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Dear families,

We are very excited to be able to give further information on our new smaller school system. In previous communications we have described how our new system will have many benefits, such as increased pastoral and academic support and bringing a greater sense of inter school competition at The Misbourne.

After some fantastic ideas from students, families and staff we have arrived at four inspirational figureheads for our smaller schools that exemplify the vision and values of The Misbourne for our students to aspire to.

Therefore our new smaller schools will be as follows –

- Attenborough School
 - Head of School – Mr Casserley
 - Deputy Head of School – Miss Perry

- Franklin School
 - Head of School – Miss Rowe
 - Deputy Head of School – Mr McGregor

- Holmes School
 - Head of School – Miss Hill
 - Deputy Head of School – Mrs Reeves

- Turing School
 - Head of School – Mrs Owen
 - Deputy Head of School – Miss Balchin

The Heads of School and their Deputy Heads of school cannot wait to get started and a friendly rivalry is already beginning to build between staff!

Below is a quick message from each of our new Heads of School about why their school is named after the inspirational leader.

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Attenborough School

Attenborough is named after Sir David Attenborough. Since 1954, Sir David has been an inspiration to many generations with his ground breaking documentaries that have educated thousands of people about the planet's natural habitats. These documentaries have shone a light on the beauty and wonder of our natural world. More recently, Sir David's documentaries have highlighted how precious and fragile our planet is. This has undoubtedly had an impact on people's awareness and therefore their actions in day to day life. Sir David's drive to educate people is a trait that we want to develop amongst our members. In Attenborough School we want to create a fully inclusive school and for students to have pride in being a member of the school. The school is a safe and welcoming environment so that members feel they can share worries or issues with other school members. Within Attenborough School every member will feel valued and each member will want to contribute to the school in whatever their passion or strength maybe. Sir David represents many of The Misbourne values; he has shown *kindness* and *respect* for our natural world, he demonstrates *moral purpose* for nature and future generations.

Miss Perry and I are really looking forward to welcoming our students to Attenborough School in September.

Franklin School

Franklin School is named after the late American soul singer, songwriter, pianist, actress and equality activist, Aretha Franklin. Aretha Franklin was born on 25 March 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee, one of four children. Her parents were divorced by the time she was 6 years old and her mother sadly passed away only 4 years later. By the age of 10 she was brought up by her father in a single parent family. It was her father's influence that led her to singing Gospel music at her local Baptist Church and from that humble beginning her love of music was embedded. At the age of 24 her determined approach led to her eventually signing a record deal with Atlantic records. Aretha's journey was not an easy one and she faced many difficulties in both her professional and personal life which have been widely written about. But it was through her own determination and "never give up" attitude that in 1987 she became the first female soul singer to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame which at the time was a huge accolade to achieve. Aretha Franklin was also a prominent figure throughout the civil rights movements back in the 1960s and her song 'Respect' became a well-known song for gender and racial equality, which was something she felt passionately about. She provided money for civil rights groups, at times covering payroll, and performed at protests. Franklin was also a strong supporter for Native American Rights where she without fanfare supported indigenous peoples struggles worldwide, right up until her death in August 2018.

Aretha Franklin shows the ethos, pride, ambition and determination that Franklin School would want to emulate to give us the strength and confidence to pursue our own dreams and ambitions but to also be there to support other people less fortunate than ourselves.

Mr McGregor and I are really looking forward to welcoming our students to Franklin School in September.

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Holmes School

Holmes School is named after the double Olympic gold medal winning athlete, Dame Kelly Holmes whose ambition, determination and perseverance saw her become one of Britain's most successful athletes. We believe Dame Kelly Holmes will make a great figurehead for our smaller school for many reasons. She had ambition from an early age - she knew what she wanted to achieve and by hook or by crook, she managed to do it, even if it did take her 22 years! The path to success was not an easy one with her having to overcome major hurdles essentially from day one. These hurdles included battles with her physical health and having to overcome serious injuries, a diagnosis of clinical depression which caused her to self-harm as well as suffering prejudice due to her gender and the colour of her skin. Her drive, determination and perseverance saw her rewarded with the pride that comes through representing your country as a member of Team GB at two Olympic Games as well as her winning two gold medals at the Athens Olympics in 2004. Dame Kelly Holmes is a well-respected woman who has used her platform to create The Dame Kelly Homes Trust which aims to improve the lives of young disadvantaged people across the country. We truly believe that Dame Kelly Holmes is someone who our students can look up to and learn lessons from including not to fear failure and that hard work is vital if you want to succeed at anything you choose to do.

Mrs Reeves and I are very much looking forward to leading the students in Holmes School into a new era for The Misbourne.

Turing School

Turing School is named after the world-famous Alan Turing. A man with local connections to Bletchley Park and particularly the creation of the 'bombe'. Alan Turing was an inspirational figure who was pivotal in changing the tide of World War Two by leading the team that created the enigma machine and all whilst facing discrimination in his own personal life. His life has recently become immortalised in blockbuster films and biographies and all of these show a man of great character, a man that believed in human being and a man that really felt that he could help change the world! Alan Turing was a passionate believer in education, equality and teaches us so much about the importance of determination and supporting one another to achieve our goals. All of these things and more inspire us to ensure our students have leave us proud of all that they have achieved during their time in Turing School and at the Misbourne. In Turing School, we want to develop a community of young people that support one another, support the local and wider community and are unashamedly ambitious in working to achieve their full potential. Following the beliefs of our namesake we strive to ensure that our students overcome any challenges they may be facing and learn from these experiences to help ensure that they achieve more than they ever thought possible. We believe all of our students should have the opportunity to become 'world-class' in their chosen fields and we look forward to working with you to in supporting them on this journey.

Miss Balchin and I look forward to welcoming you to Turing School.

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Please see the table below to see which form groups make up the smaller schools. Form groups will now be named after the two initials of their tutor, for ease of reference, followed by the school name. For example: 8 Hughenden will not be known as 9SK Attenborough. We have also added the current names of each form group for clarity below.

ATTENBOROUGH		
HoS – Mr Casserley		DHoS – Miss Perry
Assembly Day: Monday		
SLT Line Manager – Mrs Barrett (Deputy Headteacher)		
2019/20	2020/21	Form Tutor
N/A	7KP	Ms Price
7 Chequers	8EC	Mr Clayton
7 Mentmore	8JP	Ms Pike
8 Hughenden	9SK	Mr Khalid
9 Dorneywood	10GK	Miss Kirkham
9 Stowe	10GI	Mr Ingram
10 Hughenden	11SL	Mrs Liebenberg

FRANKLIN		
HoS – Mrs Rowe		DHoS – Mr McGregor
Assembly Day: Tuesday		
SLT Line Manager – Mr Griffiths (Assistant Headteacher)		
2019/20	2020/21	Form Tutor
N/A	7KC	Mrs Cato
N/A	7AA	Ms Alani
7 Hughenden	8TJ	Mr Jacob
8 Mentmore	9JMT	Miss McCarthy
8 Stowe	9JMS	Mr Monis
9 Hughenden	10CK	Miss Krieger
10 Mentmore	11EF	Miss Flitney
10 Stowe	11DM	Mrs McHale

HOLMES		
HoS – Miss Hill		DHoS – Mrs Reeves
Assembly Day: Thursday		
SLT Line Manager – Mr Lyons (Assistant Headteacher)		
2019/20	2020/21	Form Tutor
N/A	7BW	Mr Wallace
N/A	7KM	Mr Malik
7 Stowe	8FL	Miss Loxley/Ms Jones
8 Chequers	9PP	Mr Poeti
8 Ascott	9CB	Miss Bartington
9 Mentmore	10JD	Ms Davis
10 Ascott	11RW	Miss Willmot
10 Dorneywood	11RC	Mr Clegg

TURING		
HoS – Mrs Owen		DHoS – Miss Balchin
Assembly Day: Friday		
SLT Line Manager – Mr Worth (Assistant Headteacher)		
2019/20	2020/21	Form Tutor
N/A	7KS	Ms Saunders
7 Dorneywood	8KT	Ms Thathapudi
7 Ascott	8SK	Miss Khaliq
8 Dorneywood	9LC	Mr Culverhouse
9 Ascott	10GC	Mrs Clarke
9 Chequers	10AB	Miss Brammall
10 Chequers	11TC	Mrs Clegg

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In addition to the inspirational figures we have used to name our schools, we will also shortly be revealing new names for our library and intervention centre.

Thank you again for all of your fantastic ideas and feedback so far. We are really excited to launch our new pastoral system with students. We know that this system will improve not just the pastoral but also the academic support for students at the Misbourne and provide increased opportunity for student leadership, extra-curricular activities and competition.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Tom Griffiths
Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral

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