

How do I apply?

External students (non Blackfen) need to complete an online application form which can be found under the Sixth Form tab on the school website at www.blackfenschoolforgirls.co.uk. Applications close on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 11am. Please note: you will be given a unique application number on submission of your application, you must keep a note of this. Successful applicants will be invited in for a subject selection meeting. We are oversubscribed therefore we have an admissions policy (see website). You may be offered a place on our waiting list if you are unsuccessful initially.

Which subjects should I choose?

You must select subjects that you are interested in and will stick with. All subjects are challenging and require commitment and a positive work ethic. You will study level 3 courses for two years so you must be motivated to do this and enjoy what you are studying. You need to consider your career plan and for degree choice (if you know) and select subjects that will allow progression into this field. A good starting point is to look at UCAS (www.ucas.com) to see what subjects and grades specific degrees and universities require.

What is the difference between BTEC and A Level?

All A Level subjects are Linear and therefore examined at the end of 2 years. Most A Levels are 100% examination. For those that have a coursework component it is likely to be a minimal amount (apart from Art). The new BTEC courses are as challenging as A Levels but with a higher coursework component. All BTECs have examinations/externally assessed units as compulsory components, these are taken during year 12 and 13. Students on BTECs must be able to meet deadlines and work independently on coursework and preparation work. BTECs are more vocational in nature and more related to specific careers/occupations. They are given the same weighting as A Levels for UCAS points and accepted at most universities.

Will I have to attend everyday?

Yes. Unlike a college, at Blacken students are required to attend school at **8.30am** everyday. There are no part time courses in the Sixth Form.

Will I have time to study?

Yes. All students are timetabled for compulsory study sessions in the supervised Study Centre. This time is used to complete homework, prep work, revision or coursework. Students will also have additional independent study periods on their timetable. These will be spent either in a study room, the 'learning zone', library or in a specific dedicated classroom (Art students are required to complete study time in art classrooms).

What financial support is available?

Eligible students are encouraged to apply for the 16-19 Bursary and Free School meals. The bursary can be used to pay for school clothing, books, trips, etc. More information can be found on the school website.

What do I wear?

Blackfen Sixth Form has a strict dress code of smart work clothing. Students are required to wear a suit jacket. A copy of the dress code can be found on the school website.

Have a question for us?

Please click on the link below and we will reply.

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