

March 2018

Eastbourne College

# Blackwater House 2017-18



From us all



Donating to The Chaseley Trust



Our Junior house netball squad

### THE BLACKWATER CUP March 2018

Beth Piper

Imo Carr



SENIOR

JUNIOR

The cup is awarded for kindness, cheerfulness and participation. Both very worthy winners.

### Stop Press (HM Assembly)

Colours have been awarded to the following girls:

#### Full colours

*Harriet* (Netball)

*Amy* (Netball)

*Roisin* (Swimming)

#### Half colours

*Chelsea, Rachel, Sasha, Mollie, Hannah* and *Amy* (Art)

*Roisin* and *Elspeth* (Netball)

#### And well done to

*Bella* who won the Innovation and Creativity competition

*Freya* for completing her silver D of E

It has been a happy and purposeful term in Blackwater since January. Revision for the mock exams has been very much the order of the day but the girls have still managed to cram in as much as ever, as this newsletter bears witness. Snow, wind, rain, Beasts from the East.... none of it deterred them and the whole house should be proud of the team effort and community spirit that they have shown over the past three months.

It was very hard to know when the best time would be to pass over the mantle of housemistress but, now that Tilly and Indy have headed off to university, it seemed to open a natural window of opportunity. I am really excited to be moving to London and to be taking on a new role in a new environment but at the same time my heart is still fuchsia and will be right up to the Cornflower Ball! Thank you so much for all your kind emails and messages and have a wonderful Easter.

*Julie Wood*

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From the sixth form

### Endeavour

The following girls have scored 4.0 or above in both their eRCs this term, testament to all their hard work and effort in class and for prep:

**Lauren, Icy, Harriet, Roisin, Aven, Hannah, Amy, Elspeth, Millie, Mollie, Zara, \*Niya, Krystelle, Honey, Freya, Lizzie, Ellie, Beth, \*Abi and Alex**

*\*Niya and Abi* both scored perfect 5.0!

### Altruism

**Zara** and **Beth** have helped out at the local winter night shelter every Monday night since before Christmas, and were awarded headmaster's commendations for their efforts.

**Krystelle** was awarded a headmaster's commendation for her fundraising efforts with the local Foodbank.

**Ellie, Abi, Freya** and **Lizzie** have volunteered at The Chaseley Trust every week and they spoke very confidently about their roles at the house concert.

**Lauren and Icy** are on the College charity committee each week and organised the raffle at the concert.

### Success

**Roisin** competed in her last Bath Cup with the College swim team and achieved another PB.

**Azzia** has been playing on the national tennis circuit, participating in tournaments all over the country.

**Honey and Lizzie** overcame their nerves and stood up to read in Chapel in front of the school.

**Aven** has nearly completed her Gold Arts award by producing six paintings on the theme of Disaster.

### Team Spirit

**Millie, Mollie** and **Amy** have all been on the house prefect team this term, helping to run the house, take roll call and keep the rest of the house organised, happy and on track!

**Freya** and **Abi** represented Blackwater in the house debating competition and won a place in the semi-finals where they opposed the motion that "NATO does more harm than good".

**Olivia** is currently our Senior house representative on the School council.

**Immi and Niya** took the stage in the Birley to lead the house by compering our house concert.

**Alex** is riding with the College equestrian team.

### Excellence

To celebrate International Women's Day, **Niya** and **Hannah** gave us two fascinating EPQ talks on "What makes a psychopath tick?" and "Has feminism gone too far?"

**Harriet, Elspeth** and **Hannah** have completed all the sections of their Gold D of E. Next stop: The Palace.

After her beautiful solo in the house concert, **Cerys** was selected to join a small group of choristers to sing the St Matthew Passion by Bach at the Royal Festival Hall.

### Resilience

Special mention must go to **Lauren**, who has been struggling with illness for the past few months but she has not let that deter her from either her A levels or her UCAS application.

**Eleanor** is finally back on the tennis court after a prolonged period of injury, and we have just heard that she has won a tennis scholarship to Nashville, Tennessee for the fall!

**Phoebe** only joined us in January but it seems as if she has been here for so much longer (in a good way obviously!) and we are delighted to have her in our midst.





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From Years 9, 10, 11

## Endeavour



The following girls have scored 4.0 or above in both their eRCs this term, testament to all their hard work and effort in class and for prep:

**Chelsea, Chloe, Ella, Charlie, Rachel, Sasha, Amelia, Olivia, Bella, Mika and Shaysha**

## Academic



**Chloe** was awarded a headmaster's commendation for her outstanding performance in GCSE mocks.

**Ella** and **Shaysha** were invited to the HMO in recognition of all their academic efforts this term.

**Gracie** and **Annabelle** have been working on their GCSE drama practical performances this week.

## Success



**Olivia** has been promoted in the CCF navy section and is now 1\*

**Mika** was awarded coach's player in her netball team for all her efforts this season.

**Iris** had the most improved eRC in her year group this term.

**Cecilie** was voted "girl of the game" against Brighton College.

## Team Spirit



**Martha** has been volunteering at the British Heart Foundation shop as part of her silver D of E.

**Jess and Imo** continue to ride for the College equestrian team.

**Lily, Olivia, Shaysha, Mika, Fenella, Annie** and **Phoebe** won the interhouse netball Jnr B trophy.

**Bella, Lilly, Eloise and Saffy** are representing the College at the regional Fives competition.

## Excellence



After her fantastic piano solo in the house concert, **Chelsea** was a finalist in our YMOTY competition and then was back on stage for her diploma recital last week.

**Sasha** has been asked to be on the judging panel for the College Photography competition, after she won the event last year.

## Resilience



**Flo** has been off sport for the past few weeks because of a recurring injury but has stayed positive and cheerful throughout (and has used the time very wisely to start her revision!)

**Amelia** crashed into a wall on the Fives court (I blame Mr Beal) and has had to cope with a broken collar bone for most of this term. However she was in action this week in the house netball so is definitely on the mend.

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**Our spontaneous Hall of Fame, celebrating inspirational women on International Women's Day**



**Niya and Hannah presenting their EPQ research to us**



**Our Senior A netball team**



**Freya and Abi after their victory at the interhouse debate**



The Lower Sixth invited us to an Easter tea party to say goodbye to Mrs L-G as she goes on maternity leave. We will all be thinking of her.

**Important dates for your diary:**

- 15th April House open (5-6 pm)
- 16th April Term starts
- 14th May Y11 Study Leave
- 4th June Upper Sixth Study Leave
- 30th June Speech Day



You are invited to **Blackwater's** Easter tea party at 3:45pm on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March in Blackwater Common Room! See you there!!



**Beth, Zara and Roisin doing some Easter baking**



**Tea and cakes at Chaseley**



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.....“The best yet?”

## 2017-18

## House Concert



Italian



Why do I never win the raffle?



Your hostess for the night

