

**Parents'
Information
Booklet
2024 / 2025**



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Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential.

Blackfen Vision

Blackfen School is a thriving and successful school community. We offer challenging learning within a supportive, respectful and inclusive environment.

We believe in raising aspirations and inspiring a belief that 'anything is possible'. We nurture the values of resilience, confidence and responsibility, so that our students are ready to contribute positively to the wider community, now and in the future.

Our mission statement is:

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Our Core Values are:

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

The School Day



Breakfast is available in our canteen every morning from 7.45am to 8.25am

Time	Session
8.20am	Arrival at school
8.30am – 9.30am	Lesson 1
9.30am – 10.30am	Lesson 2
10.30am – 10.50am	Tutor time
10.50am – 11.15am	Break
11.15am – 12.15pm	Lesson 3
12.15pm – 13.15pm	Lesson 4
13.15pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
14.00pm – 15.00pm	Lesson 5

After school clubs (including homework club which runs every day are from 3.00pm – 4.15pm)

The school week totals 32.5 hours as required by the Department for Education



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Cashless System



Blackfen school is a 'cashless' school and ALL payments for trips, activities, and lunch are made using our cashless payment system.

All purchases from the canteen are made using our Biometric system which is linked to WisePay. Student funds are added via a parental account and full details of items purchased are available by logging into your account. Parents/carers will be provided with details on how to log in to the system.

Download The New WisePay App

View organisation code here

<p>Trip and Visit Payments</p>	<p>Food and Drink Payments</p>	<p>Donations</p>	<p>Classroom Sales</p>
<p>Ticket and Event Bookings</p>			

The Benefits to Parents and students

1. Funds deposited can only be spent on lunch
2. The risk of losing lunch money is taken away
3. Parents can set up limits for the child
4. Children do not need to carry cash on them
5. Low balance reminders can be set up

Parent Communication



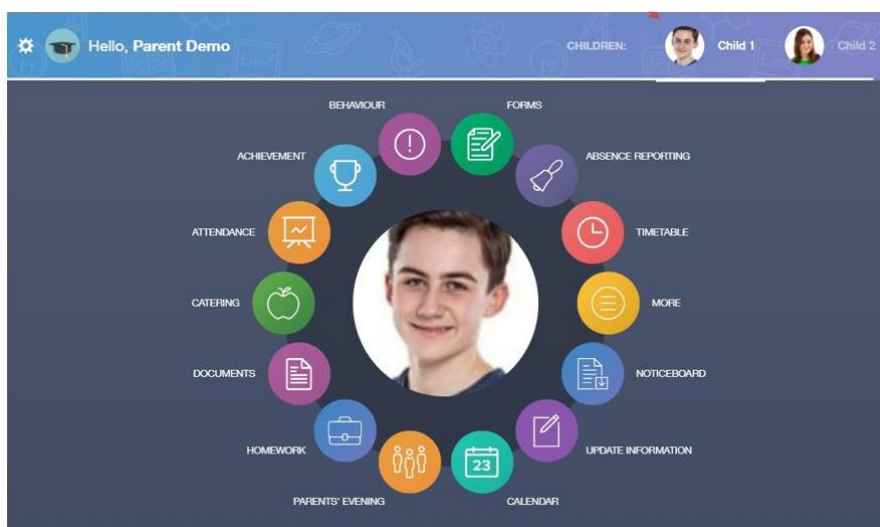
At Blackfen school we use the Edulink app to improve home/school communication and to allow parents/carers to take a more informed view of their children's progress at school.

Edulink is a free parent app that give you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school, including your child's attendance, behaviour, achievements and homework.

We are also able to send you messages directly to the Edulink app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school.

Homework is set on Edulink so please check your child's homework regularly!

You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there is no charge for messages you send us.



Please find the Parent Guide to Edulink in the on our Website.

DICE programme

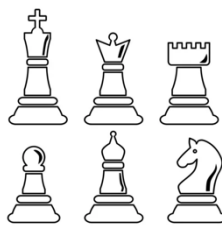


DICE is the name for the extra-curricular programme at Blackfen School.

In its framework, Ofsted recognises that the curriculum is extended in different ways beyond formal lessons. The special feature of the extra-curricular programme at Blackfen School is its inclusion of high challenge and scholarship set in the context of growth mindset. The programme supports the school aim of ‘raising aspirations and releasing potential’ in all of our students, but other benefits might include:

- Improving attitudes to learning and academic performance.
- Enabling students to explore interests and create broader perspectives of themselves and the society in which they live and will work in, as young adults.
- Enjoying social opportunities, making friends, developing social skills.
- Enjoying and benefiting from a break from formal learning.
- Developing other life skills, which might be useful on sixth form and college / university / apprenticeship applications, as well as goal setting; teamwork; time management; prioritisation; problem solving; analytical thinking; leadership; public speaking.

Clubs are updated every term and will be on the school website.



The DICE programme is published EACH TERM on our Website and on student TEAMS. Clubs are free and usually run between 3pm – 4:15pm.

School uniform

At Blackfen school we believe that the uniform should reflect the school motto 'Raising Aspirations, Releasing Potential', and should visibly demonstrate that our students are aiming for excellence in everything they do. We expect the very highest standards of dress for all students.



Full details of our uniform expectations can be found on our website.

Our Uniform suppliers are Caseys Schoolwear in Blackfen, Boffins in Bexleyheath and Macron in Welling.

We also have a range of second hand uniform that is donated back to us. Please get in contact with the school office for more information.

Expectations for Learning

Our Rules for Learning encompass the expectations set out in our Behaviour Policy which you can find on the Website and is updated regularly.

Students are asked to:

- Follow instructions quietly and respectfully at the first time of asking (doing as I am told when I am told to do it). First time, every time. Be responsible.
- Make learning a team effort. Students have the right to learn; teachers have the right to teach. Be respectful and responsible.
- Be ready to learn – Student Planner on desk and all necessary equipment ready for learning and straight on with starter tasks. Be responsible.
- Take pride and strive for constant improvement. Be resilient and responsible.
- Respect all staff and students at all times. Be respectful and responsible.



REWARDS @ BSfG

AWARDS RECEIVED

- ★ 25 points ~ sweets OR Chocolate OR Pen
 - ★ 50 points ~ 'Jump the Lunch Queue' voucher
 - ★ 75 points ~ Stationery pack
 - ★ 100 points ~ 100 badge and certificate
 - ★ 150 points ~ £5 Amazon voucher
 - ★ 200 points ~ £10 Amazon voucher
- ★ Achieve 3 x 100 points (3 100 badges and certificates, not 300 points) across any Key Stage and get a £20 Amazon Voucher

Additionally, each term, one student per community ~ randomly selected from the top 20 students with the most reward points ~ will be awarded a £10 One for All gift card

EVERY REWARD POINT COUNTS!!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ★ Every term, your Reward (Achievement) Points will be added up and, via your tutor, you will be told your total points for the term
- ★ You have the choice to 'cash in' your points for a prize for that term, OR 'bank' your points for a higher prize next time
- ★ If a student does not meet the minimum points for a prize, their points are automatically banked

- ★ Throughout the year there will be competitions ~ individual and community ~ for you to get involved in
- ★ At the end of the academic year, all points are added together, and the Community Shield is awarded to the Community who have gained the most Reward Points

WHAT DO YOU GET REWARDED FOR?

- ★ Attendance
- ★ Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities
- ★ Positive Growth Mindset
- ★ Progress and Achievement
- ★ Competition participation and winning
- ★ Sports Day participation and winning
- ★ Receiving a Jack Petchey Award
- ★ Positive behaviour, e.g. good organisation and being polite and helpful
- ★ Effort, e.g. in work, with yourself, to improve
- ★ Random Acts of Kindness
- ★ Being resilient ~ facing (and overcoming) challenges
- ★ Positive contribution to the wider school community

Questions? See the Rewards PPT on Teams



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