

Inter-House Academic Challenge - 30 January 2026

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The 2026 Inter-House Quiz Competition held on 30th January during the Life Education lesson period was a resounding success. It was not merely a test of knowledge, but a celebration of house spirit, quick thinking, and collaborative effort.



Before the competition began, the hall was buzzing with excitement. The competition was divided into three exciting rounds: the first round of "Compulsory Questions," the second round of "Quick-Buzz Questions," and the third round of "Elective Subject Quick-Buzz Questions." This year, the dramatic shifts in scores across the rounds kept energy high, and the enthusiastic participation from both contestants and the audience created a vibrant and memorable school event.

Let the game begin!

- **Round 1: Compulsory Questions**

This round tested each house's fundamental knowledge and consistency, covering a wide range of topics. As the scores were revealed after this round, a

wave of murmurs swept through the audience. **Yellow House** took an early lead with **120 points**, followed closely by **Green House** with **110 points**. **Red House** and **Blue House** scored **80** and **70 points** respectively.



- **Round 2: Quick-Buzz Questions**

The atmosphere shifted dramatically in the second round. The buzzers became the centre of attention, turning the quiz into a test of speed and nerve. The hall erupted with each frantic buzz and cheers for correct answers. Blue House mastered this round. When the updated scoreboard flashed, it showed a major shake-up: **Blue House surged to 220 points**, **Red House climbed to 190**, **Yellow House held 180**, and **Green House reached 150**. Blue House supporters jumped to their feet in exhilaration, their faces beaming with pride.



- **Round 3: Elective Subject Quick-Buzz Questions**

The final round was intensified, focusing on specialised subject knowledge.

Contestants bit their lips in concentration. Every correct answer was met with roaring applause from the same house team. The lead changed hands several times, keeping everyone on the edge of their seats. The final scores announced were:

- **Red House: 440 points**
- **Blue House: 270 points**
- **Yellow House: 370 points**
- **Green House: 260 points**

The Red House bench exploded in joy and shouts of triumph. Their remarkable comeback in the final round was the talk of the hall. Congratulations to Red House on their stellar victory, and well done to all houses for their spirited participation.

Mr. Billy Chu's evolutionary relationship?

Of all the questions, the most impressive one cleverly linked biology to our school life: "Which of the following species in the Biology Laboratory has the closest evolutionary relationship with Mr. Billy Chu?" The options were turtle, jellyfish, hamster, and lizard respectively. By using our teacher's name, the question turned an evolutionary concept into a fun and relatable puzzle. The correct answer was hamster, because both humans and hamsters are mammals, sharing a closer common ancestor than with reptiles or invertebrates. This creative approach not only tested our understanding but also engaging for everyone.





"The pressure of the buzzer round was unreal! It wasn't just about knowing the answer; it was about nerve control. I was so nervous at first, but hearing my house cheer for us gave me a huge boost. Our team's strategy meeting beforehand really paid off, especially in the elective round. "

S4 Jessica So (Red House)

"It was fantastic to see such fierce but friendly rivalry. It was so exciting to watch! I was screaming the answers in my head. It makes me want to study more so maybe I can be up there next year representing my house."

S3 Gina Li