



## RUSSELL BAKER

■ Ugo and Crichton - Russell Baker House Captains 2024/25

Russell Baker triumphed once again in so many areas last year. We would like to congratulate all the girls in the House for their contributions and for their House spirit which never wavers! Special thanks go to Sophie and Shua for doing such an amazing job in leading the House.

We hit the ground running in the Autumn Term with House Drama rehearsals. The play, *Raindrops*, written and directed by Erica (you may remember her incredible performance as Donkey in the Whole School production of *Shrek!*) was great to work on. Erica was inspirational as a leader and inspired everyone to perform on stage. The Autumn Term also saw the House Netball competition take place. Russell Baker achieved a very respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both Middle School and Senior School Netball. We also all enjoyed St Catherine's Day with our U3/L4 Lacrosse team achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the House competition. House Debating was another activity which brought the Russell Baker team together. We really enjoyed listening to the debates and supporting our House.

The Spring Term was very busy with House Singing and House Gym rehearsals. Our brilliant L6 team stepped up to lead and choreograph the House Gym dances

while the U6 focused on their A Level examinations. Once again, this proved to be a lot of fun with everyone being able to take part. The L6 really enjoyed working with and getting to know the younger years. Russell Baker achieved third place overall. However, Jaimie was awarded Performer of the Day and we were also very proud of our Trio routine which achieved first place. Well done to Shua (House Captain), Holly (Sports Captain) and Hope (U3) who performed so well.

Alongside the House Gym, time was spent rehearsing for the House Singing competition. We really enjoyed this year's theme which was *Disney*. We were given *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* from Mary Poppins. We practised it so much that by the end we could even say it backwards! Our second song was *Paparazzi* by Lady Gaga which we all very much enjoyed. Thank you to Annabel and Danai for their excellent leadership. We were proud to achieve second place and Danai was awarded the Rose Trophy for conducting. This is the second year in a row that Russell Baker's House Music prefect has been awarded this prize. Well done! In addition, Russell Baker was awarded the House Music progress award, jointly with Stoner House. The Russell

Baker led charity competition, *Spy Ring*, was also very successful with everyone having lots of fun trying to catch people out. Over £1,000 was raised for The Samaritans.

Together with some sunshine and better weather, the Summer Term did not disappoint with the House Cricket, Tennis and Athletics competitions. Russell Baker won the U3/L4 and Senior Cricket competitions. The matches were fun to watch with lots of support by those who were not on the field. Russell Baker also won the athletics competition with Hannah (U3), breaking the U3 100m record as she completed it in an impressive 13.23 seconds. Grace (U5) broke the 300m record. We clearly have impressive athletes within the House! Well done to everyone for all that they have contributed to the House this year and we are very much looking forward to next year's events!

1. Celebratory hug after the announcement of winners of the 'Trio'
2. Summer (L6): House Drama
3. Florence (L4): Sports Day
4. Tanya, Izzy, Grace and Ugo: House Drama
5. Derryn (U5): Sports Day
6. The future U6 RB leaders!
7. House Singing