information (as indicated above) by Friday 23rd March; it may not be possible to take information received after this date into consideration. You will then receive a letter confirming your son's house allocation in the week preceding the summer half term break.

Yours sincerely

James Hodgson
Head Master