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# ECKINGTON SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We open the annual House competition with the Mini Olympics event on Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. On this day your child will compete for their house against students from other houses in their year group. Two year groups will be competing at a time with years 7 and 8 before break, years 9 and 10 after break and before lunch, and years 11 and the 6<sup>th</sup> form in the afternoon. The emphasis will be on enjoyment and participation. This has been a very enjoyable event over the last six years and I hope we will all have a great day. Last year's overall winners of the mini Olympics were Hawking House, the winners of Sports Day 2016 were Ennis Hill and the overall winners of the House competition for 2015-16 were Ennis-Hill House. Well done to them!

If you do live locally you will probably hear the chanting and the PA system on the day and do please accept my apology for any annoyance this causes.

Students will not have any of their normal lessons on this day. When they are not participating in the mini Olympics, they will be taking part in a range of activities with their form group. As such, students should not wear school uniform on the day and will instead need to wear their full Eckington School PE kit. Students will need to bring basic writing equipment for their classroom based lessons, a bag, a water bottle, possibly sun tan lotion (groups will be on the field for about an hour and a half) and possibly a hat. Face paint is allowed but this should only be applied just prior to the mini Olympics and students may wear ONE item of house colour: Ennis Hill blue, Farah green, Hawking yellow and Mandela red. We do hope your child very much enjoys the experience.

Finally our first non-uniform day is on the last day of school for this half term, Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October (the Friday is a training day for teachers). Students pay £1 to wear clothes of their choice. We only ask that you ensure that your child's clothes are reasonably modest and not offensive in any way. The proceeds from this event will go mostly to St. Luke's Hospice for children in Sheffield and partly to our school Young Enterprise Group to allow them to get their business up and running.

Thank you for support with both of the activities above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P. Brennan

Teacher in charge of the House System

