

First Clue - St. Paul's School - Spring 2006

It seems that at some point, after the first clue was posted to the internet, a house, or houses, removed the answer tag from its original location in the schoolhouse, for a short time. It was subsequently returned in time for other houses to continue reporting their answers but not before some houses gave up, or at least suspended, their search for the tag.

In light of these events the scores from the first round will be discarded. Apologies are due to those houses that reported early and correctly, but as one house reported, they had to replace the answer tag, which they discovered crumpled on the floor. Other houses reported looking in the area earlier than the first submissions. In light of the fact that there is no way to ensure that the answer tags are not tampered with the only way to be sure that the hunt proceeds fairly is to discard these scores.

While reports of this sort of behavior are difficult to confirm, they come from varied houses, and, ultimately, put the entire hunt in jeopardy. This hunt is based on a system of fun and respect for the game, as well as the exploration it involves. There are prizes involved, but, as in years past, those should be the least of your incentive. Without participants taking on the responsibility to play by the rules, it will, as has been made clear by this first example, break down.

It is left up to the house prefects to ensure that their houses will abide by the stated rules of the game. If not, it will simply end here.

Unfortunately, further reports of abuse towards the hunt will, most likely, result in closing it down.

As the hunt goes on:

The hunt at the opening days of school awarded the winner a head start in this hunt. As they, Nash, did not claim this head start at the beginning of this hunt they will be allowed a ½ hour head start on the next clue. The clue will be emailed to them separately, but the instructions page will update as previously scheduled for all other houses. Nash is expected to not distribute their clue to other houses before the scheduled release time.