

BLACKWATER

Summer Term 2019

15 glamorous leavers and their parents gathered together for the last time as Blackwater Upper Sixth on Saturday evening at the Cornflower Ball. It was a beautiful occasion and an opportunity for me to thank the girls for all they have done for the house. They leave behind big shoes to fill and we wish them well on their next chapter. The girls have much to look forward to, from places at top British and American universities to exciting GAP-year plans. They make way for a new group of girls (led by Maisie as our Head of House) who look forward to welcoming our new pupils and getting stuck into a new school year.



House Cup Winners



This year Blackwater were announced winners of the newly introduced overall House cup! This new accolade takes into account all house competitions over the course of the year. We were very proud to receive the trophy on Speech Day (along with Reeves, the winner of the boys' competition).





Sports Day

Sports Day was a glorious sunny occasion which saw Blackwater take home the Inter and Senior girls trophies, as well as winning the Year 9 and inter tug o' war contests! The senior and inter 4x100m were triumphant and the following girls all achieved first place in their event:

Katie (100m and long jump), Aimee (200m), Honey (800m), Cecilie (300m), Flo L (1500m), Rebecca (shot), Megan L (300m).

Well done too to the following girls who achieved second place in their event:

Lizzie (hurdles), Imo (400m), Aimee (high jump), Phoebe S (200m) Lilly H (long jump), Charlotte (high jump), Poppy (discus), Lily C (1500m), Megan L (javelin).



House Tennis



Our senior house tennis team (Aziza, Emily, Sasha and Flo) and our junior house tennis team (Saffy, Phoebe, Emma and Megan) both gave strong performances in their respective competitions. Some fast serving, impressive rallying and even a tense play off for the senior team, saw both teams winning 2nd place.



House Debating

Abby, Olivia and Milly were runners up in this year's debating competition, beating Gonville and then Pennell in the preliminary rounds and opposing the statement 'Humans should fear advances in artificial intelligence' against Reeves in the final.



The Arts



It has been another busy term for the Arts and here are some photos to capture the Blackwater girls' contributions.



Celebrating Success



Prize-giving brought the opportunity to celebrate many successes, including academic prizes, Duke of Edinburgh awards, Gold Arts Awards and HM awards for all-round contribution to the College (see next page for more details). The Blackwater girls are impressing on multiple levels through a plethora of activities and striving to do and be their best and make the most of the opportunities on offer at the College.



Pursuit of Excellence

Congratulations to the following girls:

- The Young Enterprise group (including **Maisie, Milly** and **Maddie**), whose jewellery business UNUM has earned over £900 profit and who won the Area and County Company of the Year.
- **Abby McNally** for competing in the Oxford Debating Finals Day with her partner Harry.
- **Rachel Kinchin**, whose ceramics piece won first place at a national award ceremony for excellence in ceramics.
- **Beth Piper** and **Olivia Williams** for completing their Gold Arts Award (a Level 3 qualification, equivalent to an A level) with excellent feedback.
- **Beth Piper** for achieving her grade 8 singing with merit.
- **Ellie Hughes** for completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award.
- Full Colours were awarded to the following at prize-giving this term: **Aziza Aubin** (Tennis) and **Honey Curtis** (Athletics)
- Half Colours were awarded to the following: **Imo Carr** (Drama), **Maddie Perrett** (Drama), **Olivia Williams** (Drama), **Anaïs Cabaret** (Drama), **Aimee Wood** (Athletics), **Emily Gordon** (Tennis)
- **Honey Curtis** for being awarded the coveted Simon Green cup for Endeavour in games.
- For receiving a Headmaster's Award for making an all-round contribution to the College: **Mika Anderson** and **Freya Gordon**
- For achieving academic prizes: **Emma Lewis** (Art), **Flo Long** (Art), **Anaïs Cabaret** (Dance), **Amelia Dipper** (Classical Civilisation), **Poppy Moore** (French), **Chloe Cox** (Outstanding Academic Performance in the Lower Sixth), **Imo Carr** (Drama), **Sasha Marlow** (Photography), **Chelsea Chung** (Music and Organ), **Rachel Kinchin** (Pottery), **Olivia Williams** (French and Philosophy & Ethics), **Alex Williams** (Classical Civilisation), **Katie Meikle** (French), **Abigail Thompson** (Outstanding Academic Performance in the Upper Sixth).

The art of balancing work and play



Time to say goodbye...



Key dates for the Michaelmas term

Weds 28/8	Induction day for new Yr10s, 11s and L6, 12pm arrival to Blackwater house
Weds 28/8	Welcome reception for all new pupils and <i>Big Sisters</i> , 4.15pm in Blackwater
Thurs 29.8	First day of term, arrive by 8.15am, registration at 8.30am
Fri 30/8	Awards Dinner, 7.30pm (Dining Hall)
Sat 7/9	L6 welcome dinner, 7.00pm (Dining Hall)
Fri 20/9	U6 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm (Birley Centre, then Winn building) - Reception in Blackwater from 3.15pm
Sat 21/9	Exeat
Tues 1/10	Yr9 Parent forum, 6.00pm (Blackwater common room)
Sat 5/10	Blackwater Revue, 7.00pm (Birley Centre) All family and friends welcome - tech/dress rehearsals will take place thurs/fri evening
Thurs 17/10	House singing competition, St Saviour's Church, 6.30pm
Fri 18/10	Half term starts 3.00pm, L6 Parents' Evening begins at 4.00pm in the Birley Centre (Reception in Blackwater from 3.15pm)
Mon 4/11	Lessons re-commence following half-term

Important Reminders

- In the Michaelmas term, all Year 9s and 10s need to hand their mobile phones in to my office on a daily basis—unless they need them for travelling then I suggest that they don't actually need them in school as they can communicate with you via their iPads, should they need to.
- All skirts should sit **on the knee**. Please ensure that any girls that need a longer skirt get one over the holiday— Gill at the School Shop will be able to help, 01323 452226 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.