# HAZELDENE HOUSE



Dear Hazeldene girls, parents, and staff,

I can honestly say I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Houseparent and the girls have continually made me proud each and every day. They have all represented the house excellently and deserve a wellearned rest over the next few weeks. Whilst some will spend the holidays preparing for upcoming mocks, I hope they can all spend some time recuperating after what has been an extremely busy and productive term.

This half term has been extra busy with many more interhouse events and all the girls have now settled either back into their courses from last year or are well and truly underway in their new ones this year. We have brought a few more trophies back to the house in both L4 and U4 Badminton and have been well represented in house hockey, swimming and table tennis. Now we can look forward to what House Music and House Drama will entail next term.

I hope this newsletter gives you some ideas 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.

Best wishes,

Miss A. Linehan Houseparent, Hazeldene House.

# HAMPER DONATIONS



Thank you to all those who donated items for our hampers, not only have we been able to do a raffle with some brilliant prizes for our Hazeldene families, but we have also created some hampers to go to families less fortunate. These have been delivered over the past week to people who were more than deserving and it was lovely to see the smiles these created. A lovely act of kindness to end a busy term.

## **TERM DATES**

Please note that Lent term begins on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January with 5<sup>th</sup> form and IB2 mocks beginning in that week.

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## **GETTING READY FOR XMAS**



We have had a lovely time getting the house in the Christmas spirit over the last few weeks. Check out our twitter page @BromsHazeldene to see more photos and a time lapse of the tree getting decorated.

## ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

Well done to all Hazeldeneans for their AEOs again this half term, they have continued to excel and strive to better themselves which must be commended. I am always in awe with how they all rise to the challenge once the first grades are given and manage to improve on these time and time again.

The girls with the highest number of commendations this half term in each study are: Frances G. (Lower 4), Linnea D (Upper 4), Jess F. (Fifth Form), Lydia F. (Lower 6), and Sophie 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 103 between them. An incredible effort!

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We have had so many girls competing in the interhouse events this half term including swimming, badminton, table tennis and hockey. Well done to all the teams who have given their all and also to those who went along to support and cheer on their peers. A special mention must go to our Senior House Swimming team comprising of Jemima VH, Izzy R, Katherine S, Izzy K, Teah P and Tara B who between them swam all the races and had to do multiple canon races at the end of the event. Some real resilience, courage and a 'never give up' attitude was shown that afternoon.

### HOUSE EVENTS

This half term has seen more pizza nights, doughnuts, Secret Santa, Santa hunt, Mince pies and Mulled wine, and Christmas bauble decorating. All of the girls have been involved in one or more of these events and it was lovely to see each of them opening a gift on the final Monday morning as our secret santa gifts got given out.

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## **U4 PIZZA NIGHT**



The U4 pizza night clashed with one of the World Cup games, but this didn't stop some of the girls coming along, enjoying a few games of charades and then settling down with some food to watch the first half. A great evening had by all.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**17 JANUARY** 

PA meeting

21 JANUARY

Hazeldene Ball

27 JANUARY

5<sup>th</sup> form pizza night

## SOME MORE PICTURES FROM THIS HALF TERM







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