

# BLACKWATER

## Michaelmas Term 2019

It seems a long time since we started this term (back in August!). We were joined by 18 new girls and have welcomed two more girls since then. It is heart warming to read in their end-of-term reports how settled and happy the new girls are feeling. There has been a lot going on this term and these events help all of our pupils to remember that they are part of an important community within the College community. They have provided a chance to make new friendships and a chance to build on those already formed. The house prefect team, ably led by Maisie, has been busy this term organising integration events, inter-house events, chapel services, charity initiatives and many more besides. These events have encouraged the girls to get involved in as much as they can, to make the most of the opportunities on offer. As the nights have drawn in we have looked towards Christmas and a chance to celebrate and to relax. I hope that all of the girls and their families have a happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming them back in the New Year. Below is a photo of our new Year 9s on their very first day (Introduction Day) contrasting with them just a few weeks later after steeplechase.



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# Aquathlon Winners



The Blackwater girls were victorious in the second ever College Aquathlon, which consisted of a 300m sea swim and a two-mile run. Notable performances were from Cecilie and Flo who achieved 1st and 2nd place in the Inter Girls tournament respectively, and Aimee and Dotty who came in 2nd and 3rd in the Senior Girls category.







## Blackwater Revue

The Blackwater Revue took place just a few weeks into the term and was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to work together to put on a show for their parents and friends. The atmosphere on the night was warm and inviting and the girls demonstrated what a happy and inclusive community Blackwater is. There were a number of soloist performances as well as our year group offerings and it was lovely to see the girls so confident and willing to get up in front of their peers to entertain us! An array of talent was on offer, some of which is captured in the photos on this page.





# Steeplechase



A sunny September afternoon saw the whole College out on the Downs for the annual College Steeplechase. The participation rate was outstanding and the girls were up for the competition. They placed a respectable 2nd overall. Our top three runners in the senior girls category were Chloe, Dotty and Rosie. In the inter girls event, our fastest three runners were Flo L, Cecilie and Amelia B. In the Year 9 category, Blackwater's fastest three finishers were Eliza, Sophie and Kirsty. A huge congratulations to all the runners who took part.





# Sasha's Fashion Show



For her Gold Arts Award, Sasha put on a charity fashion show this term to raise money for the Marine Conservation Society and awareness of the problem of plastic in our oceans. This was a large scale event and involved a large team of models and make up artists from across the College, including many Blackwater girls.





# Building our Community



Our U6 receiving Safeguarding Training from the Blackwater College Prefects so they can look out for younger pupils and their peers and pass on concern when necessary.



Year 10 at Cakey Friday



Movie Night



Clockwise from left: Year 9 and 10 dinner, House Christmas dinner, Christmas cinema trip, Year 12 Welcome dinner







Blackwater took part in the House Singing competition with their version of Amy Winehouse's *Valerie*.



There were a variety of events going on to mark Mental Health Awareness week, from mindfulness colouring, to yoga led by the U6, to positive messages and a splash of yellow and green.



The Year 9s took to the stage in November to perform *The Little Mermaid* as part of the house drama competition. Kirsty and Esme were praised for their stand-out performances.

The Blackwater annual charity event is their 'Candy Canes at Christmas' drive. This is an event that the whole house gets involved in, from canvassing on the stall in the penultimate week of term, to visiting houses to get the final sales, they also need to prepare the candy canes—writing out the gift tags and delivering them to houses in the last week of term. This year the girls pulled out all of the stops and raised a fantastic £571 for this year's house charity You Raise Me Up.



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# Blackwater in the Community





# Celebrating Success

The Headmaster's assembly at the end of term brought the opportunity to celebrate many successes, including sporting colours and Headmaster's Commendations awarded to pupils for an outstanding academic performance in this first term.

## Half Colours:

Anaïs (dance)  
Maisie (Textiles)  
Esme (Textiles)  
Megan (Equestrian)  
Amelia D (Equestrian and hockey)  
Chloe D (Hockey)  
Rebecca (Hockey)  
Eloise (Hockey)

## Full Colours:

Sasha (Art)  
Imo (Drama)  
Flo F (Hockey)  
Ella (Hockey)  
Riley (Hockey)

Headmaster's Commendations were awarded to the following Blackwater girls:

Chloe C (Yr 13) Nellie (Yr 9) Esme (Yr 9)

## Show hsm and rewards leaderboard:

Year 9:	1st-Esme	2nd-Nellie	3rd-Kirsty
Year 10:	1st-Connie and Emma (joint)		3rd-Mimi
Year 11:	1st-Mika	2nd-Flo L	3rd-MeiLuSha
Year 12:	1st-Amelia D	2nd-Alice and Poppy (joint)	
Year 13:	1st-Chloe C	2nd-Maisie	3rd-Emily



## Key dates for the Lent term

Monday 6/1	Lent term begins
6/1-16/1	Year 11 Mock GCSE exam period
Friday 17/1	Year 11 post-mock dinner 7.30pm-10.00pm
Saturday 18/1	Talk for parents (Patrick Foster on Gambling/addiction awareness)
Thursday 23/1	Exeat begins (buses at 3.00pm); Year 10 parents' evening 3.15pm
Friday 24/1	Staff Inset day
Friday 14/2	Half term begins (buses at 3.00pm); Year 11 parents' evening & A level info
17/2-21/2	3.15pm Half term
Saturday 7/3	Blackwater & Powell Joint House Dinner 7.00pm
Thursday 19/3	House A Cappella competition 6.45pm
Friday 20/3	JWA Term ends (buses at 3.00pm)

## Important Reminders

- All skirts should sit **on the knee**. Anyone who has outgrown their skirt will need to purchase a new one for next term — Gill at the School Shop will be able to help on 01323 452226 or at [schoolshop@eastbourne-college.co.uk](mailto:schoolshop@eastbourne-college.co.uk)
- Girls are only allowed one piercing on each earlobe. Any other extra piercings should be removed before the start of term (transparent piercing retainers are readily available online)
- Please don't send your daughters in with food containing nuts (this includes Nutella!) as we are a nut-free house due to several allergies
- Pupils should avoid bringing in valuables where possible. All pupils have access to a lockable drawer which they should use rather than leaving valuables lying around; they will need to bring a padlock into school to secure this
- All pupils should arrive in school before 8.15am each morning in order to prepare themselves for roll call at 8.25am.