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INTRODUCING THE ST BEES HOUSE SYSTEM

It's been a long time in the making, but we can finally reveal what we have been working so hard on for a while now - we've created a brand-new House system for the school!

When the new students join us in September, a ceremony will be held where each individual will be 'sorted' into a House - much like in Harry Potter, although, sadly there won't be a sorting hat!

Existing students **and staff** have been assigned a House and the idea is to get everyone working together and throughout the year, students and staff will work towards gaining points for their House.

House points can be awarded - and taken away - sporting events will see houses go head to head and at the end of the year, the triumphant House will be revealed.

Without further ado, here are the new houses at St Bees and why they have been chosen:

BEGA

An Irish princess who gave her name to the village of St Bees, St Bega was a brave, adventurous and curious young woman. With courage and respect, she signifies strength and empowerment - a perfect testament to the Bega House.

ELIZABETH

Queen Elizabeth I, hailed as one of the greatest monarchs of all time, signed the "Letters Patent" that meant St Bees could be established as a school. She awarded Grindal the Archbishop of Canterbury position in 1575. The Queen was an intelligent, loyal and witty leader - characteristics encouraged in all St Bees students.

FOUNDATION

Foundation is the name of the main, and original, school building. The heart of the school and the hub of teaching life. Foundation building was built between 1587 - 1588, benefiting from extensive expansion with new floors in the 1800s.



The four houses of St Bees School - Bega, Elizabeth, Foundation and Grindal

GRINDAL

Son of a local farmer, Edmund Grindal, Archbishop of Canterbury, is founder of the school and a native to the village. In 1583, although ill and blind, Grindal persevered to ensure the school was opened. An ambitious, confident man with perseverance and resolve, he stood for everything we honour at St Bees - his legacy still very much ringing true.

In true Harry Potter style - in which house do you think you belong?

ST BEES SPEECH DAY STILL GOING AHEAD ONLINE

The end of the year is fast approaching, and while we've had a far-from-normal school year thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, we're still going to be celebrating the school year as we always have - with our Speech Day celebrations!

Whilst we can't physically be together, we're utilising the online learning platform Microsoft Teams to deliver Speech Day virtually to students,

parents and staff - just like we would normally, but in the comfort of their own homes instead of in school. There will still be awards and lots of activities to get involved with!

Speech Day is taking place on **3rd July** and we are in the midst of putting the final touches to the celebrations. Make sure to keep a look out on our social media for the results of our awards on the day.