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**Guest**

As we are only at the end of the second term, we have not very much idea what our final position will be, but so far we have done quite well. Last term we were first in stars and stripes which made a pleasant change. This term we are third in hockey, first in netball and second in the cross-country run. We appear to have done quite well in the Music Competition too, and then there is the Junior Play to come. We would like to wish everyone luck in cricket, tennis and rounders matches. The main thing to remember is that everything counts, whether you do it in School or on the games field, so everyone must work hard again in the summer term. The thanks of the House are due to Miss Harris, Miss Carter, Miss Metcalfe, Mr. Jones, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Allan, Mr. Burnett and Mr. Combs for their help and encouragement in all our activities.

Marie Allen U6A, Duncan Perry U6S

**Holgate**

Although our prospects of doing really well this year did not seem very great, we have done much of which we can be proud. The hockey team has had a most successful season and has won the cup - well done! The Senior Rugby team did not come up to our expectations but, thanks to the Juniors, we managed to keep our head above water. Our final position was second. The netball team also reached this position. Unfortunately that ends the list of our achievements. Congratulations to the six gallant seniors who completed the cross-country course. We appreciate their courage. Apart from the successes mentioned, our progress this year has left much to be desired. There is still time to improve our position. Let us have more stars and fewer stripes next term, Holgate. The summer term is one in which Holgate usually shines. Quite a number of our cricketers have left but there are still enough with us to give our opponents a hard time. If the tennis team do as well as the hockey team, we shall be more than pleased - good luck to them. Athletics are usually our strong point. Do not let our reputation down, either before Sports Day, or on the Day itself.

Gladys Alderman U6A, Robinson J. U6S

**Price**

We have not done well enough so far this year. We have only managed to gain second place in rugger and cross-country, and third in netball. In hockey the girls have won two matches out of five. Credit here must go to the Juniors who have won both their matches. The Seniors, it must be said, have disappointed us but we know (or we hope) they have done their best. Stripes have been kept down this year but co-operation is still needed from a handful of stripe-gatherers. Can these people take note that two of last term's worst offenders have made a marvellous recovery and now lead the way in star-gathering? The approach of the Summer term opens yet another field for the talents of Price House sportsmen and Sportswomen, and it is in these spheres that we hope we shall excel. Scholastic efforts must not be overlooked in the forthcoming term. We wish all Price House S.C. (School Certificate) and H.S.C. (Higher School Cert.) candidates the best of luck. It is also up to Price House pupils to try and keep in the top half of the form in ordinary schoolwork. In past years we have been very lucky in possessing outstanding individuals to bring honours to Price House, but this year, lacking such people, we must endeavour to pull together. Remember, Price, every point helps towards the blue ribbon being placed around the Challenge Cup for yet another year. This year we have already welcomed Miss Whitworth and Mr. Haynes to Price House, and we should like to thank them, together with Miss Wimpenny, Mr. Manning, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stockhill, for their untiring help and encouragement throughout the year. We regret that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Haynes will be leaving us at the end of the year, but we wish them every success in their new posts.

Maureen Sale L6A, William Littleboy L6S

**Talbot**

Once more we are coming to the end of a School year which has been on the whole, quite successful. The matter of stars and stripes still needs watching, although we can report a distinct improvement this term. On the Sports field there have been both successes and disappointments. The boys in particular have done very well indeed, winning both the Rugby Cup and the Cross-Country - both results of team spirit. The girls had hard luck as regards the Hockey Cup, but no comment is necessary on the netball results. Bright hopes are entertained for next year's attractions, namely cricket, tennis, rounders, Sports Day and the Swimming Gala, and we feel sure Talbot will feature prominently in most, if not all of them. Special mention must be made of Mr. Storer, who, after twenty-six most valuable years of service both to the House and the School is unfortunately leaving us. We feel sure that past and present members of Talbot House wish him much happiness in his well-earned retirement. We regret, too, the transfer of Miss Whitworth to Price House and feel sure they have made a very good acquisition. Our thanks are also due to Miss Horsefield, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Copley, Mr. Atack, Mr. Foy, Mr. Swinbank (especially for his Rugby advice) and Mr. Owen for the unfailing support and encouragement they have given us throughout the year.

Joyce Dixon U6A, Brian Lawton B. U6A

1951

**Price**

Price, after having had a disappointingly small number of House Distinctions, has finally produced its trump card in attaining first place in House Dramatics. We offer our congratulations to all those concerned in the production. Although this is promising, we feel that there is still a general lack of House spirit. The whole responsibility for gaining House points seems to be resting on the shoulders of a few. If those who appear to have no House enthusiasm would only pull their weight, we should soon have a great improvement. Last year, our efforts on Sports Day showed that though we lacked exceptional athletic talent, we could all contribute a little with the result that we became the proud possessors of the Standards Cup. The Swimming Gala was a great triumph for us. In the Tennis House Matches we were first but only managed to gain third place in Cricket. Our position in "stars and stripes" is very disappointing. In spite of the valiant efforts on the part of many members, we surprisingly found ourselves, at the end of the Christmas term, holding the bottom position. This only proves that avoiding stripes is insufficient. The number of stars collected must be increased before our position improves. As yet, the winter and summer house matches have not been played. These will give each one of us an opportunity to display our House spirit, if only in the role of spectator and supporter.

There is still hope of winning the House Challenge Cup in spite of the gloomy prospects at Christmas. This year we welcome to the House Mr. Dodd, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Revill. To each of them and to Miss Wimpenny, Miss Whitworth and Mr. Manning we extend our thanks for the support and encouragement they have given to the House.

[Jean Dillon U6A](#), [Geoffrey Dykes U6A](#)

### **Guest**

Well, Guest, another rather dismal year is facing us, for we gained only last place in the Tennis, Sports and Cricket Competitions, whilst our latest disappointment has been in the Dramatic Competition, where although it was not expected, we were placed fourth. We pulled our weight in the Swimming Gala and the Music Competition, gaining second place in the former event and first place in the latter. On the Scholastic side our efforts have been better, and in "stars and stripes" we have done excellently - congratulations to all concerned. We hope at least to keep this up. But a much greater all-round effort is needed for, this term, we will be confronted by many important House events. Work as hard as you can. It was with much regret that we lost Mr. Jones last year. He had been our Senior House Master for some time and he always showed that he had the interests of the House at heart. We wish him luck in his new appointment. As our new House Master we welcome Mr. Allan. We would like to thank Miss Harris, Miss Carter, Miss Metcalfe, Mr. Allan, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Combs and Mr. Burnett for their unfailing support and encouragement given to the House during the past year. Carry on Guest!

[Angela Lockwood L6A](#), [Samuel Hughes U6A](#)

### **Holgate**

We must begin our notes for the past year by bewailing our misfortune. Last July, Holgate suffered a very bad blow when we lost Mr. Collette; but our loss is his gain and we wish him every success in his new position as Senior Master. Mrs. Burn, another great helper to the House, also left to take up a new post; but three very able substitutes joined us - Miss Austin, Miss McBride and Mr. Young. Last year's position was quite heartening - second places being secured at Cricket and on Sports Day. In all other events we obtained third place with the exception of the "stars and stripes" competition. Come on, Holgate, more stars and less stripes please or we shall be in the doldrums. Now and again Holgate has been very lucky in possessing a pupil with outstanding ability. This year we have not been disappointed, and we send our heartiest congratulations to Rita Doughty who obtained a County Major Scholarship. This year's cricket, tennis and rounders matches have still to be played, Sports Day has come and positions in School work have to be obtained, so remember, Holgate, every point counts in School and on the playing field. Do your best. We would like to thank Miss Ward, Miss Austin, Miss McBride, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Walker, Mr. Lock and Mr. Young for their help during the year.

[Dorothy Pickin L6A](#), [Donald Clarke U6A](#)

### **Talbot**

Mr Storer's term of office ended on a triumphant note with Talbot convincing leaders in the House Competition, let us hope that the first year of his successor, Mr. Atack, will prove equally successful. Last year, we obtained premier position in the rugger, cross-country, sports, relay, and in arts, and therefore the Challenge Cup came to Talbot. It is difficult to estimate our final position at this point in the year but the House has the ability to reach and surpass last year's heights if everyone really pulls his weight. Last year, the girls of the House did not do very well in the way of House matches, although in other fields such as Arts and Sports they achieved a great deal. This year we hope they are going to put all their energy and enthusiasm into the House matches. The boys of Talbot House deserve hearty congratulations. Last year's successes were only gained by team work, the importance of which was so often emphasised by Mr. Storer, and the effect of which can be seen in the cross-country, rugger and sports results. Let us hope and expect that our boys are not content to rest on the predecessor's laurels. Talbot has always been blessed with an enthusiastic, helpful and efficient staff: we have lost the figure-head and guiding light of Talbot - Mr Storer, but we are still the possessor of such able advisors as Miss. Horsfield, Miss. Saville, Miss. Corfe, Mr. Atack, Mr. Swinbank, Mr. Foy, Mr. Owen and Mr. Senior. We feel confident that the new members of the Staff will be as happy and helpful as their predecessors, Miss Jackson and Mrs. Copley were. In the past Talbot has worked as a team: this year's activities, including as they do the old form of Dramatic Competition, make this teamwork more necessary. Every person in Talbot, boy or girl, first or sixth former, has his or her part to play, his or her weight to pull. If we all pull together then success is ensured. Let us hope that 1952 will find the next boy and girl House captains having to comment on their task of trying to improve on a record year of success.

[Patricia Waring L6A](#), [Richard Whittaker U6A](#)

## **1952**

### **Guest**

Comrades in Arms, Once again we meet together, a more combined and successful body than when we met last, and we have more pleasing news to report. In the realm of sport, we succeeded in winning the Tennis and Rounders Cups, a tie with Holgate. We gained first place with our improved Netball Team; at Cricket we tied with Talbot for the first place, but at Hockey and Rugger we gained only third place, although this was not the fault of the players. They all pulled their weight. It just happened that there were better players in the other teams. On Sports Day we think that the Fates must have been asleep or deaf, because, in spite of our individual efforts, which we praise, we gained only third place. The House, on the whole, must pull together even more in order to achieve more successful results. Although we did well with the Stars and Stripes (everyone in Guest now has a halo), this success was offset by the examination results to such an extent that we dropped from what should have been the first place to the third. Incidentally, we, as a House, are proud to say that we did not fail to respond to the appeal of the Save the Children Fund. The Music Competition is to be held this term and we know that the competitors will employ their various talents in order to maintain the rising prestige of Guest. In the Dramatic Competition, Guest came fourth. We express our gratitude for the valuable assistance rendered to the House by Miss Harris, Miss Carter and Miss Metcalfe, and Mr. Allan, Mr. Combs, Mr. Burnett and Mr. Farrar. Without their help we should not have been nearly so successful as we have been. Continue and improve the good work, Guest! Remember that although we are small in number, we are not least in strength!

[Angela Lockwood U6A](#), [Keith Lodge U6S](#). [House Captains](#).

## Holgate

This year, Holgate House was rather unsuccessful and, with the exception of the Hockey Cup and Relay Cup, gained only second, third and even fourth places. This year, Holgate seems to have had a large number of miscreants who dragged the House down to fourth place. This is not good enough, Holgate, and next year we must make a great effort to come out on top. The Juniors put up a good performance in the Dramatic Competition and gained first place. Although our hopes were high for Sports Day, the Sports Cup did not come our way; we found consolation in acquiring the Relay Cup. Last year, the boys seemed to be playing second fiddle to the other Houses by coming in second in both Rugger and Cricket; the girls showed a little more initiative by winning the Hockey Cup and being second in Tennis. Despite last year's showing, if everyone pulls his or her weight and there is less individualism and more teamwork, Holgate may even yet come to the fore. We would like to extend our thanks to Miss Ward, Miss Austin, Miss McBride, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lock, Mr. Walker and Mr. Young for their unfailing support and encouragement throughout the year.

**Dorothy Pickin U6A, Darnard Milner U6S**

## Price

Last year we won the Rugby 7-a-side competition, came second in Tennis, and did badly in the Cricket, Hockey, Netball and Rounders competitions. This was not good enough for Price, and we can improve only through the efforts of every Priceite. The Swimming Cup was awarded to us by default. Last year we won the Dramatic Competition through a magnificent effort by our producer, and this, together with second place in the Music Competition, enabled us to win the Arts Cup. This year we came second in the Dramatic Competition. We broke a long tradition of doing very well in the Challenge Cup Competition through the infamous efforts of several stripe-gatherers who, we hope, have now reformed. This year we have started very well indeed by being top of everything in the Autumn Term, but we must remind the House that greater hurdles are ahead of us. We must thank our House Masters and Mistresses, Misses Whitworth and Wimpenny and Messrs. Manning, Taylor and Revill for their unfailing support throughout the year.

**A. Booth L6A, Geoffrey Manning U6S.**

## Talbot

Well done, Talbot! For the second year in succession we have reached an excellent standard and again been rewarded with the Challenge Cup. But how could we help doing well when we have such able senior staff as Miss Horsefield and Mr. Atack. Our success, of course, has also been due to a whole-hearted effort on the part of everyone in the House, from first to sixth former, and to the unflagging enthusiasm of all the House staff. Mr. Swinbank we especially appreciate for his Rugger tips and Miss Saville for the Netball. We are also very grateful to Mr. Senior and Mr. Owen. To the latter we offer hearty congratulations on his plunge into married life. We wish him to know he also has our deepest sympathies! (They don't mean this - Ed. Committee) "Ring out the old, Ring In the new." This Christmas we dismally said "Goodbye" to a master who, though not old in years, has been an old and loyal servant to the House. Talbot regrets to see the departure of Mr. Foy. Yet whilst saying "Goodbye" we were saying "hello" and extending a warm greeting (particularly from the boys!!) to Miss Pole. We hope she will be happy among us for many years to come. During the year, Talbot has taken its usual toll of the prizes. The boys shared the Cricket Cup with Guest and also came second in Rugger. The girls did not quite reach this standard but certainly showed that they were making a much greater effort by gaining second place in Rounders and Tennis, Hockey and Netball. It is due to the combined efforts of both boys and girls that we carry off the "plums" - in the form of the Challenge, Sports and Standards Cups. Our commiserations with the juniors for coming third in the Dramatic Competition. We hope that next year we shall be able to gain a higher position. The Stars and Stripes situation is still very satisfactory and we hope it will remain so. On the whole it has been a very successful year for the House and, if the same effort is forthcoming from all this year, we should once again be among the honours.

**Patricia Waring U6A, Keith Bruce U6A**

## 1953

### Guest

Dear persevering colleagues, we are this year able to greet you with more optimism than of late. Your valiant efforts during the past year have not been in vain and we can proudly report various successes. Let us begin with the sporting prowess of Guest. The Swimming and Tennis cups are ours at present. We hope you will try to retain them. We are asking you once more to try a little harder on the sports field. Remember, individuals alone cannot bring success. You must all strive as one united body. You have shown that you can work as a team in swimming and tennis - you must do likewise on the sports field. We may be small in number, but surely the talent is not lacking! We repeated our success in the Music Competition by gaining first place. This, however, was not achieved in the Dramatic Competition. Your behaviour and your good work have enabled you to come out triumphantly in the Stars and Stripes Competition. Keep that up! A few culprits are as yet not tamed, but let their consciences guide them along the narrow but straight path of righteousness. We cannot sufficiently express our appreciation of work done by Mr. Allan, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Combs, Mr. Farrar, Miss. Harris, Miss. Carter and Miss Metcalfe. Please accept our thanks for the work you have all done for Guest. Remember, Guestites, "Play up, play up and play the game." This will ensure success.

**Angela Lockwood U6A, John Lowery. U6S. House Captains.**

## Holgate

May we start by saying that we are very pleased at the new spirit of enthusiasm in the House. We should particularly like to congratulate the Junior boys on their excellent turn-out for the Rugby practices. We feel certain that this keenness will pay dividends in the future. The only House competition that has been decided this year is the Dramatic Competition, in which we have once again done very well by gaining second place. Last year, although we were fourth in the final placings, we gained third place in the Cross Country Run Championship, the Hockey and Stars and Stripes Competitions. We came second in the Swimming Gala, Tennis Tournament and Cricket Championship and finished first in the Dramatic Competition. Early in 1952, the House said goodbye to Mr. Lloyd, who has been a prominent member of Holgate for a number of years. We wish him every success in his appointment as Headmaster of the Technical School at Cowes. We have also lost the services of Mr. Young, but we hope that he will make a speedy recovery, and that he will soon be back in Holgate House. Other members of staff whom we

are sorry to were Miss. McBride and Mr. Bryson. On a happier note, we extend a sincere welcome to Miss. Elliott and Mr. Stewart. We should also like to thank Miss. Austin, Miss. Ward, Mr. Lock and Mr. Walker for their untiring efforts during the past year.

**Daphne Akred L6A, Herbert James U6S**

### **Talbot**

This year Talbot have maintained their high standard for sports and athletics. A combined effort enabled Talbot to lead the field on Sports Day and to gain second place in the Relay and Swimming Cups. The boys did very well to win the Rugby and Cricket Cups while another fine effort gained us first place in the Cross Country Run - well done, boys! The girls came second in the Netball and third in the Hockey. We have not been so successful on the Arts side, gaining only third place in both the Music and Dramatic Competitions. It is a pity that we have fared so badly in the Stars and Stripes Competition. Any success which might have been gained by the high number of stars was counteracted by the appalling number of stripes collected. So, if we are to have any chance of winning the Challenge Cup, the offenders must turn over a new leaf this term. We were indeed sorry to lose our House Master, Mr. Foy, who gave invaluable support and encouragement. We were also sorry to say goodbye to Miss Pole who, during her short stay, gave the girls many good hockey and athletic tips. We wish her every success and happiness in her married life. We welcome to our House, Miss Kilner, and we hope she has a very happy time with us. So many of our achievements have been made possible by the help of the House staff: Misses Horsfield, Saville and Kilner and Messrs. Atack, Senior, Owen and Swinbank. We know that you will join us in thanking them. We should also like to extend our best wishes to Mr. Senior for a happy married life.

**Margaret Butterfield 5B, John Butterfield U6S**

### **Price**

Last year, Price gained a good record which must be upheld, and we hope not only to retain the cups which we won then but to gain more. Most of the Inter-House Activities for this year have yet to come. In spite of the efforts of a small handful of stripe gatherers we have been fairly successful in the Stars and Stripes Competition. We repeated our last year's Arts success by coming first in last term's classwork lists. Every member of the House must do all he or she can to maintain our usual high standard. Remember, Price, we would like to see at least the Challenge Cup with a Blue Ribbon on it once more. We are very grateful to Miss Wimpenny and Miss Whitworth, Mr. Manning, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Revill and Mr. Dodd for their advice and encouragement throughout the year.

**Eileen Tate L6S, James Stead U6S**

### **1954**

#### **Guest**

We are able to report a fairly successful year. We have the honour of holding the Tennis, Hockey, Rounders, Rugby, Arts and Challenge cups. In the Music and Swimming Competitions, we gained first and second places respectively. This session we are hoping for even better results. Our recent first in the Dramatic competition has given us a firm foundation on which to build. We offer our congratulations to all concerned. Whilst concentrating on the sports side of the School's life, we must not neglect the importance of the academic side. Valuable House Points can be gained by efforts made to improve individual form positions. If this high standard is to be maintained, everyone must continue to give wholehearted support to all House activities.

**Prudence Limb U6A, James Ainge U6A**

### **Holgate**

The past year has not shown the desired improvement in Holgate's fortunes. We came fourth on Sports Day and in the Swimming; third in Hockey, Netball, Cricket and Rugby; second in Tennis and Rounders. This is not good enough, for a House which, only a few years ago, was noted for its supremacy on the sports field. The result of the Music Competition has not yet been decided, but we hope that it will be as promising as last session's, when we gained second place. We do extend our heartiest congratulations, however, to all those who took part in the Dramatic Competition this year, and once more secured second place for Holgate. We sincerely hope that Holgate will soon regain its former standards.

**Daphne Akred U6A, Arthur Warden U6A**

### **Price**

The downward trend in the fortunes of Price, which has been evident in recent years, continued last year. The session started hopefully with Price succeeding in gaining second places in Rugby, Hockey and Netball competitions. The House, however, had to be content with third place in the Musical Competition. In the Summer Term the situation deteriorated and Price was fourth in the Tennis, Rounders and Cricket competitions. Our only successes were our first in the Swimming Gala and our second on Sports Day. This term Price came third in the Dramatic Competition. These low positions do not matter, however, if everyone has done his or her best. May all Price members continue to give of their best.

**Eileen Tate U6A, Peter Wall U6A**

### **Talbot**

Last year Talbot House maintained its standard in athletics by winning the Sports Cup. The boys won the Cross Country Run, and the Cricket Cup; the girls won the Netball Competition. We were unsuccessful in the Rugby, Hockey and Tennis, but we hope to do better this session. At the end of the Autumn Term, Talbot House showed good prospects, having gained most House Points. This term, however, we failed to keep this position since we came fourth in the House Dramatics. Talbot, you must try harder, so that we shall be able to regain our first place in the Challenge Competitions.

**Margaret Butterfield L6A, Brian Secker U6A.**

## 1955

### Guest

On the whole it has not been a very successful year. Last year, we won the Rugby cup, the Arts Cup and the Cross-Country Cup, and, this year, we obtained first place in the Dramatic Competition. Congratulations to all concerned. On the academic side of school life, it can be seen quite clearly that more and more stripes are appearing on the Guest list, and the sinners must decide immediately to "put on the brakes". To achieve further success, both in school and on the sports field, we must all put our backs into the activities of the next school year with even more zest.

Yvonne Harris L6A, Walter Hebden L6A

### Holgate

There has been little change in Holgate's progress on the sports field. However, the House as a whole seems to be improving intellectually, insomuch as we have achieved first position in the Stars and Stripes and second in the Terminal Orders. As stated, conditions on the sports field are much the same as last year. We were third in Cricket and the Cross-country, and fourth in Swimming and Sports. Indeed, the only successes were gained by the girls who were first in Tennis and second in Rounders. Perhaps this apparent superiority of the girls is due to the small number of senior boys in the House, which has had a very marked effect in all sporting events. We were third in the Dramatic Competition this year which is a deterioration from our usual standards, but we were second in Hockey and Netball. It is our sincere wish that Holgate will achieve the position that its enthusiasm merits.

Josephine Wilkinson U6S, Peter Donaldson L6S

### Price

On Speech Day, Price House was presented with the Challenge Cup for Swimming, Rounders, Sports and Hockey. These, together with other 'firsts' in Fives, points for colours, exam. results, magazine and the Stars and Stripes competition were the result of everyone pulling his weight and doing his best for the House, but there were some disappointing results in some other competitions; namely Cricket, Tennis and the Cross-Country, but, on the whole, the results before and during the Summer term were very pleasing, and Price finished first of the four Houses at the end of the year. Unfortunately, that high standard has not been maintained and Price House was third in the final order at the end of the Autumn Term - this is not good enough! Less Cross-Country 'walkers', and more support and House spirit is needed to put Price house back in its rightful position at the top.

Jean Lumby U6A, Ronald Smethurst U6A

### Talbot

The year 1953-54 was an improvement for Talbot House; we took second place in the House competition. As usual, we seem to have been more successful in outdoor events than in academic fields. In P.T and sports, Talbot House took first position; the boys won the Cricket and the Cross Country Run, and the girls won the Netball Competition. The Dramatic Competition, musical activities, and Stars and Stripes proved to be a letdown, and a greater effort is needed in this direction by all members. Despite last year's successes, this year, Talbot House is only in fourth position, however, and everyone must try to put us nearer the top.

Patricia Harris U6A, William Baxendale. U6A

## 1956

Price took the honours on Speech Day, 1955, and it was a case of "all hands" to collect the Hockey, Netball, Swimming and Rounders Cups. Guest and Talbot vied for second place, the former with the Rugger and Arts Cups, and the latter with the Challenge and Standards Cups. Holgate "netted" the Tennis Trophy. Since then, however, there have been signs that the awards are going to be more excitingly distributed next November. Up to the moment of going to press, Guest have two very impressive firsts -- in the Music and Dramatic Competitions - and keep their end up elsewhere; Holgate are piling up useful "seconds" and have distinguished themselves in their stars-and-stripes record; Talbot have won the Rugby competition and, in other spheres, are carefully avoiding last positions; while Price are having to be content with their wins in Hockey and Netball.

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