



**Date: Friday 3rd October 2025**

**Issue: 5**

## Item

### Year 6 Banding Test - Saturday 4th September 2025

Just a reminder that 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](mailto:admissions.blackheath@blackheath.latrust.org.uk)

### Upcoming Year 6 Open Morning – Wednesday 8th October

We will be holding our second open morning on Wednesday at 9am and 9:45am. This is a ticket-only event. For the safety of our students and staff, entry will not be permitted without a valid ticket.

If you have not managed to book a ticket could we please request that you continue to monitor our website for updates.

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

### Safeguarding - Online Toolkit for Parents

Please find information for supporting keeping your child safe online via the London Grid for Learning [website](#).

### Missed Learning

Please ensure that your son/daughter arrives at school **before 8.25am** so that they can be on time for their first lesson at 8.30am to avoid missing out on valuable learning time.

- **5 minutes late per day** equates to **3 days** of missed learning
- **10 minutes late per day** equates to **6.5 days** of missed learning
- **15 minutes late per day** equates to **10 days** of missed learning
- **20 minutes late per day** equates to **13 days** of missed learning
- **30 minutes late per day** equates to **19 days** of missed learning

Students who arrive at school late miss out on key parts of the lesson;

- **Lesson introductions**
- **Important instructions**
- **Key information**
- **Context needed to understand the topic**

This leads to difficulty keeping up with the rest of the class.

## **Inktober 2025 Competition**

INKTOBER IS HERE! Join the October drawing challenge – 1 drawing every day (digital or hand-drawn). Do all 31 days and you could win! Prizes: One winner for KS3, KS4, KS5 and STAFF! See attached for the official Inktober prompts. Any resources are fine – just be creative! Let's fill October with art. Who's in?

## **Head Lice**

We have been informed of a case of head lice within the Fawcett college. It is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

## **National College Guide**

This week's guide is about EA Sports FA 26 and can be viewed [here](#).

## **World Mental Health Day**

On Friday, 10th October, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day. We will be supporting the charity Young Minds with their "Hello Yellow" campaign. Students are invited to wear a yellow accessory (such as yellow socks, badge or a yellow hair accessory) along with their full school uniform on this day and donate £1 on ParentPay. All funds raised will go to Young Minds. There is more information on this great charity [here](#).

## **School Photographs**

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. If you haven't purchased photographs from us previously you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**