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From the House Master

Welcome to the Durham House web site

Durham was one of the original boarding houses established when the School moved into its present buildings in 1886. As a result of reorganisation, it began a new life in September 1995, as one of three senior day-boy houses. It occupies a site which forms a bridge between the other day-boy houses of Tees and Dale, and the existing boarding areas of York and Northumberland. The House colour was originally chocolate but this was changed in 1887 to gold. Durham House currently uses all three of its colours: the gold of its flag as well as the crimson and black of its shield.



I was appointed House Master in September 2001, having arrived at Barnard Castle School four years before as Head of History & Politics. I coach the 3rd Rugby XV and the U14 Cricket XI.

In the last three years we have undergone a major refurbishment with structural changes to the common rooms taking place as well as a full programme of redecoration. We currently have 77 boys in the House, from ages 11-18. Should you wish to contact me, I have a direct telephone line into my study, with an answerphone available if I am teaching. The number is: **01833-696005**. Or you can email me at: dsgorman@barneyschool.org.uk

I hope you enjoy reading through the pages of this web site and viewing the photographs of our sports and activities programme. If you would like to make any suggestions for improvement please do contact me.

Dan Gorman

House Officers

House Captain **George Trehella***

House Monitors **Henry Carver**
Tom Newman
Chris Ridley
Nick Ridley
Phillip Spowart
Simon Todd*

[* School Monitor]



Durham House Monitorial Team 2005

Personal Care

Personal care is provided by all members of the House staff. Boys register with their tutors twice a day and it is often the tutor who is the first to notice if there are any difficulties. Of course, boys can talk to any members of staff about anything that may be worrying them at any time during the day. The House Master is available in his office at break, lunch and when lessons finish in the afternoon. Help is also available in the School Medical Centre along with Mrs Eldridge who is the School Counsellor. The School also has an independent listener whose number is posted on one of the main notice boards in Central Hall.

Tutors monitor progress via the School's regular assessments, and twice-yearly examinations, termly reports and any other information supplied by subject teachers. Tutors are also available to discuss and help with any work-related problems, assist with revision planning for examinations and provide guidance with coursework.

Parents are encouraged to contact the House staff by telephone, letter, fax or e-mail during the School day, especially if their sons are (or are likely to be) absent from School at any time.



Senior Common Room

Inter-House Competitions

Durham House takes part in all inter-House competitions. The aim is to foster team work and to encourage each member of the House to see himself as part of an entity, the success of which relies on contributions from *every* member. The wide variety of competition means that boys will find a field of endeavour in which they can play a part. There are several internal trophies and prizes which reward individual contribution and commitment to the House. The major competitions are as follows:

Autumn Term

- Rugby - All age-groups
- Singing - All age-groups

Spring Term

- Squash - All age-groups
- Hockey - All age-groups
- Running - All age-groups
- Public Speaking - Sixth Form

Summer Term

- Cricket - All age-groups
- Athletics - All age-groups



Junior House Hockey

As well as these competitions, many informal House competitions take place on Wednesday afternoons during House Activity Time. These include: football, basketball, table tennis, swimming, tennis, badminton, chess, darts, art, music and drama.



Intermediate Art Competition

The most important thing to remember about the competitions on Wednesday afternoons (House Activity Time) is that they are designed to be fun! Boys are encouraged to get involved and make the most of their talents. And if they feel that they have a particular interest which is not included in the programme, we ask them to let us know and we will try and include it!

House Facilities

The House has four common rooms, allocated as follows:

Junior Common Room	-	Years 7 & 8
Inter Common Room	-	Years 9 & 10
Senior Common Room	-	Year 11 & Lower VI
Monitors' Common Room	-	Upper VI

The Common Rooms provide a place to work as well as easy chairs for relaxation, coffee-making facilities, newspapers and magazines. There is a table tennis table in the Junior Common Room, and a pool table in the Senior Common Room. All members of Durham House pay £2.00 each term to cover the cost of coffee, tea, milk, sugar, etc.



Junior Common Room

Durham House



Photo Gallery

Autumn Term 2004

House Singing



Juniors singing *You've got to pick a pocket or two*



Senior part-song: *Stand by me*



Seniors singing *Surfin' USA*

House Activities



Junior Chess



Junior Scrabble



Junior Darts



Intermediate Drama

Spring Term 2005

Barnard Run



Senior Barnard Run Team



Senior Barnard Run



Junior Barnard Run start



Inter Barnard Run Team

House Activities



Senior Music



Intermediate Art



Intermediate Chess



Junior Rounders



Junior Rounders



Intermediate Rounders

Summer Term 2005

Sports Day



Junior 800m

Junior 400m



Intermediate 100m

Intermediate High Jump



Senior Tug of War

Junior 4x100m relay