

Blackrock College



SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024 - 2025

165TH ACADEMIC YEAR

2024 - 1st Term

AUGUST

Mon-Fri	19-23	Interviews by Year Deans
Tuesday	20	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	21	House Captains' Leadership Retreat (12.30 pm - 8.00 pm)
Thursday	22	Induction for New Staff Members (9.30 am - 3.30 pm)
Thursday	22	House Captains' Leadership Retreat (10.00 am - 2.00 pm)
Friday	23	Heads of Department Meeting (9.00 am)
Friday	23	Staff Seminar (10.20 am - 2.40 pm)
Sunday	25	New Boarders' Arrive (3.00 pm to 5.00 pm)
Sunday	25	Returning Boarders' Arrive (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	26	2 nd Year Induction (9.00 am - 2.30 pm)
Monday	26	TY Student Induction (9.30 am - 11.30 am)
Monday	26	5 th Year Student Induction (12.00 noon - 2.00 pm)
Tuesday	27	Classes for all year groups (9.30 am - 2.30 pm)
Thursday	29	Transition Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Friday	30	Transition Year Career Aptitude & Interest Assessment (CAT & Eirquest) (9.00 am)
Saturday	31	Study Skills Workshop for 6 th Year

SEPTEMBER

Monday	2	Night Study for Dayboys Commences (6.00 pm - 9.00 pm)
Monday	2	2 nd Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Thurs-Mon	5-10	Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (6th Year)
Thursday	5	Heads of Department Meeting
Thursday	5	6 th Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Friday	6	Application Cards
Friday	6	Inter-House Rugby 10s (3 rd - 6 th Year) (4.00 pm)
Saturday	7	2 nd Year Inter-House Rugby 10s
Sunday	8	Parents Retreat (9.20 am - 12.00 noon)
Mon-Fri	09-20	Matthew 25 Programme 1 (T.Y.)
Monday	9	5 th Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	10	Clubs and Societies Day
Tuesday	10	Subject Department Meetings No. 1
Tuesday	10	Parents' Council A.G.M. (7.00 pm) and Year Committees Training (7.30 pm)
Wednesday	11	Transition Year Tours (a.m.)
Thursday	12	Subject Department Meetings No. 1
Thursday	12	Student Congress (5.30 pm)
Thursday	12	3 rd Year Parents' Information Evening (7.30 pm)
Monday	16	Education Committee Meeting No. 1
Mon-Fri	16-20	Week of Reconciliation Services
Mon-Fri	16-20	Transition Year Class Week
Tuesday	17	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	17	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Thursday	19	House Photographs for Annual (a.m.)
Friday	20	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	20	Progress Cards No. 1
Saturday	21	6 th Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Sun-Tues	22-24	6 th Year Retreats
Monday	23	Year Assemblies 2 nd to 5 th Year
Monday	23	College Sailing Regatta
Mon-Fri	23-27	Environment Action Week
Mon-Fri	23-4 Oct	Matthew 25 Programme 2 (T.Y.)
Monday	23	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	23-26	Year Committee Meeting No. 1
Tuesday	24	Commissioning of House Captains
Wednesday	25	Higher Options Conference 6 th Years - R.D.S.
Friday	27	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Monday	30	Free Day (Class Suspended)
Monday	30	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)

OCTOBER

Wednesday	2	Feast of Claude Poullart DES Places, co-founder of the Holy Ghost Congregation
Wednesday	2	Whole School Assembly - Commissioning of 2 nd and 6 th Year House Captains
Thursday	3	5 th Year Retreats
Saturday	5	6 th Year Saturday Study Commences (9.30 am - 12.30 am)
Mon-Fri	7-11	Wellbeing Week

October - continued

Mon-Fri	7-11	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon-Fri	7-18	Matthew 25 Programme 3 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	8	Wellbeing Week (Anti-Bullying Day)
Tuesday	8	3 rd Year Day of Reflection I
Tuesday	8	Swimming Gala (6.00 pm)
Wednesday	9	Staff In-service (1.30 pm - 4.30 pm)
Thursday	10	3 rd Year Day of Reflection II
Thursday	10	Wellbeing Week (Literacy Day)
Friday	11	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	11	Wellbeing Week (Jersey Day)
Friday	11	3 rd Year Day of Reflection III
Friday	11	D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read 3.25pm - 3.45pm)
Mon-Fri	14-18	Maths Week
Tuesday	15	Oide - Whole School Training Day - Class Suspended
Tuesday	15	Boarders' Retreat
Tuesday	15	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Saturday	19	Career Talks 5 th and 6 th Year 1 (10.00am)
Thursday	24	3 rd Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Thursday	24	Rock-Ed (7.30 pm)
Friday	25	Progress Cards No. 2
Friday	25	Class Terminates at 3.45 pm for Mid-term
Mon-Fri	28-1Nov	Mid-term Break

NOVEMBER

Sunday	3	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	4	Classes Re-commence
Tuesday	5	Transition Year Tours (a.m.)
Tuesday	5	CAO Talk for Parents of 6 th Year (7.00 pm)
Wednesday	6	Mass of Remembrance (7.30 pm)
Thursday	7	Heads of Department Meeting
Saturday	9	Career Talks 5 th and 6 th Year II (10.00 am)
Monday	11	Oide - Cluster Day - Class Suspended
Mon-Thurs	11-14	Science Week
Monday	11	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	11-14	Year Committee Meeting No. 2
Tuesday	12	Subject Department Meetings No. 2
Tuesday	12	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	12	6 th Year Careers Fair (6.30 pm to 8.00 pm)
Thursday	14	Subject Department Meetings No. 2
Thursday	14	Leman Auditions
Thursday	14	2 nd Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Friday	15	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Mon-Fri	18-22	Blackrock College Radio
Tues-Fri	19-22	School Musical
Wednesday	20	Board of Management Meeting (5.00 pm)
Thursday	21	Education Committee Meeting No. 2
Thursday	21	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.30 pm)
Thursday	21	Union Night at Musical
Mon-Tues	25-26	Irish / MFL Christmas Aurals
Mon-Fri	25-29	Transition Year Class Week
Mon-Thurs	25-5 Dec	Matthew 25 Programme 4 (T.Y.)
Wednesday	27	St. Vincent de Paul Fund-raiser (2 nd & 3 rd Year)
Thursday	28	St. Vincent de Paul Fund-raiser (5 th Year)
Thurs-Fri	28-29	6 th Year 24-Hour Fast for St. Vincent de Paul (Commence 1.30 pm)
Friday	29	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Fri-Sat	29-30	St. Vincent de Paul Soccer Marathon (T.Y.)
Saturday	30	4 th Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)

DECEMBER

Sunday	1	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	2-6	Transition Year Class Week
Monday	2	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Thursday	5	4 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Sunday	8	Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	8	Past Parents Carol Service (4.30 pm)
Sunday	8	Boarders' Carol Service and Family Mass (6.30 pm)
Tuesday	10	Carol Service (2.30 pm)
Tuesday	10	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	11	Past Parents Retreat
Thurs-Fri	12-20	House Exams
Friday	13	Staff Eucharist (7.30 pm)
Friday	20	Class Terminates - End of 1st Term
Mon-Fri	23-3 Jan	Christmas Break
Wednesday	25	Christmas Day, Nativity of The Lord

2025 - 2nd Term

JANUARY

Sunday	5	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	6	Classes Re-commence
Monday	6	The Epiphany of the Lord (Class continues)
Tuesday	7	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	7	Transition Year Tours
Thurs-Fri	9-10	3 rd Year Study Skills (8.40 am - 12.40 pm)
Thursday	9	6 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Mon-Fri	13-24	Matthew 25 Programme 5 (T.Y.)
Mon-Fri	13-17	Year Committee Meeting No. 3
Thursday	16	3 rd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	17	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	17	Transition Year Parents Social
Sun-Sat	19-25	Catholic Schools' Week
Mon-Fri	20-24	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday	21	CV Preparation for 6 th Years (A.M.)
Tuesday	21	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	22	Education Committee Meeting No. 3
Fri-Sat	24-25	RockMUN
Sunday	26	6 th Year Sunday Study Commences (9.30 am - 12.30 pm)
Mon-Fri	27-31	Wellbeing Week (Mental Health Action Day)
Mon-Fri	27-7 Feb	Matthew 25 Programme 6 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	28	Heads of Department Meeting
Tuesday	28	Past v. Present Debate (7.30 pm)
Thursday	30	Wellbeing Week (Addiction Awareness Day)
Thursday	30	5 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	31	Annual Cake Sale for Machakos
Friday	31	D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read, 3.25 pm - 3.45 pm)
Friday	31	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)

FEBRUARY

Sunday	2	Feast of Venerable Francis Libermann
Sunday	2	Leman Concert
Monday	3	Public Holiday
Tuesday	4	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday	4	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Friday	7	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	7	Progress Cards No. 3
Mon-Fri	10-14	Transition Year Work Experience I
Tuesday	11	Heads of Department Meeting
Wednesday	12	Career Interviews - 6 th Year (7.00 pm)
Thursday	13	2 nd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	14	Class Terminates at 3.45 pm for Mid-term
Mon-Fri	17-21	Mid-term Break
Sunday	23	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Sun-Fri	23-28	Holy Ghost Prep, Philadelphia visit
Monday	24	Classes Re-commence
Tuesday	25	Subject Department Meetings No. 3

February - Contd.

Tuesday	25	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wed-Tues	26-4 Mar	6 th Year Mock Orals
Thursday	27	Subject Department Meetings No. 3

MARCH

Mon-Fri	3-7	Environment Action Week 2
Mon-Fri	3-7	Transition Year Class Week
Mon-Fri	03-14	Matthew 25 Programme 7 (T.Y.)
Monday	3	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	4	Transition Year Tours
Tuesday	4	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tues-Fri	04-07	2 nd /4 th Year Musical
Wednesday	5	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	6	Education Committee Meeting No. 4
Thurs-Fri	06-07	Irish / MFL Easter Aural Tests
Mon-Thurs	10-13	Year Committee Meeting No. 4
Mon-Fri	10-14	Seachtain na Gaeilge
Thursday	13	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.30 pm)
Thursday	13	1 st Year Parents' Information Evening *Re: 2 nd Year 2025 - 2026 (7.00 pm)
Friday	14	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Monday	17	Bank Holiday
Monday	17	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Tuesday	18	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Thurs-Mon	20-31	House Exams

APRIL

Friday	4	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Saturday	5	5K Rock Run
Monday	7	2 nd Year Day of Reflection I
Monday	7	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	7-11	Lenten Reconciliation Services
Mon-Fri	7-11	Transition Year Work Experience II
Tuesday	8	2 nd Year Day of Reflection II
Wednesday	9	Grandparents Retreat (9.00 am - 12 noon)
Wednesday	9	3 rd Year Parents' Information Evening *Re: T.Y. 2025 - 2026 (7.30 pm)
Thursday	10	2 nd Year Day of Reflection III
Thursday	10	5 th Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Friday	11	Class Terminates - End of 2 nd Term
Mon-Fri	14-25	Easter Break
Thursday	17	Holy Thursday - College Union Retreat
Friday	18	Good Friday - College Union Retreat
Sunday	20	Easter Sunday
Friday	25	Union Annual Dinner
Sunday	27	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	28	Classes Re-commence
Mon-Thurs	28-1 May	Year Committee Meeting No. 5
Tuesday	29	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)

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There are 5 fundamental school values:

BE CARING ~ BE THERE ~ BE TRUTHFUL ~ BE GRATEFUL ~ BE RESPECTFUL

Adherence to these values is required at all times
not only in school, but also in the surrounding area.

A boy's conduct should always be courteous
and governed by respect for the person, property and reputation of others.

2025 - 3rd Term

MAY

Thursday	1	Heads of Department Meeting
Friday	2	Extra-Curricular Photographs for Annual
Fri-Fri	2-9	Transition Year Camino
Saturday	3	Willow Wheelers 100 Miles Cycle
Monday	5	Bank Holiday
Tues-Fri	6-9	Transition Year 'Music, Art and Drama Festival' M.A.D. Festival
Tues-Fri	6-16	Matthew 25 Programme 8 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	6	Subject Department Meetings No. 4
Tuesday	6	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	6	6th Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Thursday	8	Subject Department Meetings No. 4
Thursday	8	Summer Concert, Orchestra & Choir (7.00 pm)
Friday	9	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	9	Progress Cards No. 4
Sunday	11	Sports & Family Day (1.45 pm - 4.00 pm)
Monday	12	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	13	Student Congress (5.30 pm)
Thursday	15	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.30 pm)
Friday	16	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)

May - Contd.

Sunday	18	6 th Year Graduation Mass (12 noon)
Tuesday	20	Transition Year Day of Reflection
Tuesday	20	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Friday	23	Academic Prize Giving (4.30pm - 6.00 pm)
Mon-Tues	26-27	Transition Year Portfolio Assessment & Interviews
Wednesday	28	Summer Tests begin for 2 nd and 5 th Year
Wednesday	28	Class Ends for 3 rd , 4 th and 6 th Year
Wednesday	28	Hall of Residence: Parents' BBQ (6.00 pm)
Thursday	29	Union AGM
Friday	30	Class Ends for 2 nd and 5 th Year
Saturday	31	Irish Schools Athletics Championships (Tullamore, Co. Offaly)

JUNE

Monday	2	Bank Holiday
Wednesday	4	Public Examinations begin
Tuesday	17	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Friday	20	BCPA 'Bring & Buy' (Uniform and Books) in aid of Machakos

MISSION STATEMENT

Blackrock College aims to provide an environment in which:

- * Faith is nurtured**
- * Students can develop their full potential**
- * Personal responsibility is promoted**
- * Students are prepared for an appropriate career**
- * Students are made aware of their cultural heritage**
- * Parental collaboration is promoted and encouraged**

EACH PUPIL IS ENTITLED TO AN EDUCATION

FREE FROM FEAR AND INTIMIDATION.

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