

BLACKWATER

Michaelmas Term 2021

This term has been packed with 'normality', it has been so nice to see the girls get back into the school routine and be able to participate in so many of the things that make Eastbourne College and Blackwater great!

I wish you all a well deserved break and a Happy Christmas, Basil has also got into the Christmas spirit and wishes you all a lovely New Year.

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Year 9	Humreen Ellens	Liv Wilson	Phoebe Wearne
Year 10	Ella Holgate	Anya Rai	Rosa Al-Khalifa
Year 11	Esme Scanlan	Eliza Jones	Clara Delaney
Year 12	Florence Assetto	Mia Taylor	Stephanie Vieira
Year 13	Florence Long	Amelia Bottrill	Lily Steed



A big thank you goes to all of the tutors, house prefects and girls in house, you have really embraced Blackwater life this term, well done to all.

The showism leader board was a great success this term, I will have to make more columns next term though as some girls have done so well! A massive congratulations to all of the hard work and effort that has been put into your academic work this term!

Key dates for the Lent term 2022:

Term starts — Thursday 6th January (house will be open on the Wednesday to drop books off)

Year 11 mocks — Thursday 6th January

Exeat — Thursday 20th January 2.35pm

Year 10 parents evening — Thursday 20th January 3.15pm

Year 11 parents evening and A-level info — Friday 11th February 3.15pm

Half term — Friday 11th February 2.35pm

Year 13 mocks — Monday 21st February

Exeat — Friday 11th March 2.35pm

End of term — Friday 25th March 3pm

The house has been buzzing with activities this term, from the Year 9 pizza and film night with Nugent and the beach trip with Watt house. Year 10 and 11 enjoyed ice cream in the garden while the sun was still shining. Year 12 got into the fancy dress spirit for the Year 12 dinner and also enjoyed a pizza party in house at the start of term.

Year 13 were treated to a wine and cheese night, it was a very sophisticated and successful evening for all.

We all enjoyed a pizza evening just before half term to celebrate the Steeplechase and house singing competition. The Wii has been very busy with many renditions of Just Dance.

House events this term.....



Well done to Chloe Maidens who was our only competitor in the inter house Aquathlon, next year I hope that we will have many more girls taking part.

The annual Steeplechase was a huge success this year, the girls represented Blackwater really well and the team spirit was clear. Well done to Liv Wilson who came 3rd in the junior girls race and to everyone who took part with by running, walking or supporting.

Steeplechase 2021 and Aquathlon



There were some amazing bakes and I am already looking forward to next terms tasty treats.

Cakey Friday returns!





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Mention also to Emma Folwell and Hannah Duke who have also competed this term.



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Sport



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The sixth form really stepped up to put the distance in and managed an impressive 43914m in the inter house rowing competition.



Happy Christmas
from Blackwater!



Congratulations to the winners of the room decorating competition—Liv Reade and Lucia Ridley for their creativity and to the U6th grotto brought to us by the Blackwater elves—Lily Steed, Lara Lawton, Maya Klein, Megan Lee, Imogen Pollard and Ashley Au.





The House concert this term was fantastic, the girls worked really hard to put together some amazing performances and I hope you all enjoyed the house song 'Shine' (I won't mention where we were placed!)

House concert and song



Charity



The girls have been brilliant this term and we have raised lots of money for charity. The House concert raised £212 for Young Minds, we sold over 800 candy canes for Makomborero UK which supports the work of Makomborero Zimbabwe which aims to lift beneficiaries out of poverty by providing schooling, accommodation, educational resources, mentoring and entrepreneur support. The Eastbourne Foodbank were also very appreciative of the food donations for Harvest festival. Basil even got involved with the candy canes!



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Liv Reade winning the Young Fashion Designer of the Year competition. The brief was to design a range of 'Athleisure' in response to the changes seen in our wardrobe during the lockdown. The rest of this term has seen all year groups getting creative, designing and making repeat patterns for interior design, stitch portraits. Nellie Yarrow Davies made it to the Royal National Opera House to collect her award.



Mary-Kate Rivett played in an informal concert in preparation for her Grade 5 exam which she passed with merit in December, well done!



Well done to Orla Boulter and Scarlett Fraser for directing the Year 9 drama production of Jack and the Beanstalk. It was a great bonding experience for them all.

Music, drama and textiles

Elo Johnston was spectacular in Berkoff's Metamorphosis and Elo and Nella Green went on to receive their Grade 7 LAMDA with distinction.





Colours and awards

Sports 1/2 colours:

Orla Baulter—hockey
Eliza Jones—hockey
Kirsty Williams—hockey
Amelia Bottrill—hockey
Phoebe Shakespeare—hockey
Emma Folwell—equestrian



Sports full colours:

Elo Johnston—hockey
Cecilie Farrant—hockey

Phoebe Shakespeare was shortlisted for the Simon Green Cup for Endeavour in sport, well done to Phoebe.

Headmaster's commendations:

Nellie Yarrow Davies—high achievement both in and outside the classroom

Headmasters challenge winners:

Humreen Ellens, Esme Scanlan, Nellie Yarrow Davies and Florence Assetto.

Gold Arts Award:

Lucia Ridley—Level 2 Gold Arts Award

Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments Level 2 qualification:

Awards go to Flo Long, Amber Blake and MeiLuSha Xiao Askaroff, well done for all of the hard work you put in every Saturday to complete this award.

MUN conference:

Humreen Ellens and Nellie Yarrow Davies were voted the best delegate in the MUN conference held in the final week of term. Well done to all that were involved including Amy Wearne, Phoebe Wearne and Clara Delaney.

Mathematical Olympiad for Girls:

Ashley Au achieved a Merit, well done to her.

