



## **AMHERST**

**A** – Academic (for any noteworthy academic achievements)

**M** – Mind-set (for resilience, approach to learning, positivity)

**H** – Heart (charity work, community outreach, service to others)

**E** - Extra-curricular (anything except sports)

**R** – Reading (for any noteworthy progress, achievement or interest in reading, or the promotion of reading culture)

**S** – Sports (for any sporting achievements)

**T** – Team work (awarded to groups rather than individuals)

House Points are awarded for one of the above categories (between 1 and 4 points depending on how worthy). More than one point is only awarded if it is a noteworthy achievement. The vast majority of House Points awarded will be one at a time.

It is essential that all staff are consistently awarding House Points and to all year groups.

Heads of Year will flag to tutors who has achieved any House Points so that success can be celebrated at a tutor level. Tutors will also monitor pupils who are not receiving any / very few house points and follow up as to the barriers (ie effort of the pupils or lack of consistency from teachers).

Pastoral Leaders will also monitor which pupils reach the thresholds of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum so that they can make sure these get awarded in the Head's assemblies.

Once pupils reach a certain threshold of points in a range of the categories (not just excel in one area) they earn the following recognitions:

**Bronze Level:** 50 points (17 for Sixth Form) covering a minimum of 4 categories: Certificate presented in assembly slots and a Postcard home

**Silver Level:** 100 points (33 for Sixth Form) covering a minimum of 4 categories: Certificate presented in assembly slots, postcard home and a Privilege of a choice of options: Amherst pens, pencils, rubbers, keyrings (TBC); entry for a draw for Kindle; queue jump passes

**Gold:** 150 points (50 for Sixth Form) covering a minimum of 4 categories: Certificate presented in assembly slots and a Minerva badge – to be worn on blazer – in the House Colours and in the shape / form of a Minerva symbol. Also a choice of one of the Silver rewards again too.

Platinum: 200 points (67 for Sixth Form) covering a minimum of 4 categories: Recognition at Prize Giving (including a monetary reward in the form of a £20 book token)

Heads of House will monitor their own Houses to celebrate the most House points in each category per House (with a certificate), as well as the highest achieving overall pupil in each house, as well as an overall total for the end of term including any other House Points being awarded from events such as Sports Day.

Awarding House Points is really simple! On a class list on SIMS, right click on the name and then click on one of the letters you are awarding points for. (If you want to add more than 1 point, you will have to repeat this process.)

Multiple pupils can be selected from one class by holding down the Ctrl key and then adding them all a point at the same time.