

Mitre & Fleur-de-Lys House
Rossall School
Welcome Guide

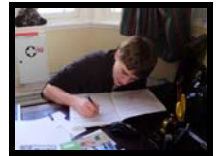




We look forward to welcoming you to MF House in the near future. Every boy that has been in MF House has enjoyed the rustic charm of the old building and has particularly enjoyed the camaraderie with their fellow pupils. Each boarder is accommodated in either a single or a double room equipped with a desk and wardrobe, though single rooms are at a premium and therefore cannot be guaranteed. There is also plenty of storage space in the House. Dayboys will find themselves allocated to a shared study. All pupils make much use of the

communal areas, from the day room with a pool table to the house room, fully equipped with Sky Digital and table football. Some prefer to entertain in the brew room where the cooking facilities are available during the day and evening; others prefer the music room, demonstrating a hidden talent on the grand piano. The House soon becomes a home from home for both boarders and dayboys. The range of nationalities and cultures is enjoyed by all, particularly the opportunity to learn about and understand different lifestyles.

You will be allocated a personal tutor who will discuss academic and other issues with you. They will also discuss your progress with your parents and set academic targets with you that you will, no doubt, strive to meet.



Rossall School will be what you make of it and MF House is no exception. All boys in the House are encouraged to make the most of their opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Consequently, life is very busy and everyone supports each other. Every senior school activity, all sports, choir, band, school play, etc... has some MF representation. There are also regular House trips ranging from shopping in Manchester to theatre trips and even paintballing.

The Michaelmas term features the House Singing competition and the MF MADD night (an evening of Music, Art, Drama and Dance). Every member of the House takes part and last year £1500 was raised for two local children's charities. The usual round of carol services and House Dinner ends the term.



The Lent term has many House Competitions that are fiercely fought. In between completing coursework, boys can be found playing hockey on the beach, practicing for the House Instrumental Competition, or competing for the coveted "mo'ped" in the House Arts Quiz.

With the sunshine comes the summer term and the boys take to the fields, either playing cricket or croquet. Of course, there are exams for many and regular revision clubs can be found around the House. The term, and year, draw to a close with the MF garden party.



There follows some information about the House that we hope you find both interesting and informative. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail s.corrie@rossall.org.uk



Housemasters

Mitre

1875 - 1884 HP Owen-Smith
 1884 - 1909 AA Cordner
 1909 - 1914 HM Chamberlain
 1914 - 1919 KAR Sugden
 1919 - 1920 EP Smith
 1920 - 1922 VL Armitage
 1922 - 1925 AHW Dennis
 1926 - 1929 HV Leonard
 1929 - 1935 RAM Harris
 1935 - 1944 MJ Olivier
 1944 - 1958 Maj. CE Esnouf
 1958 - 1976 JA Whale
 1977 - 1982 TH Roper
 1982 - 1985 J Aveyard

Fleur-de-Lys

1875 - 1881 AA Bourne
 1881 - 1899 T Batson
 1900 - 1907 SI Atkinson
 1907 - 1908 CH Tyler
 1909 - 1915 JF Marsh
 1915 - 1946 W Furness
 1946 - 1961 JG Wagener
 1961 - 1971 LH Fallon
 1971 - 1985 GAM Clube

Mitre & Fleur-de-Lys

1985 - 1987 J Aveyard
 1987 - 1995 RJ Clapp
 1995 - 2001 JA Ralph
 2002 - SL Corrie

The Reverend Herbert Armstrong James, Headmaster, established a House system at Rossall in 1875 and the pupils were split between seven Houses (School, Rose, Spread Eagle, Maltese Cross, Mitre, Anchor and Fleur-de-Lys). Mitre House was situated to the north of the Archway (where Dolphin House currently stands) and Fleur-de-Lys was situated between the Archway and the Dining Hall (alongside Rose House).



In the summer holiday of 1914, a near catastrophic fire occurred in the servant's quarters. A Fleur-de-Lys pupil remembered the aftermath: "In those days Fleur-de-Lys house-room and studies were next to the entrance gate of the Quad. At night we walked through Rose House and Dormitory and into our own dormitory that was over the kitchens. During the summer vacation in 1914 our dormitory was badly damaged by fire and for my last year we slept in the hospital".

This enabled dramatic improvements to be made in the layout of the Houses. A new House was built overlooking the playing fields for Mitre and opened in 1915 (the current Anchor House). The House Captain, R.C. Sinker, made the following comments in the House Book: "We have left the old house in the corner of the square and emigrated to the more bracing, but quieter regions, overlooking the playing fields. The new house is a great improvement on the old, the studies are much larger and get the sun the whole day and the changing rooms are the best in the School." At about the same time, the Housemaster of Spread Eagle was allowed to get married (!) and to move, with his wife and House, into the old Mitre corner where there was married accommodation. This enabled Fleur-de-Lys to move from its fragmented premises to the South West corner of the Square vacated by Spread Eagle (the current position of Mitre & Fleur-de-Lys).



1985 brought about further change when it was decided to amalgamate Mitre and Fleur-de-Lys. The departing Mitre House Captain wrote "At the end of an era I can always look back with great nostalgia. Always the House with the best spirit and the most 'bottle', I hope that future generations of MF will do the old Mitre House justice".

House Staff

Housemaster	S L Corrie	(Music)
Deputy Housemaster	T L N Root	(Geography)
House Tutors	L J Hodgetts	(Design & Technology)
	S Holder-Williams	(Art)
	A N Other Tutor	
Housekeeper	Valerie Johnson	

House Monitors

Alexander Lewis (House Captain & Deputy School Captain)

Dan Petrov (Deputy House Captain & School Monitor)

Sam Butler (Captain of House Sport)

Toby Holder-Williams (School Monitor & Year 9 Liaison Officer)

Toby Lester

Kyle Leung

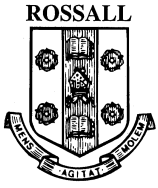
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Some notes on School Life

Activities - Rossall will be what you make it. All pupils are strongly encouraged to make the most of the activities on offer. If you are unable to take part in an activity that you have signed up for then you must excuse yourself from the member of Common Room taking your activity beforehand.

Chapel is attended by all pupils and is seen as a time of reflection and an occasion where the whole school community meets together.

Detention - If you find yourself in detention, then you must inform SLC at the earliest opportunity. Persistent academic failure will lead to a letter being sent home. In addition to this, your parents may be asked to come and discuss the situation.

Games Commitments - To be selected to play for your House or the School should be seen as an honour. You must fulfil all games commitments. If you are unable to play for the House when selected, it is up to you to excuse yourself either from the team captain or from me. Simply failing to turn up is unacceptable.

Illness - If you are unfortunate enough to fall ill in School, then you must report to the Medical Centre. It is not acceptable to just go to your room or go home without reporting to Sister first.

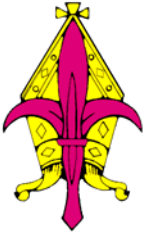
Late Arrival (Dayboys) - Should you arrive late at School for any reason, firstly you must sign in late at reception and see the duty master at the earliest opportunity to clarify the reasons for your lateness.

Lost Property - If you are unlucky enough to lose something, check the lost property section of the *nagger* and check with the Housekeeper.

Off Games - If you are 'off games' then you should produce some form of written evidence proving this and excuse yourself from the CR taking your activity and from the duty master.

Satis - If your work is sub-standard, you may be placed on Satis. A weekly satis requires you to ask your subject teachers to make a comment on your work each week. This must be shown to your tutor at the Wednesday morning tutor time. A daily satis requires you to ask your subject teachers to make a comment on your work after each lesson. This must be shown to SLC at 8.25am every morning. Persistent academic failure will lead to your parents being asked to come and discuss the situation.

Study Schools - If you are lucky enough to have study schools then please use your time wisely. You are expected to work during study schools in your study, the library, or the computer room.



Some notes on Daily House Routine

Activity time - During activity / games times, the House will have a working environment. If you are not involved in an activity then you are expected to be in the House working. Visitors are not welcome during activity time.

Brew Rooms (Kitchen) - All cooking must take place in the Brew Room (Kitchen). You must not cook in your room. Please wash up your own pots/mugs as soon as you have finished with them. The brew room is closed at 10.30pm. Please leave the brew room as you would expect to find it.

Communal Areas - DAY ROOM - everyone welcome

Fire Alarm - When the fire alarm sounds, you must leave the House immediately. The Assembly Point for MF is outside the Chapel.

Prep time is for quiet work only. If you stay for prep, you must either work in your study (no loud music), in the library or the IT room. Prep takes place Monday to Friday 6.20pm - 8.30pm.

Rolls & Registration - Dayboys are expected to attend roll if they are in school. Boarders must attend all rolls.

Showers - Showers can be used at any time apart from Prep time.

Sign In - All visitors to the House must sign in.

Sign Out - Dayboys **must sign out** when they go home.

Boarders **must sign out** if they go out during / after prep,
or if they leave site.

Signing Out Books - The Dayboy's signing out book is located by the entrance to the House. The Boarder's signing out book is located on the table at the bottom of the staircase.

Visiting - Visitors are welcome at the following times: Break, Lunchtime, After Tea, After Prep until Lock-Up. Visitors found in the House at other times must expect to be banned from the House. Visitors may only be entertained in the downstairs day room.

More House Information

Ball Games - AT NO TIME are ball games allowed in the House, or directly outside it.

Behaviour - All boys are expected to show respect to, and common courtesy for, all members of the House and all visitors (see MF Code of Conduct). House Monitors will report any member of the House abusing these rules.

Colours are awarded to pupils for general contribution to the House. Colours are awarded on a points system. For further explanation of the points system, see later in this booklet.

Junior Half Colours - entitles student to wear Half Colours Tie

Junior Full Colours - entitles student to wear Blazer Badge and Half Colours Tie

Senior Full Colours - entitles student to wear Crested Full Colours Tie

Damage - Accidents do happen. However, if you cause any damage then it is your responsibility to report it to the duty member of staff. Honesty is the best policy and no-one gets into trouble for telling the truth. Wilful damage or vandalism is unacceptable and will be dealt with severely.

Exeat - Boarders are welcome to sign out for the weekend to stay with guardians / friends etc... However, permission must be obtained in writing from both the boarders' parents and the parent / guardian of where they are staying. A telephone call will not suffice. This must be handed in by the Thursday lunchtime before the weekend exeat.

Front Door Code - C6780X

Invitations - If you are formally invited to a function, then it is polite to reply at the earliest opportunity, in writing. Example: John Smith thanks you for your kind invitation to Michael's 18th birthday party *and is pleased to accept / but unfortunately cannot attend due to a prior engagement.*

Laundry - Boarders must put named dirty clothes in the linen baskets which can be found around the House. Un-named clothes should be put in a bag with your name marked clearly on the outside of the bag before being deposited in the linen basket. Clean clothes can be picked up from the Housekeeper's room. However, beware of the Housekeeper's room opening times.

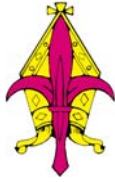
Medication - If you have any medication in School, this must be stored in the Medical cabinet in SLC's office. It should not just be kept in your room.

Posters - You are welcome to decorate your room with tasteful posters. Anything that may cause offence is not allowed.

Thank you - If you are invited to a party, a meal, or to someone's house for the weekend for example, then it is common courtesy to write a thank you letter at the earliest opportunity.

Valuables - It is advisable to hand in all valuables to SLC for safekeeping. NEVER leave money around. It is your responsibility to look after your belongings. You are advised to keep your door locked. **DO NOT INVITE THEFT.**

MF Code of Conduct



Each member of the House is expected to respect:

his fellow pupils and their property
the right of everyone to study and learn
the authority of members of staff
the school and house environment



and to behave in a way which promotes and protects the safety and welfare of others.

House Points

Category A - Team Sports

- Take part 1 point
- Win competition 2 points
- Team captain 3 points

Team Captain to be appointed by the House Committee.

Category B - Individual Sports

(Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming)

- Compete 1 point
- Top 10 (XC) 2 points
- Top 3 (Ath) 2 points
- Win event 4 points
- Win competition 4 points
(each competitor)

Category C - House Music

- Take part (part song & ensemble) 2 points
- Top 3 3 points
- Win 4 points
- Conductor 5 points

Category D- House Newsletter

- Each Article 2 points
- Each Photograph 2 points
- Editor (each edition) 5 points

Category E - House Chapel

- Reading / Prayers 2 points
- Participant 2 points
- Writer 5 points

Category F - Responsibilities

- House Captain 10 points
- Deputy House Captain 6 points
- Sports rep. 4 points
- House Monitor 4 points
- Student Council 2 points
- Open Day Guide 2 points
- Visitors Guide 2 points
- Bell (per term) 2 points
- Brew (per term) 2 points
- Postman (per term) 2 points

Extra points may be awarded at the Housemaster's discretion.



Mitre & Fleur-de-Lys House House Roll Times (2009-10)

Monday - Friday

8.25am	Morning Registration in Day Room
1.30pm	Afternoon Registration in Day Room
6.20pm	Start of Prep Roll

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.30pm Lock Up

Tuesday, Thursday

9.30pm	Year 10 & 11 Roll (& stay in)
10.30pm	VIth Form Roll & Lock Up

Saturday

	11.00am Roll
	7.00pm Roll
9.30pm	Year 10 & 11 Roll (& stay in)
10.30pm	VIth Form Roll & Lock Up

Sunday

	11.00am	Roll
	7.00pm	Roll
9.30pm	Year 10 & 11 Roll (& stay in)	
	10.00pm	Lock Up

Housekeeper's Room Opening Times

Monday - Friday

9.00am - 12.30pm
1.30pm - 4.00pm

This is subject to change