



HAZELDENE HOUSE



13th December 2024

Dear Hazeldene girls, parents, and staff,

It's been another busy term filled with so many achievements. The girls continue to make me so proud, and I hope they can all look back on this term and reflect on all they have managed to accomplish.

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

The Quiz night was another great success. The curry and pizza went down well, and this year's contest was a much closer battle for the win. With the introduction of a new paper airplane round, confidence was high going into the final round. Money was raised for our House charity Teenage Cancer Trust through a well-stocked "bottle" raffle. Thank you to all those who came and supported the house.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that the Lent term begins on **Monday 6th January** with 5th form and IB2 mocks beginning in that week.

Our Hazeldene Ball will be held on **Saturday 18th January** at Grafton Manor.

Tickets can still be purchased here: <https://forms.office.com/e/wTLfc0jDJ5>



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. The Upper Sixth and Lower Sixth were a great help in putting up the decorations this year and the house has looked fabulous since.



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.



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 Junior Badminton team of Frankie, Georgie, Erica and Lydia who won their competition and our Senior swimmers Ruby, Linnea, Maddy and Izzy who put up a great fight in the relays,

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 into seeing these improvements and they have been noted. Keep working hard, it is worth it in the end.

The girls with the highest number of commendations this half term in each study are: Millie J (Lower 4), Kiki W (Upper 4), Maggie M (Fifth form), Phoebe C (Lower 6) and Romana (Upper 6). Well done to you all, some amazing achievements there.

The Upper Fourth achieved the largest number of commendations this half term again, with another 90 between them. An incredible effort!

HAZELDENE PA

The PA continues 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 has got involved in some new initiatives including topping up the house breakfasts to include pastries and the return of hashbrowns, some Hazeldene aprons for serving, money for the studies to buy things for decoration and to make them feel more homely and also a weekly fruit shop for the girls. Thank you also to all the parents who have donated spreads so that the girls can enjoy this with their daily toast.



SOME MORE PICTURES FROM THIS HALF TERM



