



# BLACKWATER



## Lent Term 2022

Another term flies by and the Blackwater girls have got stuck into everything that the Lent term has to offer. The Year 11s and 13s sat mock exams and are now well on the way to preparing for the real exams in the summer. We have had many inter house competitions ranging from debating to chess to football; the Blackwater girls have given everything their best. I look forward to the warm days that the Summer term has to offer and I hope that the girls are going to work on their rounders skills over Easter as we will be playing a lot next term!

### Academic achievements:

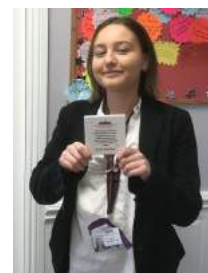
Well done to everyone that took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge this term. Bronze awards were achieved by **Eliza Jones**, **Lois Harffey-Burkhill**, **Nellie Yarrow Davies**, **Clara Delaney**, **Humreen Ellens** and **Liv Wilson**. Silver awards were achieved by **Kirsty Williams**, **Esme Scanlan** and **Phoebe Weame**.

**Humreen Ellens** achieved a Silver medal in the UK Linguistics Olympiad, at foundation level for first year entrants. **Amelia Williams** was selected as the internal finalist for the Royal Opera House Design Challenge, her work will be submitted for the national competition.

**Elo Johnston** – Won the Film Festival Competition with her entry in the documentary category, she made an incredible film about the arts.

**Zoe Bell** was awarded Business Pupil of the half term, well done for all of your hard work.

**Mia Taylor** and **Florence Assetto** won a scholarship offer from Immerse Education for their essays submitted in a national competition.



### Blackwater and Craig house dinner

For most of the girls in the house this has been their 1st experience of a house dinner, this year's theme was film characters. Some costumes were absolutely incredible and it was so nice to see the girls and tutors get into fancy dress for the evening. We enjoyed quizzes, photo shoots, a delicious 3 course meal, singing from Finn Tomlinson as well as a little dancing at the end.

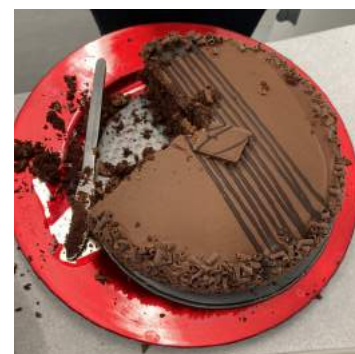








# Cakey Friday



Chocolate cake, rocky road, cookies and much more have been baked by the girls (and tutors) this term. The chocolate cake above was made by Miss Bravo, it tasted even better than it looks! I look forward to more delicious baked treats next term.

## House competitions

**Chess**—we made it through the 1st round into the quarter finals but were knocked out by Wargrave. Well done to **Layla Cluskey El Jishi, Mary Keast-Butler, MeiLuSha Xiao Askaroff, Lily Curtis** and **Amber Blake** who beat School and Reeves in the earlier rounds.

**Debating**—**Stephanie Vieira** and **Lyra Ellwood** won the 1st round debate against Pennell in style, Lyra scored the most points in a debate so far. They are preparing for the next round in April.

**A Capella**—a tricky event to organise and the Year 13s stepped up to the challenge, they performed The Cup Song from Pitch Perfect in the end (after many changes and rehearsals). A Massive well done to **Flo Long, Florence Assetto, Megan Lee, Elo Johnston, Orla Boulter, Ibbby Freslov** and **Amelia Bottrill** for their 'charming and delightful performance' as quoted by the official adjudicator.







## Inter house netball winners 2022

Fun was had by all on a sunny Saturday afternoon on Powell courts with the junior A and B teams playing against Watt, Nugent and School. We won the B team tournament and the A team players gave it their all. Meanwhile in the sports hall the senior A and B teams fought against some tough competition but in the end there was one clear winner, BLACKWATER!

We won the Junior competition, the senior competition and were crowned overall winners of the inter house netball tournament . A massive well done to all of the girls who represented the house.







## Sport

**Chloe Maidens** was part of the girls swim team who made the finals in their freestyle relay for the 1st time in over 8 years. Qualifying in 10th and finishing in 8th. Chloe broke the College 50m senior girls freestyle record as well!

**Phoebe Shakespeare, Saffy Grant Down** and **Charlotte Stanworth** played in the South East Regional Girls Championship Fives competition at Christ Hospital.

**Jada Ani** and **Stephanie Vieira** have been busy competing in many tennis tournaments this term.

Inter house squash was a closely fought contest, the team was made up of **Flo Long, Amelia Bottrill, Izzy Pedley** and **Kirsty Williams**. We came in 2nd but the girls all gave it their best.

Inter house football took place in the final week of term, the Year 9s came 1st and Year 10 had fun, we came 2nd (on goal difference) in the senior competition.

**Ashley Au** played in the badminton teams first match of the term against Bellerby's.

**Lucia Ridley** took part in The Great Big Dance Off and placed highly in the competition, I am hoping that she will perform in the house concert next year with our other talented dancers.

**Mary-Kate Rivett** finished in 4th place in the Golden Cross show jumping 70cm competition, securing an individual qualification for the finals at Hickstead in May. **Chloe Hynes** and **Martha Lillicrap** won the 80cm class and secured a team place in the finals. **Martha** placed 3rd, also securing an individual qualification and **Chloe** took 6th place.

**Emma Lewis** and **Jada Ani** enjoyed the Winter Schools national finals at Sutton, the team achieved national 2nd place and silver medals.







## National Champions!

It has been a long season with many matches all over the country which resulted in the girls 1st XI winning the National Plate final at Lee Valley hockey centre . Congratulations to **Cecilie Farrant, Elo Johnston, Orla Boulter, Alex Brown, Eliza Jones** and **Kirsty Williams**.







## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022

#BreakTheBias

The house was full of purple on Tuesday 8th March for International Women's Day, socks, hats, jumpers and ribbons were worn to celebrate the day.



## Charity

Lucia Ridley took part in the Charity Review which was organised by MeiLuSha Xiao Askaroff and raised lots of money for charity.

Thank you to all of the girls, parents and tutors who donated clothes, food and essentials to support the Ukrainian refugees.



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

7-13 FEBRUARY 22



The pandemic has made everyone more aware of mental health, teenagers have been affected more than usual over the last 2 years. The girls engaged with the activities to raise awareness by wearing their house kit for a day as we 'grow together' as a house. Later on in the term we planted seeds which they can grow over the holidays and hopefully we will have some plants by the Summer term .

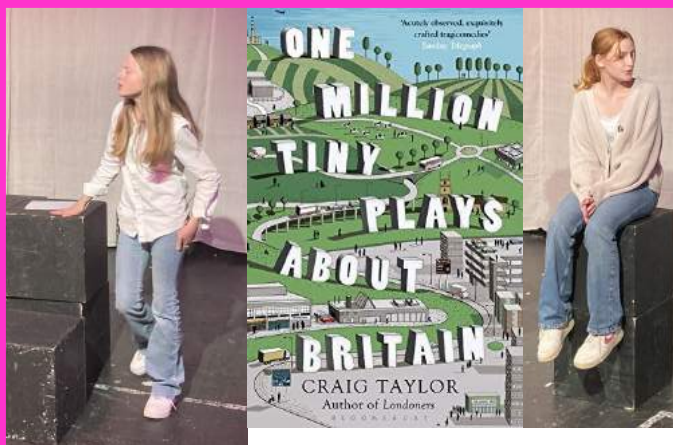


School House organised sustainable roses to be sent for Valentines Day, a VERY large box of roses arrived for the girls in house.

## Show hsm and praise leader board

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Year 9	Liv Wilson	Humreen Ellens and Phoebe Wearne	Gabby Gibson
Year 10	Amelia Williams	Ella Holgate	Anya Rai
Year 11	Esme Scanlan	Eliza Jones	Clara Delaney
Year 12	Florence Assetto	Mia Taylor	Lily Curtis
Year 13	Lilly Harley	Flo Long	Ibby Freslov





## Drama

Year 9 and 10 drama scholars performed pieces from 'One Million Tiny Plays About Britain', it was a brilliant evening. **Apple van der Meer**, **Emily Corrigan** and **Layla Cluskey El Jishi** all performed outstandingly and were a credit to themselves.



## Key dates for the Summer term 2022:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – house will be open from 9am-8pm for you to drop your things off if needed.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – start of term

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April** (once fixtures have finished) – exeat, return on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Year 11 study leave starts – **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 13 study leave starts - **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** (2.35pm) to **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – half term

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – end of term



## Music

Music scholars performed in the JVA just after half term, **Megan Lee**, **Esme Scanlan** and **Florence Assetto** play some spectacular pieces in front of an audience of parents and teachers.

Our musical talents range from classical to modern, **Mary Keast-Butler** and **Mimi Gould** performed in the delayed Live Lounge concert. Both on guitar but very different pieces, we are lucky to have such talent in the house.

