



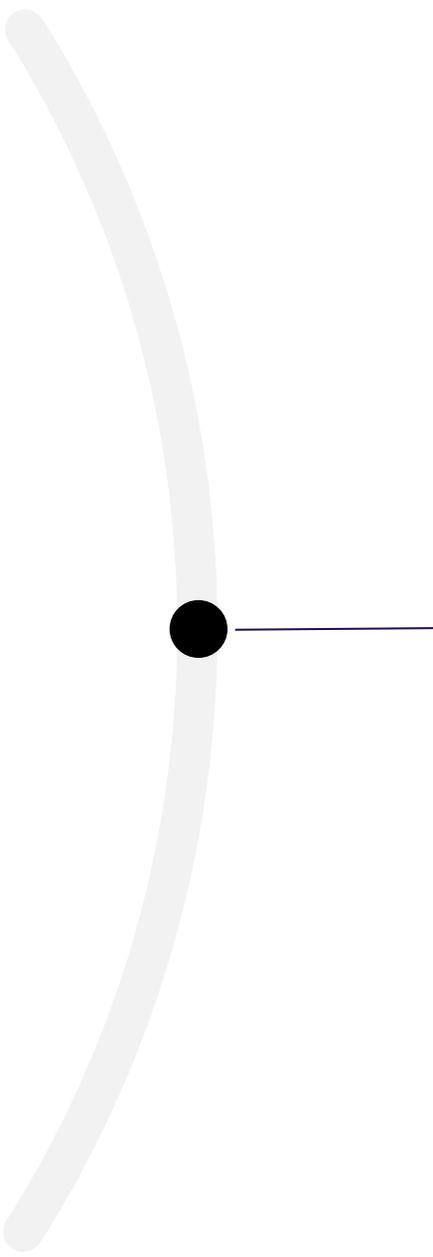
**Dane Court Grammar School**

**New entrants'  
information evening**

**Thursday 29th June 2023**



# **Our vision**



**Developing  
knowledgeable and  
caring young people  
who help to create a  
better and more  
peaceful world**



# Our values

-  **Caring**
-  **Open-minded**
-  **Principled**



# Our Pastoral System

## Structure of the Year 7 team

- Mr Buttery & Miss Baylis (KS3)
- Pass to KS4 team + 6th form
- 6 mentors (one for each house)

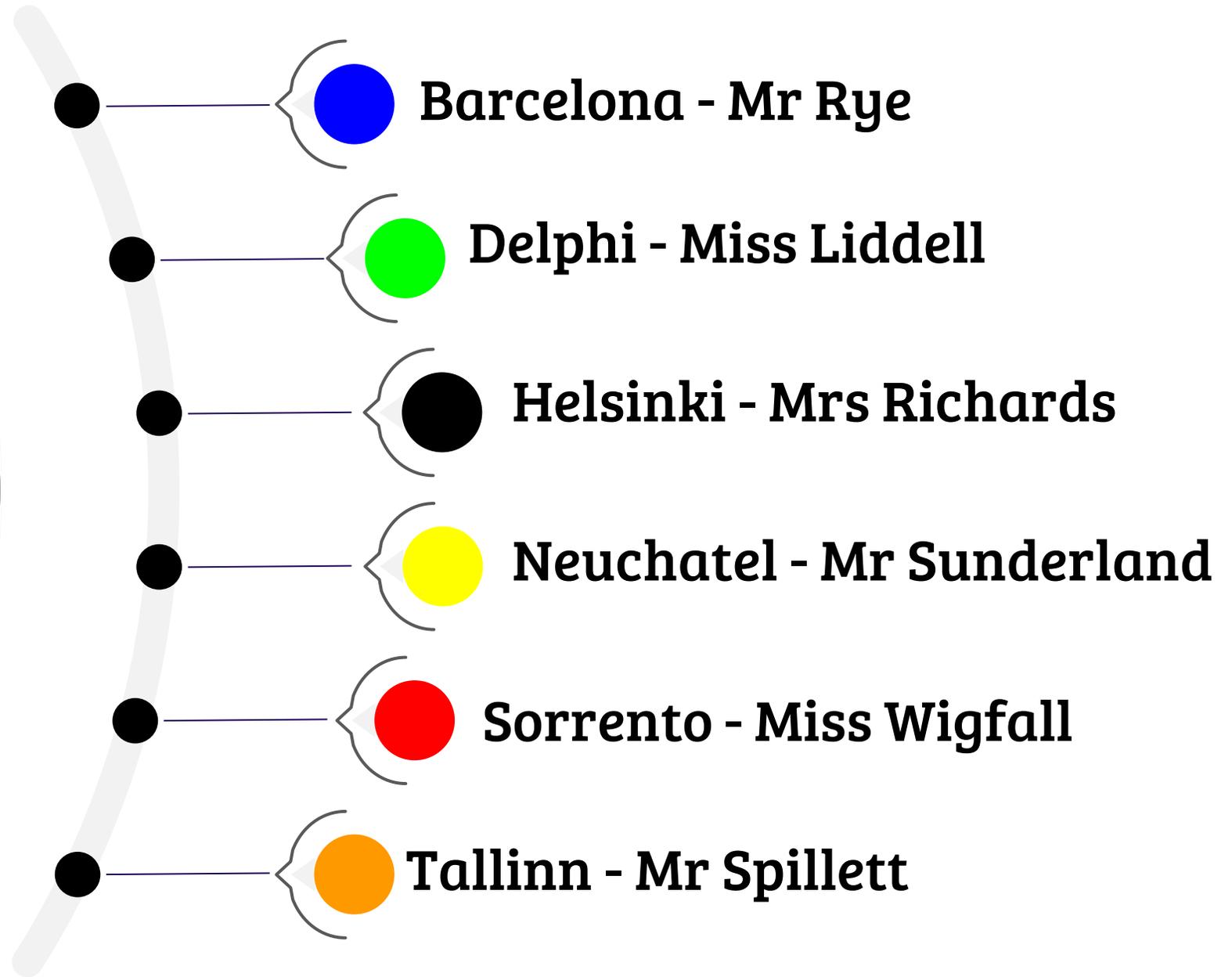
## Mentors

- Daily contact with pupils
- Get to know your child well (personally & academically)
- With mentor group until the end of KS4 - consistency

**PSO + SEN + others**

# Our house system

- Each pupil is assigned to a house - these form our mentor groups
- KS3 lessons taught in mentor groups
- Regular competitions





# Transition Day

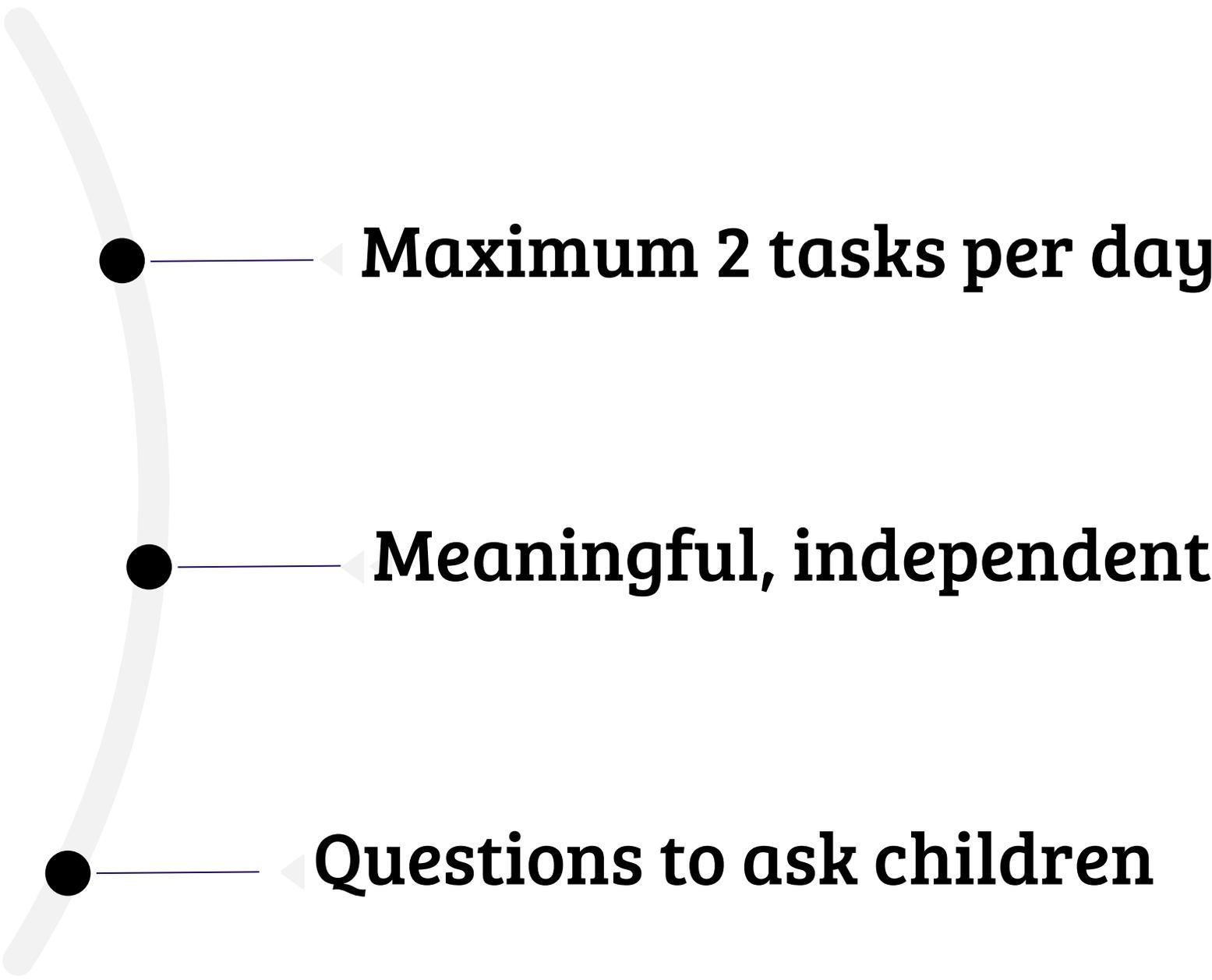
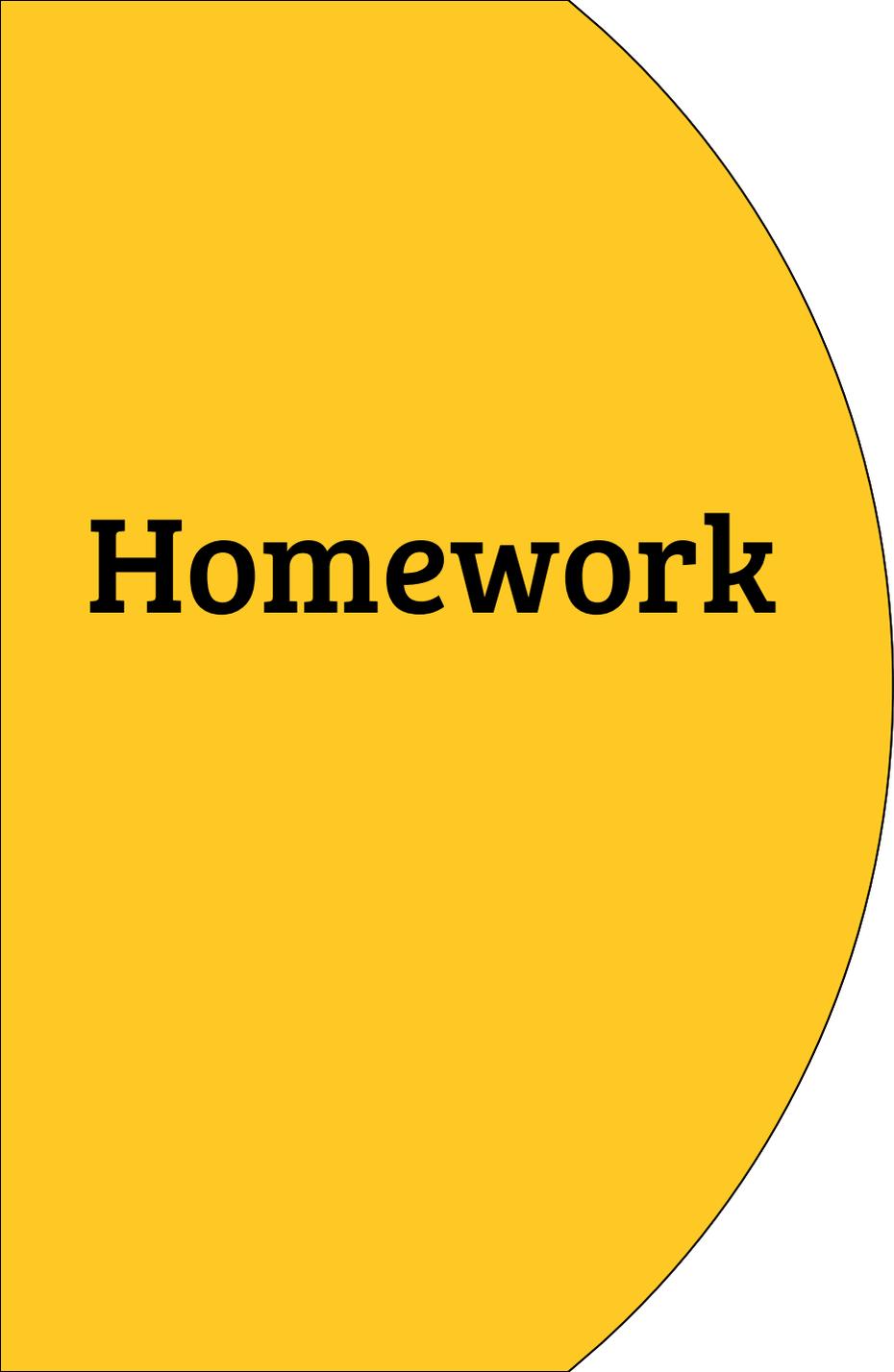
## Thursday 6th July

- Arrive at **9:00am** (gates will be open, but there will be restricted access to the site in September)
- Wear house t-shirts (available tonight), comfortable clothes and trainers
- Hot lunch is provided (but pupils may bring a packed lunch)
- Bring a drink and snack for break time
- Suncream and/or a hat
- Collect from hardcourts at **2:30pm**
- **Aims? Informative, but fun! Chance to get to know each other**

# Our lessons

-  **Challenge for all**
-  **High Quality Talk**
-  **Practice**
-  **Support for Learning**
-  **Feedback**
-  **Recall and review**

# Homework



**Maximum 2 tasks per day**

**Meaningful, independent**

**Questions to ask children**



# **Role of the mentor / Year Leader**

- To be the first port of call for students
- Extended mentoring
- To deliver the mentor curriculum
- To monitor attendance
- To monitor and guide academic progress
- To be a point of contact with home
- To deal with worries



# Communication

- Attendance / Absence
- Clubs
- Concerns
- Planner
- Mobile phones (call the office)
- Parent newsletters
- School website (transition page)



# First Day of Term

## Tuesday 5th September

- 8:30am arrival
- Go straight to Sorrento plaza
- Finish at 3:10pm Tuesday - Thursday
- 3:20pm from Friday
- Parents cannot pick up on site
- Padlock
- Lesson Equipment



# SEN / Medical Needs

- Transfer of information and paperwork from primary schools has already taken place
- Additional transition will be by invitation
- Healthcare plan information will be requested by Google Form
- Should you have any particular concerns, please email [holmes@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:holmes@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)



**Thank you**



**House t-shirts (£2)**



**Second-hand uniform**