



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Student/Parent

I am writing to inform you of a number of important dates that you need to be aware of.

The next few weeks are so important for students. The A level examinations will be starting shortly and for those doing re-take AS exams these begin next week. BTEC students will be completing final assignments so meeting all deadlines is vital. During this time I urge you to completely cut back on any part time work hours so that full concentration can be given to studies.

Students are encouraged to use the study facilities in school. The Study Centre remains open until 5.30pm every night. Students must ensure they are clear on the dates and times of all exams. Revision must be taking place at home. This should be around three hours a night during the week with additional time at weekends. Many teachers are running revision/booster classes after school and at lunchtimes which should be attended.

All lessons continue to run and must be attended right up to the day of the exam. These lessons are compulsory. After half term (week beginning 5th June) lessons will continue to be compulsory but there will be no form time. Please continue to ensure that attendance is 100%. BTEC students can stop attending lessons once they have been signed off a course. Once all BTECs are completed students must complete a leavers form (collect from office).

The Oscars awards evening will be held on **Wednesday 24th May** in the performance space. This event is for students and staff to celebrate the successes and achievements of the year. The evening starts at 6pm with the presentations starting at 6.30pm.

The Sixth Form Prom will take place on **Friday 23rd June at 7.30pm** at The Alexandra Suite, St Mary's Road, Swanley. Please make sure that you have collected your ticket before your last exam from Mrs. Eiffert. Tickets are non-transferable. You must have photo ID on the evening. We will have a professional photographer there taking photos of students on arrival. The photographs will be ready for collection later that evening (pay on the evening).

The A level /BTEC results will be available on **Thursday 17th August** from the common room from 9.00am – 11.00am. If you are planning to take a place at University you must ensure that you are available to collect your results in person on this day, and that you are available for the following few days after the 13th. This is so that you are able to use the UCAS 'clearing' system if necessary. Staff will be available in school at the time of the results for any queries and advice. Students eligible for clearing are able to access this service through 'UCAS track' so they should check this on results day if required.

For those of you planning on going to university, I must remind you of the importance of completing your finance application. Failure to do this soon will mean a delay in fee payments and loan/grants. It is not something you can do quickly you will need to put aside a couple of hours (with a parent/carer present). **This should be a priority.** Students should also ensure that they have accepted their firm and insurance offers through UCAS.

If any student is unsure about their progression after sixth form and would like to discuss their options they can request a careers interview with 'Prospects' through Mrs. Eiffert. Any student who would like to discuss apprenticeships can make an appointment to see Mrs. Drewer, our transition coordinator.

Please ensure that before your final exam or lesson that you submit your swipe card and locker key (if applicable) in to Mrs. Eiffert. Failure to do this will mean that you are **unable** to collect your results in August. If you have lost your swipe card it will need to be replaced at a cost of £5.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the form tutors who have worked so hard over the last two years to ensure that your education and personal development have been successful and positive experiences. Finally, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and support this year and I wish you every success in your final few weeks, your exams and for your future.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Brewer

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