

# BLACKWATER

## Lent Term 2020

The following pages will give you a flavour of a short and action-packed Lent term. It would be wrong not to mention the elephant in the room that is Covid-19, which had such a strong impact on our end of term. As group events were cancelled, more girls had to stay at home and then the Year 11s and 13s were sent reeling by the news that they would not sit exams this summer, the realisation of just how big this world event was, suddenly became more apparent. As we all take stock during these uncertain times, I hope that you will enjoy reading our news and that the photos will remind you of what there is to look forward to when the world resumes its normal pace. When the summer term begins (albeit remotely), I will send out info regarding tutor drop-in times, year group meetings and DLT's weekly challenge. In the meantime, keep safe, enjoy some time to indulge in the hobbies you have not had time for, make some family memories and, of course, wash your hands!

### Highlights



Pg 3 House dinner



Pg 6 House netball champions



# Year 11 Post-Mock Dinner



The first 2 weeks of the term saw the Year 11s undertake their GCSE mock exams. They worked hard to create an industrious atmosphere in house and support each other, and were rewarded at the end of their exams with a James Bond-themed Year 11 dinner - don't they all look so grown up!

## Inter House Squash

The first house competition of the term was inter-house squash. The girls were unlucky to lose the top spot, finishing a respectable 2nd place. Well done to our Senior girls: Charlotte and Amelia; and our Juniors: Kirsty and Jess.



## Geography Quiz Team

The first ever inter-house Geography quiz took place this term. Well done to our team: Mei, Mika, Riley, Martha, Bella and Nellie.



# Blackwater/Powell House Dinner



The Blackwater girls joined together with the Powell boys for a sophisticated Great Gatsby-themed evening. The decorations, quizzes and musical entertainment were all organised by the sixth form pupils and our hosts for the evening were Maisie and Arno, the Heads of each house. The glad rags were out and everyone had a lovely evening with great food and good company.







# Netball Champions



The girls gave it their all at the inter-house netball tournament. Great team spirit and a fantastic array of talent saw our girls crowned victors. A special mention must go to the Senior B, Junior A and Junior B teams who were all undefeated in the tournament. With the event taking place on a Saturday, it was great to see plenty of parents supporting the girls on the side lines.



# Celebrating Success

I am pleased to report that following all inter-house competitions undertaken so far this year, Blackwater House remains at the top of the girls' leaderboard!

## Half Colours:

Rosie (swimming)

Amelia R (drama and dance)

Izzy A (art)

Rachel (art)

Aimée (art)

## Full Colours:

Chelsea (music)

Esme L (textiles)

Maisie (textiles)

Jessica A (netball)

Lilly H (netball)

Aimée (swimming)

Lois (Y9) and Eliza (Y9) were both commended by the Headmaster this term for their academic performances and they were invited to join the Hayman's Society

Congratulations to Alice and Esme who passed their grade 7 singing and grade 5 cello respectively, both achieving merit

## Show hsm and rewards leaderboard:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 9	Esme	Nellie	Kirsty
Year 10	Connie	Naya	Emma
Year 11	Mika	Flo	MeiLuSha
Year 12	Amelia D	Alice	Stella
Year 13	Chloe	Emily	Lucy

# Some more photos...



Amelia in *Jerusalem*



Girls' rugby on College Field (organised by Becca and Dotty)



Pancake Day



Packing bags at M&S for the Eastbourne Dementia Action Alliance



Mimi and Flo in the final of the Young musicians' Competition



U6 post-mock takeaway night



6th form pottery outing



Anaïs and Rosie taking part in MFL karaoke





The term ended in the strangest of ways and as we quickly realised that we might be experiencing the last ever school day for our Upper Sixth, they went off to enjoy a year group game of dodgeball in the sports hall, before swiftly packing up their rooms. We snapped a quick group photo before the 6.00pm bus (note the very new BW tracksuit bottoms, which arrived just in time!). There was a bit of a feeling of impotence during the last week as big decisions were made of which we had no control and so the last few days of term saw the following St Francis of Assisi quote on our board: *Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

**A message from Maisie:**

Hi everyone! I hope you are all doing well and doing your best to enjoy your holiday during this strange time. To keep the boredom at bay, I have been keeping myself busy at home by trying to complete my final piece for textiles, which has involved making millions of paper flowers, baking, and Liv's been trying to teach me how to dance... which isn't going well!!! I'm missing seeing you all each day and am keeping my fingers crossed we'll be back in to win house a Capella next term. Stay safe and see you soon xxx