



Satit Prasarnmit  
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### Houses

The school is represented by four Houses. Students and staff will be assigned to a House.

<p><b>Makara</b> Head of House - Mr Ken Somvongsiri Colour - Forest Green</p>  A black silhouette of a Makara, a mythical creature with a dragon-like head and a fish-like tail, set against a shield-shaped background with a green border.	<p><b>Erawan</b> Head of House - Mr Dominic Jacques Colour - Royal Blue</p>  A black silhouette of an Erawan, a three-headed elephant, set against a shield-shaped background with a blue border.
<p><b>Singha</b> Head of House - Mr Foong Sornsurin Colour - Crimson</p>  A black silhouette of a Singha, a mythical lion-like creature, set against a shield-shaped background with a red border.	<p><b>Yaksha</b> Head of House - Mr Chris Terry Colour - Old Gold</p>  A black silhouette of a Yaksha, a mythical spirit, set against a shield-shaped background with a yellow border.



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Students will be issued House Points electronically on Schoolbase ([How to Issue House Points on SchoolBase](#)). Please read the guide attached to assist you in adding House Points.

The categories their justification/examples:

House Points	Examples
Academic (A)	Academic success in class, or out of class Academia competitions
Citizenship (C)	Charity work Civil Service Global Citizenship
English (E)	Speaking Reading Writing
Sport (S)	Participation (School or House) Skill development Excellent Performance

Teachers are permitted to issue a maximum of 5 points at one time. For a student to be given 5 points they must show an **exemplary** example of one of the categories. If a member of staff would like to award more than 5 House Points to an individual it must first be justified and allowed by the Head of House.

Staff members will be issued a weekly quota of 75 House Points per week. The rationale behind this is as follows:

- Keep the House Competition competitive and close
- Reduce student devaluing House Points
- Encourage teaching staff to be more thoughtful about the amount of House Point they give out each week.
- More House Competition will help encourage a wide variety of points

The effectiveness of the quota system will be regularly reviewed, and changes will be decided as a whole staff.

Teachers are not allowed to take away House Points. However, if a student needs to be sanctioned for whatever reason please refer to the [SPIP Behaviour Policy](#).



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The results will be announced regularly in assemblies, electronically using social media platforms, the website or during special occasions by a member of staff.

## Opportunities

Competitions will take part all year where students will have opportunities to not just win House points but trophies as well.

Each department will carry out an activity during the academic year that encourages competition between Houses linked to House Days.

Activities that will be done this year to promote competitions are;

- Inter House Sports; Football, Softball, Basketball, Badminton, etc.
- House Day
- House Competitions within classes, and House Day.
- Sports Day
- Swimming Gala
- Maths challenge
- English writing; stories, poetry, presentations
- Chess
- Science Quizzes/Experiments
- In class competitions
- Representing the school in external competitions
- School shows or plays (Christmas and Musicals)

Any competition that takes place is valued, but the House Points allocation must be fair and represent the activity. Therefore, large point allocation must be discussed with the Head of House before issuing.

Furthermore, there will be the [English Speaking House Point](#), which offers students who are speaking English outside of the classroom to be awarded special House Points during the course of the school day.

1. Gold House Point (5 HPs) - This will be given to students who are heard using exceptional levels of English outside of the classroom. Examples of this include speaking outside of the school, having long conversations in the corridors, helping a friend in English, or speaking during sports events/field trips.
2. Silver House Point (3 HPs) - This will be rewarded by the HR tutor every Friday and will be given to the student who has spoken the most English or made the greatest effort to speak.



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3. Bronze House Point (2 HPs) - This will be given to students who are heard speaking English in the corridors. Each staff member will be given 10 per week, with teachers on duty receiving a larger number.

## House Day

Every Friday will be House Day which also means double House Points on that day. All students must wear their House shirts, or they will not be eligible for double House Points. Staff are expected to wear their House shirts, or an item of clothing to distinguish which House they belong within.

- House competitions within classes
- After school House competitions will run throughout the year organised by various departments

Students failing to not wear House Shirts on House Day will be dealt with by their House Leader and House Captain.

Staff Members failing to wear their House Colours will be spoken with by the Head of Houses.

## House Competitions

Each Department must run a House Competition for Key Stage 3 (Lower School/Juniors) and Key Stage 4/5 (Upper School/Seniors) on House Day. The competitions should last 55 minutes and take part after assembly.

Proposals must be made to the Head of House, and a date will be discussed for the most appropriate time for the event to run.

The competition should link to your subject.

## Points for competitions

Trophies will be awarded to winning Houses for certain activities or sports. However, in competitions, the following points will be added to a House when a team or individual wins the overall competition.

Individual Points	Team Points
Individual 1 <sup>st</sup> place - 20 points Individual 2 <sup>nd</sup> place - 15 points Individual 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 10 points Individual 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 5 points	Team 1 <sup>st</sup> place - 40 points Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> place - 30 points Team 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 20 points



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	Team 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 10 points
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**\*May vary at Sports Day and Swimming Gala**

Each student must take part in competitions throughout the year, and will be awarded individual House Points for their efforts.

Points may also vary depending on the difficulty of the event, the number of students participating and the competition itself.

## **Staff Members**

All staff members at SPIP are responsible for the fair running of the House System. The Head of the House will regularly monitor the use of the policy. Staff members not abiding by the policy will be subject to the [Staff Code of Conduct](#).

The everyday functioning of the House Policy will be maintained by five members of the teaching staff. They will be known as The House Committee. They maintain the House Policy at its CORE:

- Categories remain the same four
- Names and emblems remain the same
- House Captain Election
- House Selection based on last names (best fit)

These are potentially rotational roles, and the five members are one chair and four Heads of House.

All members will take on one shared responsibility such as;

- Collating House Points
- Organising House Events - (working with other departments)
- Check staff contributions and report to SLT
- Run House meetings (weekly minutes/agenda)
- Attend Pastoral Meetings as a house representative
- Student Notices
- Student/Staff House Allocation

## **House Chair (Head of Houses)**

- Will be responsible for the daily running of the policy
- Host Committee meetings

## **Head of House in addition to given responsibilities**

- Communicate through meetings, emails and other school-approved platforms
- Pick a House Captain from Year 10/11 – boy and girl in Term 2.



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- Make sure that your House is represented in all activities during inter-house competitions.
- Manage House Google Chat Groups
- Communicate with House
- Attend Meetings with other Head Leaders
- Behaviour Concerns
- Present at all House Competitions
- Create an inclusive, inspiring and motivational environment with all House Members

## **Students**

Students will also have responsibilities in their House by making sure they attain as many House Points as possible in each category.

Students will be expected to represent their House in as many competitions as possible.

Students will be awarded certificates throughout the year for reaching milestones;

- Bronze certificate: 50 House points
- Silver certificate: 100 House points
- Gold certificate: 200 House points
- Platinum certificate: 400 House points

## **House Captains**

House Captains will be elected by the Head of House. They must pick both a boy and a girl from Key Stage 4 during the meeting in February/March. House captains will start their duties full time from the third term taking over from the current House captains when they go on study leave. The new House captains will be voted for after the February half-term break to be trained in their duties by the current House Captains.

The students they pick must be reliable and set an exemplary example of how SPIP students should portray themselves either; academically through English, in sport (team player or a sportsman outside of school) or within the global community as a civil servant.

The responsibility of a House Captain is to;

- Attend meetings with their Head of House
- Attend meetings with the Head of Houses
- Attend student council
- Be seen to be representing their House as a leader through either; academic, sport, citizenship or English
- Assist the Head of House in organising teams to represent their House in all competitions.
- Allowed to nominate students from other Houses for exceptional acts in; academics, sport, citizenships or using English.
- Wear their House Badge at all times



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- Update House Display Board

If a House Captain does not carry out their duties, they will be stripped of their title and another student will be appointed by the House Leader/Head of House or Head of Houses.

## **Losing House Points**

Alongside the positive aspect of House Points, SPIP also runs the Behaviour Policy for those students who are not able to abide by the rules. These will come as demerits to be recorded on Schoolbase by all staff. If a House attains a total of 10 demerits, that House will have 10 House Points deducted from their overall total.

## **End of Year**

The main point of the SPIP House System is to encourage camaraderie, competition and a sense of belonging amongst the students. At the end of the year, the winning house will be awarded a trophy for its efforts. The winning house will depend on total House Points at the end of the year, but also during several activities. Trophies and awards will be given out to teams, individuals and the House for academics, citizenship, English and sports success. There will also be rewarded to the winning House and any other exceptional students during the end of the year House Assembly. Details will follow closer to the end of the year.

Trophies to be awarded;

<b>House Awards</b>	<b>Individual Awards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Suphannahong Shield (Winning House Trophy)</li> <li>• Academic Trophy (Academic House points)</li> <li>• Citizenship Trophy (Citizenship House points)</li> <li>• English Trophy (English House points)</li> <li>• Sport Trophy (Sport House points)</li> <li>• Sports Day Trophy</li> <li>• Swimming Gala Trophy</li> <li>• Behaviour Trophy (Least Demerits)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phunam Plaque (Winning House Captain Plaque)</li> <li>• Honours Trophy (Most Individual House points)</li> <li>• Scholars Award (Individual Academic points)</li> <li>• Civil Servant Award (Individual Citizenship points)</li> <li>• English Speaker of the Year (Individual English Points)</li> <li>• Sportsman Shield (Individual Sports points)</li> <li>• Sportswoman Shield (Individual Sports points)</li> </ul>

**\*Last updated May 2021 LHA**





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