



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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DISCOVER 2024 – Thursday 18th July 2024, Water Sports **£50**.

As part of the Discover 2024 programme for KS3 students, your child has been selected to attend the trip to Lee Valley White Water Centre on Thursday 18th 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 rotating through three different activities in small groups. The activities are: paddle boarding, kayaking, and the inflatable assault course on the water. Students will take a rest break between activities when they will get to dine al-fresco with their friends.

Transport

Students and staff will travel from (and return to) the school by coach to the Lee Valley White Water Centre in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

Timings of the trip

Students are expected to meet school staff in the school Glasshouse at 9.45am (they do not need to attend school earlier than this). They will receive a short safety and expectations briefing before being escorted to the coach. Students and staff will return to school by 5pm (traffic permitting) and will be dismissed from the school.

Cost of the trip

The cost of the visit will be £50 which includes all three activities, buoyancy aid/wetsuit hire, and equipment hire. 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:

- A packed lunch
- **A bottle of water**
- Swimming costume
- Clothes/shoes suitable for easy changing
- Towel
- 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 £17.00 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,

Ms L Woodhouse

Assistant Headteacher – KS4 Behaviour, Culture, and Inclusion