



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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DISCOVER 2024 – Thursday 18th July, East London Eating Tour **£32.00**

As part of the Discover 2024 programme for KS3 students, your child has been selected to attend the trip to the East London Eating Tour on Wednesday 17th July 2024.

Students are not required to wear school uniform for the trip, but should ensure they are dressed appropriately (i.e. no shorts above mid-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.

Activities on the day

Students will spend the day exploring the culinary delights of the diverse cultures that have called East London home. A professional guide will take them on a journey of flavours as they make their way around Shoreditch and Spitalfields, sampling a variety of foods from different eateries and cultures, highlighting the ever-changing cultural diversity of the area.

Transport

Train and bus. Please ensure that students have a valid ZIP card, if they don't have a ZIP card then please ensure that they have an oyster card with them that has at least £10 travel credit.

Timings of the trip

Students are expected to meet at Sidcup Train Station by 9:30am in order to catch the 9.49am train to London Bridge. From here they will take the 149 bus to Shoreditch where their tour will begin.

The return journey will involve taking the 149 bus from outside Liverpool Street Station to London Bridge Train Station where they will catch the 2.05pm train, arriving at Sidcup Train Station at 2.35pm where they will be dismissed.

Cost of the trip

The cost of the visit will be **£32.00** that includes train travel, professional guide, and food tasting, and the deadline for payment is **Wednesday 1st May 2024**. Payments can be made in instalments by selecting the 'Pay my own amount' option on Wisepay. 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 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 if financial help is required. 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 or ZIP card
- Suitable shoes for walking (trainers or converse)
- A bottle of water
- Sun screen
- A hat
- A fully charged mobile phone that is capable of making calls (has credit)

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 £32.00 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 faithfully,

Ms. V. Knight
Subject Lead, Food, Textiles, Design Technology