

Dear Parent/Carer

We open the annual House competition with the Mini Olympics events this Friday, the 25th of September 2015. 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 6th form in the afternoon. The emphasis will be on enjoyment and participation. This has been a very enjoyable event over the last five years and I hope we will all have a great day. Last year's overall winners of the mini Olympics were Ennis-Hill and Mandela, the winners of Sports Day 2015 were Farah House and the overall winners of the house competition for 2014-15 were Mandela House. Well done to them!

If you do live locally you will probably hear the chanting and the PA system on Friday 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.

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 water bottle, possibly sun tan lotion (groups will be on the field for about an hour and a half) and a hat. 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 22nd 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 tasteful. The proceeds from this event will go partly to St. Luke's Hospice for children in Sheffield and partly to a charity linked to Sudden Death Syndrome that tragically took the life of Madeline Siddall, a student at Eckington School, who died suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition in July 2011.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P. Brennin
Teacher in charge of the House System