

Blackfen School for Girls

October 2024

Careers Newsletter



Year 10 Work Experience 14th – 18th July 2025

I am writing to let you know that all year 10 pupils will be undertaking a one-week period of Work Experience next year from **14th July – 18th July 2025**. It is important to let you know at this early stage as the Work Experience Programme involves a great deal of planning.

The information letter was emailed to parent/carers by Edulink on 8th October. The letter details how the Work Experience Programme will run this year. We will be using Unifrog to input the placement information with no paperwork to return. Details of how to login to Unifrog were also in the letter. Your child would have received an email from Unifrog to their school email account. I would urge you to remind them to open this email and set their password with Unifrog as they will need this to input the details of their work experience placement.

All students will be visited in form time during October by Mrs Smith to show them how to input their placement details using Unifrog.

If you have not received the email I sent out on the 8th October please check your junk email and if still not received please email admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk to request another letter to be sent.

Placements are quite limited this year so I would ask students to make every effort to find their own placement early. If you have been offered a placement but still need confirmation please chase the employer.

The Programme is designed to give young people a better insight into the world of work and to acquaint them with the key skills necessary to succeed in adult working life. Therefore, the placement may not be directly linked with your child's career ideas. Taking part in the Programme is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn and develop many transferable skills that will benefit them in the future.

Please can I remind you that all placements must be finalised by **Monday 17th March 2025**.

Save the date! Annual Careers Fair Tuesday 4th March 2025

We will be holding our Annual Careers Fair on Tuesday 4th March from 3.15pm until 6.00pm in the Performance Space. We would like to see as many parents/carers and students attend as we expect this evening to be interesting and informative with many representatives attending. Further details to follow.



More information on Careers and Work Experience, including the school Careers Policy, is available on the school website under Policies and Curriculum.



Are you a student contemplating a future in the Army after your GCSEs but feeling uncertain about how to start? Your search ends here! Join us for a special online event that could transform your future!

The Army Foundation College (AFC) is no ordinary college, we train 16 and 17-year-olds ready for a career in the British Army. The course we offer is split into 4 sections, Military Training, Education, Resilience & Leadership Training and Physical Training.

We also appreciate that your downtime is important and you can enjoy our newly refurbished Wellbeing Centre including satellite TV, an Xbox zone, games area with table tennis and pool, a cinema and more. Sports is a huge part of your career within the Army, you'll have plenty of opportunities for athletics, basketball, hockey, swimming, football and more.

Join us on Tuesday 19 November 18:30 – 19:00 for a special online event that could transform your future!

[Register here](#)



Our six-year UK Solicitor apprenticeship programme helps build the foundations of a successful career, with the training and support you'll need to excel.

By combining a wide mix of work and study, you'll gain a Level 7 qualification (including a law degree and the SQE exams) and be a fully qualified solicitor.

At RPC, we know that you'll do your best if you're free to be yourself. That's why we only recruit genuine people with a desire to make a difference. It's not essential to have studied law before, but you'll need strong academic results and be able to show that you're a hardworking and motivated team-player with communication skills and meticulous attention to detail to match.

[Apply now!](#)

Deadline for applications is 13 January 2025.



Apprenticeships with the BBC webinar **22nd October 2024, 3.30PM**

If you're interested in an apprenticeship at the world's largest public broadcasting organisation, join this webinar to gain insight into the range of apprenticeship opportunities at the BBC, from journalism, project management, data science, engineering and much more.

We will hear from members of the BBC's Early Careers team about the opportunities available, what the recruitment process is like and how to make your application stand out from the crowd. We'll also hear from current apprentices about their journeys and what life as an apprentice at the BBC is like.

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)



Why not try some virtual work experience?

From work experience to university course taster experiences, the Springpod platform is the destination for young people to explore, interact and learn about the world of work and university before they apply.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>



Finance Careers Beyond the Stereotype

Every student's journey is unique. With ACCA there is a starting point for everyone regardless of education, background or experience. And despite the myth, you don't need to be good at maths!

T Level in Accounting

A two-year course for 16-18 years olds in England equivalent to three A Levels that combines hands-on experience with academic learning. It's a great stepping stone into an ACCA Apprenticeship.

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Our globally recognised qualification prepares students for a wide range of finance careers, from traditional roles to new, emerging fields.

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We're more than just a qualification provider. ACCA is committed to developing finance professionals who are equipped with the skills, ethics, and global outlook needed to succeed in today's fast-changing world. Our qualifications are respected and recognised worldwide, opening up a world of possibilities for your child.

Want to learn how ACCA can help your child to have a diverse and successful career?

[FIND OUT MORE](#) →

Upcoming Careers Events

Future Leaders: Accountancy Opportunities for All Young People



Date: 4th December | **Time:** 18:30-19:15

Learn about career options in accountancy beyond just numbers. For parents, guardians, and students, with insights from professionals on guiding young people into this field - hosted by ACCA. [Register now.](#)



The Future is Female: STEM Careers at bp

Details



Join us to learn more about the range of brilliant STEM Apprenticeship opportunities at bp.

Under a third of the STEM workforce in the UK are women, and we are determined to change that! This is a chance for students, parents, and teachers to network with the inspiring women onboard bp's apprenticeship programmes. They will be sharing 'day in the life' insights, as well as how this opportunity has launched their career.

What to expect:

- A full overview of bp's STEM apprenticeship vacancies
- Exclusive Q&A session with current female apprentices
- Discover top tips to excel in our assessment stages and interviews

Who should attend this event?

This webinar is open to students in Years 10-13 who identify as female and are interested in exploring opportunities to start their career in STEM. Parents, teachers, and careers leaders are also encouraged to join.

bp is committed to create equal opportunities for people, both inside and outside of bp and we aim to advance and integrate diversity, equality, and inclusions across our global business.

Want to explore our full range of webinars this Autumn? Click the button below to find out more and secure your spot!

REGISTER NOW



UPLIFT THE NEXT GENERATION AND MCDONALD'S
**THE ACADEMIC AND CAREER
EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP**



**MONDAY 28TH
OCTOBER 2024**



**CRAYFORD COMMUNITY
CENTRE, 175 TOWNHALL
SQUARE, DA1 4FN**



AGES 16-25



12:30PM - 2:30PM

**SIGN UP TODAY!
SCAN THE QR CODE
OR VISIT
BIT.LY/UPLIFT-MCD**



I am reaching out to invite students from Blackfen School for Girls Sixth Form to our Academic and Career Workshop, designed for young people aged 16-25. This free event is in partnership with McDonalds Crayford and the details are below.

- **Date: 28th October 2024**
 - **Time: 12:30-2:30pm GMT**
 - **Location: Crayford Community Centre, 175 Townhall Square, DA1 4FN**
 - **Eligibility: Students aged 16-25**

[Signup link for students](#)

What students can expect at the Workshop:

- Learning how to set goals and make the most of the academic year, ensuring students stay focused and motivated.
- Cultivating essential soft skills such as communication, teamwork, and adaptability that are highly valued in today's workplace.
- Signposting to live job opportunities and work experience, providing students with practical steps to start their career journeys.
- Q&A session with McDonald's employees, offering firsthand insights into various career paths and workplace experiences.

I believe this workshop will be a valuable opportunity for your students to gain insights into the professional world and prepare for their future careers