



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential



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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was good to welcome our students and staff back from their trip to India over half term. They had an amazing time and we are looking forward to them sharing their experiences and telling us more about working in our partner school in Chennai. To continue the international theme, our music students and staff will be travelling to Madrid next week and we hope that they have a good trip. In addition, 2 of our 6th formers, Aaron Hampshire and Dulce Lopes will be visiting Auschwitz as part of the work of the Holocaust memorial trust. They will be returning to school to further raise awareness of the Holocaust among our young people.

Well done to all those involved in the dance performance on Friday last week. Particular mention must go to the Level 3 Dance year 12 students for a superbly choreographed dance piece. This is the first year that we have had a Level 3 provision in Dance in the 6th form so well done to Miss Sunderland and all the students involved. There was also a drama item and a musical interlude.

Our Careers Forum takes place on Tuesday 6th March 2018. This is an excellent opportunity for young people and for parents and carers to engage in discussions with external organisations about future pathways. I look forward to a very successful evening.

Staffing news

We welcome Mrs Botten to the school as 6th form study centre supervisor. We also welcome Mrs Hearn as Technician in Technology.

As last year, to ensure that all staff are updated on policies, procedures, current thinking and future planning we will be holding half termly staff meetings. The dates for these are Tuesday 24th April and Tuesday 5th June. On these dates students should be in school by 8.40 for lesson 1 to begin at 8.45.

Best wishes,

Matthew Brown, Head teacher

Polite request

Please could parents/carers refrain from dropping off their daughters on the zig zag lines outside the entrance to Sherwood Park Primary School in Ramillies Road as we have had complaints that this is causing obstructions and might result in an accident. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dr Valletta (Senior Deputy head teacher).

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that Year 7 coats must be Black or Navy Blue as per the uniform and equipment information issued in July last year.

'Outerwear should consist of a plain navy or black coat, jacket, raincoat, anorak/cagoule, or duffle coat. Coats of other colours or with large logos or brand names are not permitted and may be confiscated. Denim, fur/ fake fur, leather or suede jackets are not acceptable. Any hair decoration, including bandanas, must be discrete and in school colours; black, red or navy. All Hijabs must be plain black, red or navy.'

Students wearing incorrect uniform may have items confiscated and will receive a signature on their conduct card

Miss Hoad, Assistant Head teacher

Medication

Please may we remind parents that as per the school's Medical Policy, students should not be carrying any medication on their person in school unless it is for a life threatening illness such as diabetes, epilepsy, seizures, asthma etc. Medication should be given in to the school office for safe keeping and administering.

Medication cannot be administered to students without written permission from parents/carers. This includes paracetamol and ibuprofen as well as prescribed medication. A copy of the permission slip is available from reception or the school office when required. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

School Office

Blue Community News

Sophie Garrad, Year 7, B9 was nominated by her primary school, St Peter Chanel Primary to attend a Civic Centre event at Bexleyheath Civic Centre on Tuesday 5th December. Sophie's award was for outstanding progress and achievement in all subjects, especially Maths.



Well done Sophie on such a fantastic achievement!

YEAR 11 FLIGHTPATHS CHALLENGE DAY – 12TH MARCH 2018

Are you on board?

Of course you are! And we are very grateful for the on-going support and input of Year 11 parents in this significant term. Year 11 students are booked on Flight 23-08-18, the all-important date when they will receive their GCSE results. So the upcoming *Flightpaths Challenge Day* on 12th March 2018 is designed specifically for Year 11 students and their families!

As the title of the day suggests, we are keeping the aspirations of our Year 11 students firmly fixed on their flightpath to Year 12 and beyond. Student participation in the day involves attending four workshop sessions, each with a different focus but sharing the same aim: raising the aspirations of students to achieve their personal 'best'. This year, we are inviting their families to also 'come on board' and attend the *Travel Schedule* workshop. This particular session will provide time management strategies and guidance to take the worry out of managing revision and ensure that support in school and at home are closely joined.

Year 11 parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the same workshop as their daughter or to choose a different session that is more convenient to you. The workshop timings are shown below and the booking form has been emailed to all families. The deadline for the return of booking forms is 8.30am on 5.3.18.

Travel schedule: Time management workshops

8.30am – 9.35am:	Green 5 – 8; Blue 9, Yellow 9, Red 9, Purple 9 & Green 9
9.35am – 10.40am:	Blue 1 – 4; Blue 5 – 8; Yellow 1 – 4
11.05am – 12.10pm:	Yellow 5 – 8; Red 1 – 4; Red 5 – 8
1.00pm – 2.00pm:	Purple 1 – 4; Purple 5 – 8; Green 1 – 4

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate babies or young children on this occasion.

The Flightpaths Challenge Day also aims to treat Year 11 students as the young adults they want to be in Year 12 and for them to respond likewise. To this end, students are requested to wear the Sixth Form dress code for the Challenge Day, rather than their usual school uniform. The Sixth Form dress code has been emailed to parents and carers and has also been explained to students in Assemblies. We have made it very clear that a brand new wardrobe is *not* required!

We know that Year 11 students are working very hard at the moment and the school is providing a free buffet-style lunch on the Challenge Day, in recognition of all their efforts to do well. This has been a very special event in the past and we are looking forward tremendously to another inspiring day with our Year 11 students. Why not join us?

Ms Minnis, Assistant Head teacher

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PRIDE in each other!! - Community News

We have launched another new initiative during our community time...PRIDE in each other.

Students nominate one another for the core qualities listed below. They post their nominations in the post box by the art block. Once a week the Student Community Leadership Team empty the box and select an overall winner for a small treat, all nominees receive reward points

Our lucky winners this term so far are

Abigail Roberts R5

Lily Hales B9

Well done everyone, we are looking forward to your nominations this week!

The student Community Leadership Team



‘PRIDE’
in each other



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I nominate..... Form.....
because they are (please select)

- ◇ Positive / Polite
- ◇ Resilient / Respectful
- ◇ Introspective
- ◇ Determined
- ◇ Enthusiastic / Empathetic

Please add details:

Careers and Work Experience

Kings College Medical Clinical Skills Workshop

Blackfen School is part of the Career Cluster programme supporting schools across Bexley, Greenwich and Bromley. The aim is to strengthen schools career provision. Blackfen is taking part in a year 8 programme to work with students to widen their horizons and raise aspirations through workplace visits, speakers coming into school and practical activities. Companies such as Thames Water and EDT are supporting the project.

A group of Year 8 and Year 9 students had the opportunity to take part in a clinical skills workshop where current medical students visited to teach students how to how to take blood (using a model system), tie a bandage correctly and measure blood pressure.



The Kings College session was really practical because we learnt how to wrap a bandage the correct way.

Written by Baileigh Wedderburn Year 8, P3

The Kings College activity was very helpful because I learnt how to measure blood pressure, tie a bandage and take blood. This could potentially help me with my future choices.

Written by Khushi Kerai Year 8, P7

I really enjoyed the Kings College session because we got to measure blood and I found it very interesting.

Written by Amy Li Year 8, P6

I really enjoyed the Kings College session as we got to take a sample of red dye that resembled blood and we got to measure our blood pressure as well as learning about other life skills.

Written by Francesca Lee Year 8, B7

Middleton Murray
 Moat
 NCS
 North Kent College
 Oxleas NHS
 Prospects
 Ravensbourne
 Reynolds Training Group
 Rose Bruford College
 Royal Air Force
 Royal Veterinary College
 Skills for Growth
 University of Cambridge
 University for the Creative Arts
 University of Essex
 University of Greenwich
 University of Kent
 University of Law
 University of Oxford
 University of Sussex

Calendar of Events – Spring/Summer Terms 2018

Details of Events scheduled so far

Date	Event
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th March 2018	KS3 & KS4 Madrid Trip (Music Dept)
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Careers Forum 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 8 th March 2018	Year 9 Parents Evening Yellow, Purple and Red 5-9
<i>Monday 12th March 2018</i>	<i>Challenge Day</i>
Tuesday 13 th March 2018	Year 12 Geography Trip
Wednesday 14 th March 2018	Year 9 Subject Selection Interviews Year 12 Government & Politics Revision Day
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Voice in a Million trip to Wembley Arena Year 11 PFS afternoon
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd March 2018	Achievement Assemblies (Students only)
Wednesday 21 st & Thursday 22 nd March 2018	Year 10 Geography Trips
Wednesday 21 st March 2018	Easter Concert
Saturday 24 th – Saturday 31 st March 2018	Year 8 & 9 Ski Trip
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Last day of Term School finishes at 12.50pm
Monday 2nd – Friday 13th April 2018	Easter Holidays

Monday 16 th April 2018	Start of term at 8.30am (Week B)
Tuesday 24 th April 2018	Extended Staff Briefing - <i>school starts at 8.45am</i>
Thursday 26 th April 2018	Year 7 Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Friday 27 th – Monday 30 th April 2018	Duke of Edinburgh weekend (practice)
Monday 30 th April 2018	Year 8 HPV Immunisation
Thursday 3 rd May 2018	Year 8 Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Monday 7th May 2018	Bank Holiday
Friday 18 th – Monday 21 st May 2018	Duke of Edinburgh Weekend
Monday 21 st May 2018	Year 8 & 9 Immunisation catch up session
Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	Sixth Form Oscars
Friday 25 th May 2018	Sixth Form Leavers Assembly
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018	Half Term
Tuesday 5 th June 2018	Extended Staff Briefing – <i>school starts at 8.45am</i>
WB 11 th June 2018	Year 10 PPE week
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Sports Awards Evening
Wednesday 20 th June 2018	Summer Festival
Monday 26 th & Tuesday 27 th June 2018	Art Exhibition
<i>Thursday 28th June 2018</i>	<i>Challenge Day</i>
Thursday 28 th – Friday 29 th June 2018	Year 12 Eastbourne Trip
Friday 29 th June 2018	Year 12 Induction Day/Year 11 Celebration
Monday 2 nd – Friday 13 th July 2018	Year 10 Work Experience fortnight
Monday 2 nd July 2018	Green Community Certificate Presentation
Tuesday 3 rd July 2018	Year 6 Induction day and Year 6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 4 th July 2018	Red Community Certificate Presentation
Thursday 5 th July 2018	Yellow Community Certificate Presentation
Friday 6 th July 2018	Purple Community Certificate Presentation
Monday 9 th July 2018	Blue Community Certificate Presentation
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	Sports Day
Wednesday 11 th July 2018	Discover Day 1
Thursday 12 th July 2018	Discover Day 2
Friday 13 th July 2018	Last Day of Term – <i>school finishes at 12.50pm</i>