



BLACKWATER



SUMMER TERM 2024

The Summer came and went in a flash, and it was an extremely busy 10 weeks with lots going on inside and outside of the classroom. Year 11 and 13 have all worked hard during study leave and we hope to hear of good results. For the Year 11 and 13 girls, these were the first public examinations that they have sat, and they should be very proud of how they have conducted themselves throughout this period. The girls have embraced the house events that have been going on this term, which meant a 2nd place in the house competition for this term and 2nd place overall! A great finish sweeping the board at Sports Day. The most important thing for me is the willingness of the girls to be involved and want to represent the house no matter what the event might be. The Year 9, 10 and 12 pupils have also had a busy end to their academic year with internal assessments and trips away, and the Year 12 should now be thinking about their plans for their personal statements. We had the opportunity to socialise as a house with the house BBQ and awards, while the girls also enjoyed heading out with their respective tutors for a meal in Eastbourne in the final weeks of this term. My huge thanks to the tutors for all their hard work this term. Between the speeches, outstanding music, Pimm's, picnics and the hot air balloon, it was great to see so many Blackwater families on College Field during Speech Day, and I apologise if I did not get the chance to check in with you before the holidays. I had a few unnamed gifts in my study after Speech Day, thank you very much for these kind gifts. We wish those leaving the house well for the future and look forward to welcoming new joiners in Year 9 and Year 12. I have tried my best to summarise a few key events this term so please enjoy the read. I hope that you all have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all for the start of another busy academic year on 29 August. Lisa

Key dates for Michaelmas Term 2024:

Wednesday 28 August:	House open - 10am-8pm New pupils' induction day
Thursday 29 August:	First day of term for all pupils
Friday 20 September:	Exeat begins at 14:35 U6 parents meeting 14:45
Saturday 12 October:	Blackwater House Concert
Friday 18 October:	Half term and L6 parents meeting 14:45
Monday 4 November:	Term resumes for All pupils
Friday 22 November:	Exeat and Year 9 parents meeting 14:15
Friday 13 December:	End of term 15:15 School carol service
Monday 6 January:	Lent Term starts for ALL pupil

Academic/Creatives and Sporting achievements

Well done to all the girls below:

Layla Cluskey El-Jishi for reading the Creative Arts Report in Chapel on the last day of term – beautifully read.

Tallulah Hodges for her Gold Arts Award and full colours

This year, for the first time we have entered junior pupils for the Bronze Arts Award and we congratulate **Freya Martin** for completing this award.

Eliza Jones for achieving her Creative Arts Full Colours for Drama

Izzy Pedley was awarded Full Colours for Cricket

Both **Eliza Jones and Kirsty Williams** were awarded their Triple Colours: Kirsty Williams for Hockey, Netball and Cricket and Eliza Jones for Hockey, Netball and Tennis.

Several of our Year 12 pupils attended a BBQ in the Headmasters Garden for completing their Duke of Edinburgh. Well done to all of you.

We now turn to the Headmaster's Award. Recipients of this award have been recognised for making an all-round and high impact contribution to the College. **Ella Holgate and Meg Lillicrap** received the Headmaster's award for their contributions.

Nine well deserved golds were invited to Buckingham Palace on the 13th May to receive their certificates from HRH Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh. **Kirsty Williams** was amongst the pupils who were invited.

In CCF, eleven lower sixth NCOs were worthy of their acknowledgement who have led B Company sections through this past year, preparing lessons, often weekly, to deliver to the Year 10 cadets. Within Blackwater these were Corporals **Mary Keast-Butler, Martha Lillicrap and Emily Veitch**.

In drama, **Sophia Sneddon** was congratulated for creating a truly outstanding devised piece for her drama NEA examining the role the pandemic played in worsening inequality.

At the start of term in modern languages, a group of year 9 French pupils took part in the annual Kirk-Greene French reading prize. This year pupils read passages in French from the book, 'Le Petit Nicolas' by René Goscinny and a fable from Jean de la Fontaine. Pupils spoke very well and demonstrated excellent pronunciation and understanding of the texts. Congratulations to **Axelle Turnock** who came joint first place.

The girls cricket season was enjoyed by over 80 girls across all five age groups. It has been great to see the enthusiasm for training and playing with many exciting fixtures and the 1st XI on a cup run as well as beating Bede's and playing the MCC for the first time with a victory! A first for the College is a 2nd XI now playing along with the U15 and U14 A and B teams. Much like the seniors boys 3rd and 4th XI, many games were lost to rain and oppositions lack of teams, something we hope will change next year. There was also the unique achievement of the first ever College girl to score a century, by our very own **Georgie Pedley**.

Well done to our wellbeing whizz kids and peer listeners this year. In Year 13 – Emma Marsh and Lucia Ridley and in Year 11 Olivia Wilson and Gabby Gibson. I thank them for their time and work and doing their bit to make a difference for others.

Well done to all our Blackwater girls for their success in academics, creatives and sport this term.

End of Year Prize Winners for Blackwater girls – Well done to everyone

Year 13	
Kirsty Williams	The Harris Prize for Contribution to Girls' Sport
Eliza Jones	The Harris Prize for Contribution to Girls' Sport
Lucia Ridley	The Senior Dance Prize
Izzy Pedley	The Senior Photography Prize
Clara Delaney	The Senior Politics Prize
Year 12	
Marata Lillicrap	The Lower Sixth Art Prize
Anya Rai	The Lower Sixth Business Prize
Melanya Freeston	The HJ Bannatyne Lower Sixth History Prize, The Lower Sixth Latin Prize and the Newton Critical Reading Prize
Mary Keast-Butler	The Lower Sixth Philosophy and Ethics Prize
Rosa Al-Khalifa	The Lower Sixth Photography Prize
Ella Holgate	The Year 12 Headmasters Prize
Year 10	
Emma Valks	The Year 10 English Language Prize
Meg Lillicrap	The Year 10 Headmasters Prize
Year 9	
Axelle Turnock	The Year 9 C Kirk-Greene Junior French Reading Prize
Scarlett McFarlane	The Tow Lewis Memorial Prize





Sporting Highlights

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The Tennis teams have had an outstanding summer term yet again. There have been county titles won again by the U16 and U18 girls. The 1st team girls retained their Sussex County title, won their regional final, and had their last and fifth day at the national finals at Nottingham on the last day of term. This is the seventh time in eight years the senior girls have won through to the national finals.

In athletics they continue to go from strength to strength in the hugely successful Sussex schools diamond league and 17 athletes qualified for the Sussex championships with some going through to the nationals – well done to **Eliza Williams-Thomas** for her achievements in the 100m. There have been 6 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals won in the diamond league along with personal bests, new College and new diamond league records.

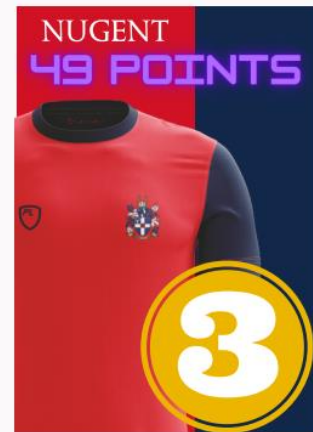
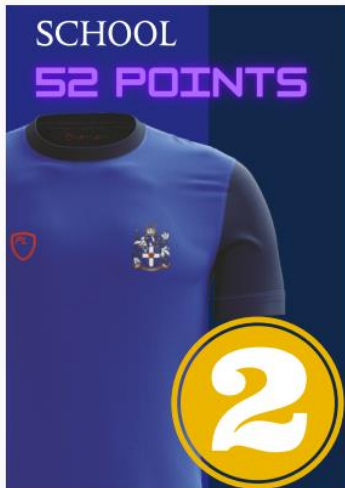
The girls Fives team returning with silverware from the national finals which included our new Head of House, **Ameila Williams**, as well as our talented Year 9 group consisting of **Ella Helm, Scarlett McFarlane, Annie Lewis, Lottie Hinton, Eloise Garton and Jessie Holgate**. The equestrian team once again showed their skill and determination qualifying for the national finals in October for an impressive eight consecutive year. Well done to all our riders including **Darcy Dumas, Meg Lillicrap and Lola Woollard**. Lola topped the table at a show jumping class at Hickstead with her horse, Comanche Dreamcatcher.



Interhouse Competitions

INTER HOUSE

GIRLS ST23 - RESULTS & STANDINGS + SPORTS DAY RESULTS



Tennis
1.Blackwater
= School
3.Nugent
4.Watt

Cricket
1.Nugent
= Blackwater
3.School
4.Watt

Rowing
1.Blackwater
2.Nugent
3.School
4.Watt

There were fewer interhouse events this term, as exam season started. Tennis for Year 9 and 10 competed in June with the Year 10 group reaching 3rd place and Year 9 coming in at 4th. **Well done to Sophia Sneddon, Hermione Compton, Ava Ripley, Lilly Van Der Meer and Emma Valks in Year 10. Annie Lewis, Jessie Holgate, Juliette Tapner and Lottie Hinton.** Our Senior team comprised of **Ameila Williams, Anya Rai, Lola Woolard and Martha Lillicrap.**





Next came **Cricket** towards the end of the term with Year 10 taking top spot and Year 9 in 2nd place.



Overall (including Sports Day) we came 2nd in the House competition for the year. Only narrowly missing out on 1st spot 171 to 167 points. Last year we came 3rd , so 1st place is on the cards this coming academic year!

HOUSE RESULTS

Junior Cricket

1. Blackwater
2. Watt
3. Nugent
4. School

Year 9 Tennis

1. Watt
2. Nugent
3. School
4. Blackwater

Year 10 Tennis

1. Watt
2. School
3. Blackwater
4. Nugent

Senior Tennis

1. School
2. Nugent
3. Watt
4. Blackwater

Overall Tennis

1. Watt
2. School
3. Nugent
4. Blackwater

Y9 Sports Day

1. Blackwater
2. Watt
3. School
4. Nugent

Y10 Sports Day

1. Blackwater
2. Watt
3. Nugent
4. School

Y11 Sports Day

1. Nugent
2. Watt
3. School
4. Blackwater

Senior Sports Day

1. School & Blackwater
2. Watt
3. Nugent

HOUSE RESULTS

GIRLS HOUSE RESULTS - ST24 FINAL STANDINGS



Sports Day

This year's Sports Day was a great success for Blackwater. We came together as a house, putting forward one athlete from each year group to compete in the Quadathlon. This athlete competed in the 100m, 800m, Shot Putt and Long Jump. The results for each year group were as follows. **Well done to Ella Helm and Rosie Hill who came top of every event they took part in! Congratulations also goes to our Year 11 competitor Apple Van Der Meer and Kirsty Williams who always leads from example as Head of Ho**

SPORTS DAY HOUSE RESULTS

GIRLS HOUSE SPORTS DAY RESULTS



Victrix Ludorum - Evie Clayson

Blackwater finished in joint **1st place**, a **fantastic achievement**, and it was great to see the whole of the house getting involved and supporting each other. Well done to all those who volunteered to take part in the events and of course extra congratulations to those that placed in their respective events. A well-earned pizza was waiting for everyone on return to house. Well done Blackwater!!



Creatives

It has also been another extremely busy term in music. Lots of the girls continue to attend their weekly instrumental and singing lessons and I hope they will be keen to participate in next term's house concert. **Scarlett McFarlane** recently performed in the young performer of the Year finals, as well as taking to the stage in the Big Band Night, which raise money for our school Charity, Mary's Meals. **Mary Keast-Butler and Axelle Turnock** both performed in the summer concert for Phillip Broadley, as well as in the end of year Speech Day performances. It was also great to see so many of our Blackwater girls in the choir this year performing in the end of year concerts, as well as many other performances throughout the year. Well Done to **Mary Keast-Butler, Liv Wilson, Sophia Sneddon, Axelle Turnock, Annie Lewis and Nellie Yarrow-Davies on your commitment.** Singer songwriter saw some of our girls perform in the JWA and the Bandstand Concert at the end of term, which was a great success, Well done to **Rosie Dale and Mary.** Rosie also performing in the 'Night at the musicals' along with Scarlett. At the end of this term, we were also treated to an iPad orchestra concert by the Year 9 music pupils. The drama year concluded with a dazzling and innovative Year 12 production of The Good Doctor in the Dell. Well done to **Layla Cluskey** who was involved in the performances in a very busy final week of term.





Service, Socials and End of Year BBQ

Blackwater Lower Sixth have been carrying out a wide range of S@S activities this year. **Ella Holgate and Freya Vidyarthi** continued with their help at the local charity shop. **Rosa Al-Khalifa and Hannah Duke** joined the Wednesday Club playing Bingo in the Dining Hall for the elderly community. While **Anya Rai, Amelia Williams and Layla Cluskey** directed the Year 9 play earlier in the term.

In CCF, the Year 10 cadets returned from an enjoyable four days of training in the final week of this term. **Rosie Dale, Sophia Sneddon and Sophie Benson** undertook a four-day residential with the RAF section. Most of our Year 9 girls enjoyed a fun-filled four days to the Amalfi Coast, whilst Freya Martin enjoyed being part of the ball crew for the Eastbourne Tennis tournament. Several Year 10 girls took part in the U15 girls cricket week.

It is also important to thank the girls who have represented the house in a variety of different roles this term. We thank Maya Toor for her work on the charity committee. **Nellie Yarrow-Davies** has been the house representative on the food committee, along with **Amelia Williams** while **Ella Helm, Scarlett McFarlane and Farzana Haydari and Bella Hodges** have been the house reps on the junior school council, and **Anya Rai** as our senior rep. I also thank **Anya** for her tireless work on the Stag magazine. She has written all the Blackwater reviews this year. We also thank **Kirsty Williams, Anya Rai, Amy Wearne, Bella Hodges and Ella Helm** who have been part of the house council this year. Well done to **Mary-Keast-Butler and Georgia Hunt** for volunteering to help at the St Wilfred's lunch at the end of term at Saffron's. The Year 13 prefects also enjoyed a leavers dinner with the Headmaster.

The summer term saw the Tutors take the year groups out for dinner. The Year 9s had a fun trip to the art House as well as to Laser Quest with Mr Bunce and Mr Beal! the Year 10s went to Pizza Express. The Year 12s went to laser quest and out for dinner, as did the Year 13s on the last days of term. We had a really enjoyable meal with drinks in the garden to celebrate the start of study leave.



We threw an end of year BBQ on 27th June, which was attended by most of the house. We gave out awards for tidiest rooms, messiest rooms, Team Spirit etc. all the girls got on board and celebrated the end of year. Although there were a lot of tired faces after the year 10 CCF camp and Year 9 trip to Italy.

Blackwater House End of Year awards!

Best Cakey Friday Spread	Year 9
Best House participation	Scarlett McFarlane
Best Toast Makers	Mia Sherrington and Axelle Turnock
Best House Spirit	Kirsty Williams and Izzy Pedley
Messiest Desk	Tilly Lancaster
Tidiest Desk	Emily Veitch
Best notice board display	Mr Beal
Always Late to Roll Call	Georgia Hunt
Chatterbox's	Ella Helm and Jessie Holgate
Team Player	Mary Keast-Butler
Most Organised	Emily Hall
Best Tan	Ava Ripley





Thank you and Leavers

It has been great that we have been able to have several social events to mark the leaving of the Year 13s. On the Thursday before the end of term we headed out to mark the end of their time at the College and in Blackwater with a meal at Dem Sish and drinks in the Blackwater Garden. The Year 13 girls have been superb and hugely supportive. They have led by example and welcomed the younger girls into the House, helping to set the right inclusive, constructive, and friendly tone. They have been good company, and we wish all the leavers the best of luck with their future. Whether they have been with the house for the full five years or two, each one of them has made their own significant contribution to the College and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. This year we welcomed the girls and their families to a drink's reception in the Blackwater Garden before heading to the Cornflower Ball.



As this academic year ends, we have now appointed our Year 12 pupils to leadership positions for the next academic year. I want to take this opportunity to thank **Kirsty Williams** who has been exceptional in her role as Head of House. During a very busy year, and a new beginning for many, Kirsty has worked hard alongside **Tallulah and Lois** to keep the house running smoothly and to ensure that all the girls keep up to the high standards expected of them in all aspects of college life. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that house teams are well organised and that the girls are reassured and happy. This has resulted in a very successful year for the house and one that I am very proud of.

A deserved mention and thank you should go to **Louisa and Vicky** (our Blackwater House cleaners) who continue to help maintain the fabric and cleanliness of Blackwater. They should also be thanked for their cheerful and supportive influence on the girls.

2024/25 House leadership Team

Please can you all join me in congratulating the new Blackwater House Prefect Team. The following roles have been appointed:

Blackwater House Prefect Team - 2024/25

Head of House & School Prefect:	Amelia Williams
Deputy Head of House:	Martha Lillicrap
Deputy Head of House:	Emily Veitch
House Prefect (Charity & Music rep):	Mary Keast-Butler
House Prefect (Charity rep & Peer Listener):	Tilly Steed
House Prefect (Peer listener & New pupil rep):	Ella Holgate
House Prefect (Sports rep):	Hannah Duke
House Prefect (Sports rep):	Lola Woollard
House Prefect (Events & Drama)	Layla Cluskey
House and School Prefect:	Melanya Freeston
House and School Prefect:	Anya Rai

The girls have already been getting into the swing of their roles following the departure of the Year 13s in the second half of the Summer Term. With the new roles also comes our new look 'PODS'. Everyone in house will be allocated a POD, which will include someone from each year group like last year. Everyone will be involved in challenges in their PODS

Show HsM and Praise Leaderboard for the Year

Year Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 9	Freya Martin	Jessie Holgate	Maddie McColgan
Year 10	Georgie Pedley	Sophie Benson	Darcy Dumas
Year 11	Pheobe Oates	Phoebe Wearne	Zara Smith
Year 12	Melayna Freeston	Martha Lillicrap	Tilly Steed
Year 13	Lucia Ridley	Kirsty Williams	Maya Toor

I hope everyone is getting to enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back in Blackwater at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term. It has truly been a fantastic year and I am so proud of each one of you. Keep being you! From Lisa, David, Tom, and Harry (not got forgetting Beaaaaaa)