

Dear Parents and Students of Year 10,

April 2025

I am writing with details about the application process for a prefect position. This is a great opportunity for us to give students more responsibility and for students to get further involved with the school.

The positions available are: Anti-bullying, House events coordination, supporting KS3 tutor groups and Head Prefects. Students can apply for specific positions, or put in a general prefect application and be placed where we think is most appropriate. The roles start in June 2025.

Many students have written a letter of application to me expressing their interest in becoming a prefect, the deadline for this was last week. I will now shortlist those who we would like to call for an interview with me or Mrs Bass. Whilst it would be great to give everyone a position who would like one, I limit the places to 56 students so as to not dilute the achievement of becoming a prefect.

The successful students will be selected for roles based on the following criteria:

- 1) Being a good role model:
 - Behaviour in school (or significant improvements from KS3)
 - School attendance and punctuality
 - Correct uniform worn all of the time
 - Being organised (including punctuality)
- 2) Good letter of application:
 - Explanation of why they want to be a prefect
 - Broader experiences than just school lessons
 - Evidence of previous volunteering eg DofE, open evenings
- 3) Good interview:
 - Well presented
 - Can articulate why they want to be a prefect
 - Can discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the school
 - Appear confident when talking to adults.
 - Evidence of thought given to helping younger students
- 4) Allocation of roles:
 - Head Prefects need to be strong in all of the above, and be able to direct other students and hold them to account
 - House Prefects ideally need to have some performance background (sports, music or drama), show initiative / new event ideas in interview
 - Anti-bullying prefects should appear approachable and calm
 - KS3 prefects should be able to present to a class of younger students



Every year, I receive many more applications than available roles, and it is never an easy decision to leave out a student that may have a perfect record at school. I ask that parents and students respect the tough decisions Mrs Bass and I make in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Eckersley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roger Eckersley
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