

Shelley House:

Named after: Mary Shelley

Famous books: Frankenstein

Personal Development Manager: Ms L Giles

House colour: Purple

Mascot: Frankenstein



Information:

Shelley is the newest house at Queen Mary's High School. It was formed in 2012 when the school decided to increase its student numbers entering year 7.

Mary Shelley's life was blighted by sorrow. Born in 1797, Mary's mother died days after giving birth to her - the first of many tragedies in Shelley's life. Some of these tragedies would later inspire events in Frankenstein. In 1812, Mary met the married poet Percy Shelley. Mary ran off to France with Percy in 1814 and gave birth to his child in 1815 - but the baby died just 12 days later. Percy's wife drowned herself in 1816, allowing Percy to marry Mary soon after. The general public were outraged.

After coming up with the idea for her novel in Switzerland, Frankenstein was published two years later in 1818 - Mary was still only 20. Mary's second son, William, died aged three in 1821. Percy drowned in 1822. Mary and Percy's great friend, the writer and poet Lord Byron, died in 1824. Mary was devastated by this, and the loneliness caused by the death of so many of her friends and family.

Mary died in 1851. Although she wrote many other books, none matched the success of Frankenstein.

Shelley members, like their namesake, are made of strong stuff. Perseverance, resilience and determination are key to our philosophy.

Shelley's house captain (year 13) and vice captain (year 12) take an active role in house life leading and encouraging the house members to become actively involved in both house and school life.

As Shelley gradually filters through the school our success is building. We have used the motto: 'Small but Mighty' which describes us perfectly. We have enjoyed great successes in sporting events and inter-house competitions and our strength continues to grow.