



# Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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## DISCOVER 2024 – In school activities information

As part of the Discover 2024 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, but should ensure they are dressed appropriately (i.e. no shorts above mi-thigh/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.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Taster £2.00** – 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
- **Floristry £23.00** – 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.
- **Friendship Scrapbook £6.50** – Students will use photographs brought from home along with a variety of craft materials to make a beautiful keepsake to take home with them or

gift to a loved one. Students should bring either a small scrapbook or a photo frame with them. The costs of this activity are to cover the craft materials required.

- **Great Blackfen bake off £10.00** – 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 £4.00** – 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.
- **Mama Mia Workshop £10.00** – Students will work with a West-End professional. They will spend the day singing, dancing, and working on their stage skills. There is no need to purchase special items for this workshop. The costs for this activity are to cover the external provider.
- **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 £6.00** – 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.
- **Rube Goldberg Machines £2.00** – Students will use a variety of articles found in the DT department and around the school to create an engineering masterpiece. The items will be arranged into a 'course' that allows a domino effect to occur, leading each item to impact the next until the ultimate goal is reached. The costs for this activity are to cover materials.

### Free activities

**Multi Sports** – Sportswear required

**Gardening** – Old/comfortable clothing required

**Frightfest Movie Club** – Movie snacks allowed

**Comedy Movie Club** – Movie snacks allowed

**Football Skills** – Sportswear required

**Book Folding** – Old book required, preferably hardback

**Movie making and editing** – Bring a selection of songs/ideas in digital format

Loom bands

Board games

Puzzles and playlists

First Aid

## Paying for activities

The deadline for payment is **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024** 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](http://blackfenschoolforgirls.co.uk)).

*In cases of financial hardship, please contact the school via email to [finance@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:finance@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 [nho@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:nho@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**