

# HAZELDENE HOUSE



3 April 2023

Dear Hazeldene girls, parents, and staff,

Although every term at Bromsgrove School is busy, the Lent term always seem to feel the busiest, with events, house competitions, music and drama productions and exam dates looming on the horizon. The girls have risen to the challenge of maintaining high standards whilst achieving top grades and participating in all that the school has to offer.

Academically two of our girls received awards for their grades this half term, both Frances G and Riana H were highly commended for their AEs. The Lower Fourth continue to shine where commendations are concerned achieving a huge 256 between them over the term, with Simrit C gaining the most individually, being rewarded 36 of these.

It has been lovely to see so many of the girls get involved in the interhouse competitions this term and enjoy representing Hazeldene. I hope this newsletter gives just some insight into all that they have achieved over the past 11 weeks of school.

I wish you and your families a wonderful break and a happy Easter.

Best wishes,

Miss A. Linehan  
Houseparent, Hazeldene House.



## UPCOMING DATES

25 APRIL

PA meeting 7:30pm

28 APRIL

U6 leavers' meal 6pm

12 MAY

5<sup>th</sup> and U6 final day before study leave

16 JUNE

Summer party 6 - 8pm

1 JULY

Commemoration Day

## HAZELDENE BALL



We started the term with great anticipation for the Sixth Form Ball and it did not disappoint. It was lovely to see every girl there, dressed to the nines and enjoying themselves on a well deserved evening out. Behaviour was impeccable and with some amazing auction prizes and games, money was raised for our two House Charities CDG UK and Alzheimer's

Society. The final figure of money raised will be reported in the final newsletter of the year.



## HAZELDENE HOUSE QUIZ

This year we have reinstated the Hazeldene House Quiz, organized by the Hazeldene PA. Held in the school dining hall with the school providing curry, rice and naan followed by desserts donated by the parents, the night was a great success. With rounds on music, flags, geography and even a paper plane round, fun was had by all. The worthy winners were Katie H, Lydia F and family who flew ahead in the final round to take the prizes.



## A QUESTION OF HOUSES



Our team for the interhouse quiz this year consisted of Lydia F, Eleanor D, Isla S, Ruby F and Simrit C. With some quick thinking responses during the opening round the girls very easily got through to the semi-finals. However, it was this round where we were sadly knocked out. The girls did us proud and with some quicker

reactions on the buzzers may have got further, they certainly came back to house disappointed as they knew lots of answers, however as always they represented the house brilliantly.

## HOUSE SPORTS

There has been an array of interhouse sporting competitions this term. It has been amazing to see so many girls competing for Hazeldene and being proud to be part of a team. We have competed in volleyball, badminton, netball, the historic 1.2 relay, and table tennis. Each team have been proud to represent the house and the team spirit shown in every competition is admirable.

## HOUSE EVENTS

This term we have tried to fit in as many house events as possible, alongside the ball and the house quiz we have used lunchtimes and tutor times to give the girls things to look forward to. These have included pizza lunches for the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth, pancakes for the whole house and a house breakfast. Photos of all this and more can be found on the final pages of the newsletter.

## HOUSE DRAMA

House drama deserves its own special mention. The amount of time and effort that goes into these productions given the short window always amazes me. The girls really do know how to put on a show and both our Junior, and our Senior House Drama teams did us proud.



The fourth form did a brilliant adaptation of The Fall Of The House of Usher, and rest assured I have made sure I have not been in Hazeldene House alone with this terrifying group of girls since. They captured the madness of the characters brilliantly and were well praised by the adjudicator. Well done to Annie L, Hannah S, Ruby F, Harriet C, Amelia L, Rosa D, Annabelle M, Izzy G and Phoebe C.



The Senior drama team produced an excellent version of Orlando.

Their determination with slight casting changes at the last minute is testament to their hard work. The feedback of very little being written down as the adjudicator was too focused on the performance goes to show what talented actors we have in the house. Another brilliant night, well done to the cast of Olivia G, Eleanor D, Izzy R, Gaby B, Jemima VH, Poppy S and Lydia F

## HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Alongside the house sports there have been other house competitions including; house music and house debating. Whilst winning our debate of opposing “This house believes that the Covid experience brought significant benefits to humanity” with our strong team of Katie H, Millie B and Lydia F we sadly did not gain enough points to win the overall competition. In house music we had a brilliant ensemble who thoroughly enjoyed their performance with members from nearly all years taking part. The group consisted of; Eleanor D, Liv G, Grace T-B, Jemima V-H, Linnea D, Gaby B, Izzy R, Pippa F and Frances G who brilliantly performed ‘River Deep, Mountain High’. In the individual competition we had plenty of entries amongst the three categories, Eleanor D finally got her win in the individual advanced category with an incredible performance of ‘Somewhere’.

## THANK YOU TO THE PA

A huge thank you to the PA for buying each Hazeldenean a treat for Easter, these were given out in the final Monday tutor time of the term and the girls were delighted to come back to the surprise in house after a long day of lessons.



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## OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We know that our girls do a lot outside of school as well as in school.

Well done to Olivia G for being chosen to perform with the British and National youth theatre in the summer following successful auditions.

Also a big well done to Linnea D who successfully completed the County Scouting Shirehike 2023 which is a 40km route, she was part of the only group to manage to complete the route on the day. An impressive achievement.



Belle D competed at the English U15 Indoor National Championships in February having become 2nd fastest UK U15 girl of all time in the 300m Indoor event a few months previously.

Josie W has been regularly competing in tennis events across the last few months and we wish her well in the coming summer months as competitions continue.



If your daughter has been involved in anything outside of school, please do let us know so that we can publicly congratulate them in the next newsletter.



