



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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DISCOVER 2022 – Tuesday 19th July 2022, Archaeology Masterclass – £14.00

As part of the Discover 2022 programme for KS3 students, your child has been selected to attend the trip to Greenwich to undertake an Archaeology Masterclass on Tuesday 19th July 2022.

Students are not required to wear school uniform for the trip, but should ensure they are dressed appropriately (i.e. no shorts/ripped jeans or crop tops and no false nails or lashes). If students decide to bring electrical items with them, the school will not take any responsibility if anything is lost or damaged during the trip.

Activities on the day

Students will spend the day in Greenwich, on the foreshore of the River Thames. They will work with members of the Thames Explorer Trust, learning about archaeology in practice. Activities will include mudlarking on the banks of the Thames, then cleaning and categorising their finds.

Transport

We will be travelling to Greenwich station via train, and will be walking to meet our guides by the Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich from there. The walk should take around 10 minutes.

We have applied to TfL for free transport. However, if this is not granted please ensure that your child has at least £10.00 on their Oyster card to allow them to make the return journey.

Timings of the trip

Students are expected to meet at Sidcup Train Station at 08.20am and return to Sidcup train station at approximately 15.00pm. Students will be dismissed from the train station.

Cost of the trip

The cost of the visit will be **£14.00** that includes instruction and equipment from the Thames Explorer Trust, and the deadline for payment is **Friday 1st April 2022**. We are now a cashless school, so payments must therefore be made via Wisepay (our on-line payment portal). You can access our school payment system by:

- **School Website** - Click on the credit card icon in the top right hand corner of the home page and it will take you directly to the portal.



- **Wisepay App for mobile phones** - This is available for parents to download. Please note the Blackfen organisation code to download the App is 66447546. All this information can be found on our school website (blackfenschoolforgirls.co.uk).

In cases of financial hardship, please contact the school via email to sbl@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk, so that help may be offered. Even if help is provided, a contribution towards the cost of the trip will be expected.

*Students in receipt of **Pupil Premium Funding** should contact lha@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk so that financial help may be offered. Even if help is provided, a contribution towards the cost of the trip will be expected.*

What students are required to bring for the day:

- Oyster card or money for train travel (if necessary)
- Packed lunch
- Suitable shoes for walking (trainers or converse)
- Wellington boots or waterproof boots for mudlarking
- Change of trousers & socks in case of emergency
- Sun block/waterproof coat, weather dependent
- A bottle of water

Medication

Specific medical conditions will be advised to me as the trip leader prior to your child attending, however if you wish to discuss this further, please contact me on the school number 0208 303 1887.

Having read and understood all the information about this trip, and by paying the sum of £14.00 via Wisepay, you have agreed for your child to take part in all activities outlined. The school will continue to use all medical and contact information that you provided upon admission for this activity/trip if and where required.

If you have any queries in connection with this visit, please contact me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. Dunsdon
Student Coordinator