



# Blackfen School for Girls

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## START OF TERM IN JANUARY REVISED DATES

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sorry for this late notice but we only received notification from the DfE yesterday evening. To enable schools to roll out mass rapid testing in January the school will only be physically open for year 11, year 13 and year 12 (Level 2 students only, not Level 3 nor A level). Students in those year groups will start back on Wednesday 6 January 2021 at the following times:

Year 11 - 9.30

Year 12 (Level 2 only) - 9.30

Year 13 - 9.30

The school will also be open to vulnerable young people. A separate letter will be sent to parents of vulnerable children as defined by the DfE. In addition, provision will be made for children of critical workers. If you, as a parent or carer are a critical worker and you would like your child to attend school from Wednesday 6 January 2021 you need to send an email to the school to the [admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk) address with the heading CRITICAL WORKER. The provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers will run from 10.00 until 2.30 on those 3 days. Students will need to bring in packed lunch and drinks for break.

Students in years 7,8,9,10 and year 12 (Level 3 and A level only) will be working remotely from Wednesday 6 January 2021 to Friday 8 January 2021 inclusive. On Wednesday lessons will start at the following times Year 7 - 10.00 Year 8 - 9.30 Year 9 - 9.30 Year 10 - 9.30 Year 12 - 9.30. The rest of the week lessons will start at the normal times (as per Autumn Term).

It is week A2 for the first week of term.

All students will physically return to school on Monday 11 January 2021 at the normal times (as per the Autumn Term).

These details are correct as at 18 December 2020 and are subject to change. I will write to confirm details on Monday 4 January or Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Once again, I apologise for this very late notice. I will write to you again to confirm the arrangements for the rapid testing once I have more details.

Yours sincerely,

**Matthew Brown, Head Teacher**

