



ARCADIA GLOBAL SCHOOL

AGS House System Policy
2024-2026

Al Furjan
Dubai, United Arab Emirates



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Rationale

The Arcadia Global School operates a traditional British house system that fosters teamwork, resilience and sporting etiquette. There are four houses, whose names are famous explorers / adventurers as we believe education is about exploration. These are shown below and were selected by a vote of founding parents prior to the school opening. They are all excellent role models as demonstrators of the AGS Values.



Each pupil is assigned randomly to a house for the duration of their time at the school; siblings are also allocated to the same house. School staff are assigned to a house and remain in that house for their entire time at our school. (Staff will have the option to have the same house as their children if they are at AGS).

Being part of a house system enhances the student's sense of identity and belonging and creates a spirit of friendly competition, collaboration and cooperation. This friendly rivalry is given ample opportunity to manifest itself in a wide range of inter-house competitions and events. The healthy spirit of competition that is fostered and encouraged brings out the very best in our children and serves to give every child the opportunity to contribute towards their house.

Awarding Points

House points are awarded daily and can be awarded by any member of Arcadia staff. Points can be given for high standards of work, consistent improvement, general helpfulness, demonstration of the AGS Values, consistent positive behaviour and/or sustained effort.

All house points are recorded on the Ten Points App and count towards the Arcadia House Cup at the end of each term. These points are added up to give a final score at the end of the academic year. The winning house is awarded the Valrani House Champion Cup at the end of the academic year.

The positions of each house at any given time throughout the year are displayed through the house shields behind reception, and a running total is communicated live via the screens around the school.

Uniform

Pupil's PE uniform reflects the house that they are part of and has the house colours incorporated within the design.

Leadership

Each house is lead by a House Captain who represents their team at appropriate times. House Captains are chosen through a voting process throughout school and they assist by collecting house points every week and helping to run house events.

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Next Review: July 2026

Policy Responsibility: The Character Lead in SLT, Primary and Secondary House Leaders.