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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our students continue to prepare for forthcoming written examinations at the same time as completing various practical and oral examinations. This is the first year of external examinations where the majority of the examinations are the "reformed" qualifications. This has been a significant change for staff, students and parents but we are optimistic that our young people are prepared for the final examinations. We wish them all the best during this time. We know that all their hard work over many years will reap great rewards for them all. I have been so impressed with how hard they have worked during their time at the school so far. I would also like to thank all staff for their work in supporting students across the curriculum in preparation for the examinations.

I would like to thank all parents of years 7 and 8 students for attending the recent parents' evenings. Both evenings were very successful. I would like to thank parents for their feedback on how we could continue to improve such evenings. Thank you to all parents who supported the book fair in school and to Ms Kingsbury-Barker, Ms Thomas and Ms Bland for their work at each of the parents' evenings.

Planning for next year is fundamental to the work which staff and Governors are involved in during this term and underpinning this planning is our work on self evaluation and review of the last year – our successes and our areas for improvement. Once again we will be running our Blackfen Speaks events for parents. A selection of parents will be invited to attend meetings on Monday 21 May 2018 to provide invaluable feedback to us. Letters will be sent home in due course. Please aim to make it a priority to attend if you are invited.

6th form students continue to raise money for CRY and events during these last 3 weeks of the half term include a lunchtime concert organised by the music students and a smile mile – fun run for year 7. Well done to all those involved in raising money to support the work of the CRY charity.

This half term finishes at the normal time on Friday 25 May 2018. We return to school on Monday 4 June 2018 at the normal time. It will be Week B when we return.

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 next date for this is Tuesday 5th June. On this dates students should be in school by 8.40 for lesson 1 to begin at 8.45, however examinations will begin at the normal time.

Best wishes,

Matthew Brown, Head teacher

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Year 11 and Year 13 Public Examinations update

MORNING AND AFTERNOON PUBLIC EXAMINATION TIMES

All students in Year 11 and Year 13 taking public examinations should note the following arrangements for morning and afternoon start times. There is no late admittance to public examinations:

Morning examinations: Line up outside examination rooms at 8.45am
Afternoon examinations: Line up outside examination rooms at 12.45pm

YEAR 11 ARRANGEMENTS

Year 11 students attend their usual lessons until all examinations in each subject have been taken. Students may leave school following afternoon examinations which finish before 3.10pm, as long as they have not been requested to see a teacher. Year 11 students wear full school uniform to sit examinations. Mobile phones, mobile devices and digital watches must be handed in at the beginning of the examination. They are kept safely for the duration of the examination in individually numbered bags, placed at the end of each row of examination tables.

YEAR 11 BREKKIE BOOSTERS

Year 11 students can sign up for free Brekkie Boosters from 7.00am to 7.30am before GCSE examinations that start at 9.00am. Final booster sessions will run in classrooms from 7.30am – 8.15am. We recommend students taking up this opportunity.

YEAR 11 EARLY LUNCHES

Light lunch items will be available to Year 11 students from the 'Food Cube' (NOT the canteen) at the early time of 12.20pm to 12.50pm, as from Monday 14th May. We strongly recommend Year 11 students to have something to eat and drink before afternoon examinations. Bottled water - with the label removed - is allowed in examination rooms but no other still or fizzy drink.

COLLECTION OF GCSE AND A-LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS

- A-level examination results are published on Thursday 16th August 2018 and will be available for collection in the Sixth Form Learning Zone from 9.00am – 10.00am, only. Results that are not collected at this time will be posted home to students. It is not possible for students to collect results on behalf of their friends.
- GCSE examination results are published on Thursday 23rd August 2018 and will be available for collection in the Sports Hall from 9.00am to 11.00am, only. Results that are not collected at this time will be posted home to students. Parents are warmly invited to join students in the Sports Hall for this important occasion and may collect results on behalf of students as long as suitable identification is provided, for example, a driving licence photo card or passport.
- Year 11 students who have been offered a place in Blackfen School's Sixth Form must confirm, in person, that they will be taking up their place at our Sixth Form between 9am and 12 noon on Thursday 23rd August 2018. Enrolment will take place following a meeting with a member of Sixth Form staff to review the GCSE results achieved.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Alldis or Miss O'Connor (Examination Officers) on Extension 3143 should you have further queries regarding public examinations.

Ms Minnis, Assistant Head teacher

Calendar of Events – Summer Terms 2018

Details of Events scheduled so far

Date	Event
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
Friday 22 nd June	Year 11 End of examinations celebration assembly School closes at 1.20pm for all other years
Tuesday 26 th & Wednesday 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>