



# Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very challenging and difficult year for schools across the country. We have all struggled at times and it is testament to the hard work of staff at Blackfen that we have managed to keep going even when the going has been very tough. On your behalf I thank the staff and governors for their work in keeping the school going.

Alongside this, I know how difficult it has been for you, as parents and carers and families, to simply keep going with the constant reminders of the presence of Covid-19 and the devastating effect that the pandemic has had on so many lives. I thank you for your support throughout this year.

Finally, our young people have given up so much in the last year and have had to adapt to many changes in their lives, not least in the school. I thank them for everything that they have done in the school this year.

I am optimistic that things will improve and that things will start to change. If we continue to work together, in partnership, we will meet the challenges that lie ahead and ensure the success of all members of the Blackfen school community. You have my word that I am fully committed to this.

## Start of next term – Provisional plans

At the start of next term all students, for whom we have consent, will be tested twice in school. On the first occasion students will come in to school at an appointed time, have a test and then go home. This is similar to what we had to do in March. The second test will be completed 3-5 days later in school during a normal school day.

The provisional plans for the start of the new term are outlined below. Please note that these are provisional plans are subject to change. I will write to you all again in August to confirm the arrangements.

## Provisional plan for first two weeks of term

**Wednesday 1 September** – INSET day 1 – no students in school

**Thursday 2 September** – INSET day 2 – no students in school

**Friday 3 September** – Testing day 1 – Years 7, 11, 12. Students come in for test and go directly home afterwards. Appointment times will be sent out in August.

**Monday 6 September** – Testing day 1 – Years 8, 9, 10, 13. Students come in for test and go directly home afterwards. Appointment times will be sent in August. Years 7, 11 and 12 are not in school.

**Tuesday 7 September** - Year 7 in school – 9.00am – 2.00pm. Familiarisation day.

Year 11 in school – 11.45am – 2.45pm.



Year 12 in school – 9.45am – 1.00pm.

Years 8, 9, 10 and 13 in school – 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Collect timetables and meet other members of the community group.

**Wednesday 8 September** – All students in school. Normal timetable. Testing day 2 – Years 7, 11, 12. Students will be called out of lessons for this

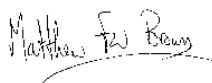
**Thursday 9 September** – All students in school. Normal timetable. Testing day 2 – Years 8, 9, 10 and 13. Students will be called out of lessons for this.

**Friday 10 September** – All students in school. Normal timetable.

In my letter in August there will also be important information about the start of the term and how the school is interpreting the government guidance on Covid-19 moving forwards.

I thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a relaxing and restful summer.

With my best wishes,



**Matthew Brown**  
**Head Teacher**