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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

We say farewell and all the best to some students in year 11 at the end of this week, although most are continuing with their education with us for the next one or two years. We also say farewell to year 12 students who have completed their one-year courses. Finally, we say a fond goodbye to year 13 students. Some of these young people have been with us since the start of year 12 while for others it is the end of 7 years of schooling at Blackfen. It has been a challenging few years for them all. With assessments completed, we wish them all every success in the future.

On their behalf, I would like to thank all staff for their work in supporting them over many years. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their support in making all young people so successful.

We also say goodbye to three members of staff at this time. Ms Allen joined the school in 1994 and she has worked as a TA in the school ever since. During her time at the school she has been a governor and she has supported a vast array of young people and staff during her work at the school. She has given loyal service to the school community over this time. Ms Allen retires at the end of this month and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Ms Valler is also a TA in the school and she leaves on Friday to start work in a primary school in the borough. Again, Ms Valler has supported students and families during her time in the school. She was also instrumental in helping to run our testing centre in the school. We wish her all the best in the future.

Mr Lewis has been teaching in PE over the last two terms. We thank him for his work and wish him all the best in the future.

I have written to all parents and carers about the slight changes to timings and lessons after half term. This letter is on the school website for your information. Students were handed their individual timetables today.

Future dates

A reminder that it is an INSET day on Monday 7 June 2021 and the school is not open to students.

Work will be set on Teams for that day. Students return for the last half term of the academic year on Tuesday 8 June 2021. It will be Week A1.

I wish you and your family a pleasant and relaxing bank holiday weekend.



Matthew Brown, Head teacher

Careers

Year 10 Careers Interviews

As part of our Careers provision all Year 10 students will be invited to attend a 1-2-1 interview with Jody Phillips our Careers Advisor from Prospects Services.

These interviews will take place throughout May – July during school hours on each Thursday. It will be very beneficial for your daughter to attend her interview, as it will give her the opportunity to discuss her future career options post 16.

Mrs Smith

Work Experience and Business/Community Links Coordinator

Health & Social Care and Child Care

The past year has been very disruptive for everyone. The academic year usually involves work placements for our students in Year 10 and 12. Students get first-hand experience of care settings such as nurseries, elderly care homes and primary schools. Sadly, this will not take place this year. However, there are plenty of on-line resources for students to use in these vocational areas.

We hope you find these useful and informative.

Miss Morris
Head of Health and Social Care

Mrs Drewer
Head of Child Care

Health Resources

Virtual work experience – there is a cost of £10 per session.

At Blackfen School for Girls we stand behind and support our students with the drive and determination to pursue their dreams of a career in healthcare. We strongly believe a student's financial circumstances should not be a limiting factor in their success along this academic journey. If for financial reasons you cannot apply for this course please contact Mrs Kellie Smith on ksm@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk in confidence.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

A video covering a range of jobs in the NHS

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

A quiz to help you narrow down your ideas of an NHS career
<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/findyourcareer>

Apprenticeships in the NHS
<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/apprenticeships>

Guidance and information for Key stage 3, 4 and 5 students
<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/>

Working with children

This website covers all aspects of the sector
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/social-care/working-with-children>

Guidance on areas to work within the sector
<https://www.cache.org.uk/for-learners/choosing-early-years-as-a-career>

Childcare organisation
<https://www.pacey.org.uk/>

Guidance for those working in childcare
<https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/>

REWARDS

Student Community Rewards 2020 - 2021

Staff have been very busy this term issuing achievement points for students in years 7-11. Reward Postcards have been sent home to all students who have achieved 40+ reward points and Headteacher Reward Postcards for those students who have received 100+ reward points. Points have been tallied up to the end of Spring term and the community reward table is as below.

Community	Rewards
Blue	9040
Green	9661
Purple	8872
Red	10340
Yellow	9166
Grand Total	47079

Well done to **Red Community** for taking the lead with Yellow Community a close second! We look forward to accumulating the points up to the end of Summer Half Term and will inform you which community is in the lead when we return for the end of Summer term. Good Luck!

Miss R Padbury & Mrs K Smith
Reward Co-ordinators

Equality and Diversity



PRIDE MONTH: JUNE 2021

The focus of Pride month will be to provide relevant learning activities that link to LGBTQ+ for students in their everyday lessons. The objectives of Pride month are to support a fully inclusive curriculum where full representation of all our community can be seen. Learning about LGBTQ+ is part of the statutory guidance set out by the DfE.

Subject leaders will be choosing activities that suitably link to the curriculum with a Pride focus. For example, in Technology students in year 7 and 8 will be using their analysis and design skills to design and make Allyship badges whilst year 9 will be applying their pattern designing skills to make rainbow roses. In History, KS3 students will be learning about the hidden histories of LGBTQ+ persons from crucial moments in time. Year 10 Citizenship students are focussing on British Values and how to embrace a diverse community, whilst in year 11 students, have specifically picked issues surrounding Pride month for their topic of study. ***The theme, length and the context with which the topics and activities are delivered will be suitably differentiated for the year group they are aimed at.***

As a school, we are hoping that this first Pride month will be successful and grow in upcoming years to provide your child with a curriculum that is fully inclusive and representative to all members of our school and wider community.

If you have any questions or concerns about Pride month please do not hesitate to contact me: swt@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk

If you have any questions or concerns about the RSE curriculum please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Blatch: lbl@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk

Calendar of Events 2020 - 2021

Remaining dates scheduled so far

Date	Event
31 st May - 4 th June 2021	Half Term
Monday 7 th June 2021	Additional INSET day
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	Provisional Year 6 Induction Day & parents evening
W/B 12 th July 2021	Provisional year group celebration assemblies
Tuesday 13 th July 2021	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 16 th July 2021	Last Day of Term
19 th /20 th /21 st July 2021	INSET DAYS