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Item

Year 6 Open Evening Event

We were delighted to welcome over 1,000 visitors to our Year 6 Open Evening this week! It was a fantastic evening, and as always, the best feedback was about our wonderful students. A huge shout-out to all the student helpers for showing the LAB values at their best and for giving our visitors such a warm welcome.

If you have a child currently in Year 6 and are applying for a 2026-2027 Year 7 place, please ensure you register for the banding test by following the link [here](#).

Upcoming Year 6 Open Morning – Wednesday 1st October

We're excited to be hosting our first Year 6 Open Morning on Wednesday 1st October.

Please note: This is a ticket-only event. For the safety of our students and staff, entry will not be permitted without a valid ticket.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation — we look forward to welcoming our future families!

Year 6 Banding Test - Saturday 4th October

We will be holding our first Banding Test of the year on Saturday 4th October.

Please note: This is an invite-only event. You must apply via our [website](#) before 31/10/2025. Please do not attend unless you have received an official invitation (please remember to check your junk mail). Any questions please email admissions.blackheath@blackheath.latrust.org.uk.

Year 11 Parents Evening

We will be hosting our first year 11 parents evening on Wednesday 1st October from 3pm to 6pm. Please find attached the [letter](#) that was shared. Our booking system will close at 9am on Wednesday 1st October 2025.

School Photographs - Ordering information

Individual school photographs were taken today. Students will be bringing home a **unique code** which will allow you to view and purchase the photos online.

National College Guide

This week's guide is about Youth Violence and can be viewed [here](#).

FAO Parents/Carers in Year 10 Year 10 Community Languages

If your child is fluent in one of the following languages and you would like them to complete an additional GCSE in this language, please complete this [form](#) by Friday 3rd October.

General guidance in undertaking exams

- Your child must have the ability to speak, listen, read and write using all tenses confidently
- Be committed to study independently
- Attend an after-school event to complete a written paper in their chosen language to assess their suitability for entrance.
- We will support by providing past papers, organisers examiners for speaking exams and entering your child for the GCSE.

Travel Reminder

To ensure a safe and smooth departure for all, we kindly ask that parents/carers do not park directly outside the academy. Please make arrangements to meet your child a short distance away from the immediate academy gates. This request is crucial given the sheer volume of students exiting the site simultaneously each afternoon; on a typical day, approximately 1150 students will be making their way home. Vehicles parked in this area invariably block essential gateways and pedestrian pavements, creating unnecessary hazards and making it considerably more challenging for students to leave the premises safely.

Your understanding and cooperation in these matters are greatly appreciated.

Year 7 and Year 8 Road Safety talk

Students in years 7 and 8 were given a road safety talk in assemblies this week.

Please reinforce the importance of being safe when travelling to school by reminding your child to look both ways, to not run and to not be distracted by being on their phone when crossing the road.

We offer a bespoke programme to support students with learning how to travel safely to school. If you would like your child to take part in this, please contact send@blackheath.latrust.org.uk.

Home/School Agreement - 25/26

We are pleased to share our Home-School Agreement, a crucial document designed to foster a strong and collaborative partnership between our learning environment and your family. This agreement outlines the shared responsibilities, expectations, and commitments that are vital for ensuring your child's success. We kindly request that you take the time to read through this attached [document](#) and then complete the accompanying [Google Form](#) as soon as possible.

Cucina

Please ensure that your child's **ParentPay account** has sufficient funds each day to cover meals and other expenses. You are able to view Cucina's menus and price guide [here](#).

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure a smooth lunchtime experience for all students.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your support with ensuring high levels of attendance and punctuality.

Statistics show that when students are consistently present and arrive on time, they are more engaged in learning, build stronger connections with their peers and teachers, and develop important habits that support responsibility and time management.

Missing school, or arriving late, even occasionally, can disrupt a child's progress and make it harder to keep up with lessons and class activities.

According to the Department for Education's statistics, students who have high attendance are much more likely to achieve strong GCSE grades, especially in English and Maths. Pupils with excellent attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve a Grade 5 or above in these subjects compared to those who miss just 10% of school.

Arriving 10 minutes late to school each day adds up to over 30 hours of lost learning each term, that's nearly a full week of school missed, which has a similar impact on progress as regular absence.

Uniform Expectations

Wearing the academy uniform correctly reflects our students' commitment to our values of respect and integrity, promoting a sense of belonging, and readiness to engage as principled and caring members of our learning community.

Uniform Expectations

As outlined on our website, students are required to wear the following items each day:

- **Navy blue blazer** with the academy crest
- **Steel grey trousers** or **pleated skirt**
- **White button-up shirt**
- **Leigh Academy Blackheath College tie**
- **Plain navy or grey socks**
- **Black leather shoes** with **plain black laces** (no coloured laces)

Jewellery and Makeup Guidelines

- Students may wear studded earrings, but the following are **not permitted**:
- Hooped earrings or facial piercings
- Nail varnish or nail extensions
- Lip gloss, false eyelashes, or heavy makeup

General Appearance

Students must wear **full uniform while onsite**, including their blazer (with the exception of jumpers during warmer months). Shirts must be **tucked in, top buttons fastened**, and skirts should not be rolled up. Trousers should be worn appropriately on the waist.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring all of our students are proud representatives of the academy.