



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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DISCOVER 2022 – In school activities information

As part of the Discover 2022 programme for KS3 students, your child may have been selected to take part in one of the following in school activities. Please familiarise yourselves with the information for the relevant activities, and ensure that your child is properly prepared and equipped for the day.

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.

Rooming for the in-school activities is yet to be finalised. A schedule for rooming will be shared with parents via parent-mail and the school website closer to the time. The schedule will also be available in school for students closer to the time.

Activities on the day

Paid activities

- **Bath bomb workshop £6.00** – Students will be making bath bombs that they will be able to take home to enjoy or gift to somebody. All material supplied. The costs of this activity are to cover the materials required.
- **Bhangra Dancing £8.50** – Students should wear comfortable clothes that allow ease of movement. Should your child wish to bring in a saree to wear, this would be lovely. A bottle of water is essential for this activity. Costs for this activity are to cover external provider.
- **Bug hotels and fat balls £5.00** – Students will be using their hands to work the fat and seeds into balls. They will also be using tools to make bug hotels. If your child has a skin condition, they may wish to wear latex gloves. All materials supplied. The costs of this activity are to cover the materials required.

- **Decorating boxes/brushes £3.00** – Students should bring in a hair brush if they wish to decorate their own. Students will be using different craft materials to decorate small boxes or hair brushes that they can then take home to enjoy. All materials supplied. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.
- **Dissection Masterclass £7.00** – Students should be prepared to handle scalpels and animal organs. All materials supplied. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.
- **Exotic animal experience £9.00** – Students will come face to face with a selection of different exotic animals. They will have the opportunity to interact with some of these animals, so should be prepared to touch, hold or possibly feed these animals. Costs for this activity are to cover external provider.
- **Floristry £24.00** – Students will be guided through making different floral arrangements that they can take home to enjoy or gift to somebody. All fresh flowers and equipment will be provided. The costs of this activity are to cover the materials required.
- **Great Blackfen bake off £6.00** – Students will be guided through baking a beautiful cake that they can then collect at the end of the day to share with those at home. Students should bring a suitable container in which to carry their cake home. All ingredients will be provided. The costs of this activity are to cover the materials required.
- **Henna workshop £5.00** – Students will be guided through creating beautiful mehndi using henna. They will leave the workshop with their henna mehndi proudly displayed on their hands or arms. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.
- **Knitting and crochet £6.00** – Students will have the opportunity to discover and practice knitting, crochet and some sewing skills with the help of staff who are knowledgeable in these areas. All materials supplied. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.
- **Mad Science £5.00** – Students will be undertaking wild and wacky science experiments to create all manner of weird and wonderful things. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.
- **MUA masterclass £11.00** – Students will work with a professional Makeup Artist to create professional looks on themselves or partners. Students should bring their own makeup and brushes. Students should not share eye makeup for health reasons. There is no need to purchase specialist items for this masterclass. The costs for this activity are to cover the external provider.
- **Nail art masterclass £5.00** – Students will work with a professional Nail Artist to create decorative nail art on themselves or a partner. Students should bring their own nail varnish if there is a particular colour that they wish to use. The costs for this activity are to cover the external provider.
- **Party planning £6.00** – Students will be working with staff to create the perfect party. This will include how to plan, source materials, structure the event and how to create party apparel. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.
- **Samba drumming £6.00** – Students will be working with a professional to learn and perform a musical piece using a variety of drums and drumming techniques. They will also spend time designing their own Rio carnival costumes based upon the ethos of carnival. The costs of this activity are to cover the external provider.

- **Soap making workshop £6.00** – Students will be creating their own soaps using melted ingredients, natural colourings, essential oils and other natural additions. They will get to collect this soap and take it home once it has set. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.
- **Theatre workshop £14.00** – Students will work with a professional West-End performer. They will be guided in stage techniques, the craft of acting and working with scripts. The costs of this activity are to cover the external provider.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Taster £5.00** – Students will work with school staff who are familiar with the D of E program. They will learn how to erect a tent, practise orienteering and cook their lunch on a Trangia. Lunch will consist of bacon rolls, or vegan/vegetarian alternatives, and other packed lunch items. The costs of this activity are to cover materials.

Free activities

Multi Sports – Sportswear required

Football skills – Sportswear required

Self-defence – Sportswear required

Wellbeing/Mindfulness – Sportswear required

Gardening – Old/comfortable clothing required

Frightfest Movie Club – Movie snacks allowed

Comedy Movie Club – Movie snacks allowed

Hair braiding - Hair bands/brushes required

Upcycling – An item of clothing/accessory required

Augmented reality

Board games

Sign Language

Dog Agility

First Aid

Puzzles and playlists

Paying for activities

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.*

Medication

Specific medical conditions will be advised to the staff member overseeing the activity 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 the activities, and by paying the sum required in full via Wisepay, you have agreed for your child to take part in all relevant 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