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Dear Parents and Carers

### House Transition Competition Name the Houses

Since I wrote to you introducing the competition to name the brand new five Houses here at Baysgarth School, the engagement from the community has been staggering. In total, there were almost 170 entries to the competition; these originated from staff, students and other members of our community. The Student Council worked alongside pastoral staff and the Senior Leadership Team in order to whittle down the possible names, to the options that we felt most reflected our values and the local history. There were two clear, stand out options that were selected as a result of this and now it is time for the community to once again have the final say. The two final options are as follows:

#### Option 1

During World War II, Lincolnshire was home to more airfields than any other county in England. It played a crucial role in protecting the lives of the British citizens and the allied forces. These are all aeroplanes that flew directly from local airbases and helped protect the local community.

#### Proposed House Names:

- **STIRLING:** Short Stirling - RAF Elsham Wolds
- **HALIFAX:** Handley Page Halifax - RAF Elsham Wolds
- **LANCASTER:** Avro Lancaster - RAF North Killingholme; RAF Elsham Wolds
- **WELLINGTON:** Vickers Wellington - RAF Elsham Wolds; RAF North Coates
- **BLenheim:** Bristol Blenheim - RAF Manby; RAF North Coates

#### Option 2

All of the five of these names are surnames of significant people who had connections to Barton in the past. Each person that has been chosen has had a huge impact on society today and by naming our new Houses after them, we can be proud that they were all directly linked to Barton.

#### Proposed House Names:

- **WILDERSPIN:** Samuel Wilderspin was a teacher, who first developed the school playground and new ways of teaching that still continue today.
- **PITMAN:** Sir Isaac Pitman was a resident and a teacher, who created the infamous Pitman Shorthand method; a system of rapid writing based on the sounds of words rather than on conventional spellings.
- **COURTNEY:** Janet E Courtney, born in Barton-upon-Humber, was a scholar, writer and feminist, who also helped edit the Encyclopedia Britannica.
- **LEWIS:** Ted Lewis was an author and resident of the town - his best known work was adapted as the film 'Get Carter' in 1971.
- **VARAH:** Chad Varah was an Anglican priest and social activist born in Barton-upon-Humber; he founded the Samaritans, which is the world's first crisis hotline, to provide telephone support to those contemplating suicide.

As with all good suggestions, you may find that you have entered something similar. Where suggestions were the same, the entry with the clearest and most relevant rationale was selected.

The competition is now open and you have until **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** to submit your favourite option. [Click here to submit your vote](#). The results will be counted and announced the following week.

We would like to thank everyone who originally submitted an entry and look forward to finding out the brand new House names in just over a fortnight.

Take care and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Head of House