



HAZELDENE HOUSE



15th December 2023

Dear Hazeldene girls, parents, and staff,

What a busy term this has been. The girls have had a fabulous few weeks in terms of achievements in academics, extra-curricular and house events. I could not be more proud of the way they have conducted themselves and shown everyone what it is to be a Hazeldenean. As the longest term comes to a close, I hope all students can look back on the last thirteen weeks with pride and know that the upcoming break is well deserved.

For some, this holiday will be a little less relaxing than usual with mock examinations on the horizon, I hope the time off is productive whilst also allowing for some recuperation with family and friends.

I hope this newsletter gives you some idea of the girls' activities and achievements over the last few weeks and as always, do let me know if I can help in any way.

Merry Christmas to all of your families.

Miss A. Linehan
Houseparent, Hazeldene House.

HAZELDENE QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all those who attended and supported our first PA event of the year. Our Quiz night was another great success with teams from students and parents from across year groups. The bring a bottle raffle was well received and the money raised from this will be put towards our collection for our House Charity this year Women's Aid.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that Lent term begins on Monday 8th January with 5th form and IB2 mocks beginning in that week.

Our Hazeldene Ball will be held on Saturday 20th January at Grafton Manor.

The next PA meeting will be held on 16th January at 5:30pm

GETTING READY FOR XMAS

We have had a great time getting the house into the Christmas spirit over the last few weeks. Some photos of the ever-growing decorations are below. Each student gets their own named bauble and the Lower Fourth enjoyed adding theirs to the tree when it arrived.



ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

A huge well done to all the Hazeldeneans who have managed to better their first set of AE grades this half term. Some extra hard work and determination has gone in to seeing these improvements and they have been noted. Keep working hard, it is worth it in the end. A special mention to Mrs Hands and Dr Davies' tutor groups who got the best average engagement grade across their respective year groups.

The girls with the highest number of commendations this half term in each study are: Sophia B and Jess G (Lower 4), Frances G. (Upper 4), Ruby F (Fifth form), Elizabeth P. (Lower 6) and Katherine S. (Upper 6).

Well done to you all, some amazing achievements there.

The Lower Fourth achieved the largest number of commendations this half term again, with another 106 between them. An incredible effort!

HAZELDENE HOUSE SPORTS

As ever Michaelmas is a busy term for house competitions, this half term we have seen table tennis, swimming, badminton and hockey. A big well done to everyone who got involved in these, and a special mention to our Badminton A team of Gina and Lily who won every one of their matches.



HOUSE EVENTS

We have continued to run house events in the run up to Christmas including Secret Santa, a Christmas chocolate hunt, bauble decorating and Mince pies and mulled wine. All of the girls have been involved in one or more of these events and I hope they have enjoyed our Christmas countdown in house. We also had our first winning family Pizza lunch, a big well done to Team Garrett for last half term. This half term's winners were Team Rolph they will get their pizza lunch after the break.



HAZELDENE PA

The PA continue to look at ways to raise money to not only support our house charity but also to fund things for the girls. This term the PA have purchased three new benches for our garden. Albeit slightly cold to use them currently I will share more photos of them in use later in the year. We plan on also purchasing picnic blankets to make the area more inclusive for all the Hazeldene girls.



SOME MORE PICTURES FROM THIS HALF TERM

