



BLACKROCK COLLEGE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

159TH ACADEMIC YEAR

PRINCIPAL - MR A MacGINTY

DEPUTY-PRINCIPALS - MR B HERLIHY, MS S NOLAN and MS Y MARKEY

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COUNSELLORS

6 th Year	Ms N Drew
5 th Year	Mr M Ryan
4 th and 3 rd Year	Mr G Sullivan
2 nd Year	Mr D Brennan

CAREER GUIDANCE

6 th Year	Ms N Drew
5 th Year	Mr D O'Nuallain
4 th Year	Mr G Sullivan

AUGUST INTERVIEWS

The Deans will be available for interview each weekday from Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August. We are convinced of the importance of meeting parents with their sons during this week. Pupils are expected to be **formally dressed** for this meeting. Appointments may be made during office hours through Reception only (Tel: (01)2752100). **Parents of Boarders should also schedule a meeting with Mr Niall MacDermott.** If it is not possible to arrange an appointment during these days, arrangements should be made with the Dean by email.

RE-OPENING AND VACATIONS

Boarders return on Sunday 26th August (evening) from 7.00 pm.

Classes for all will begin on Monday, 27th August, 9.30 am - 12.00 noon, 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm
(8 x 30 minute classes).

An Induction Programme for Second Years will be held on Friday, 24th August (1.30 pm - 3.30 pm).

Induction for 2nd Year Boarders will take place on Sunday evening at 8.00 pm.

On regulation days classes commence at 8.45 am; afternoon classes at 1.30 pm.

Hallowe'en: **Friday 26th October (3.45 pm) to Sunday 4th November (Boarders return)**
Classes resume on **Monday 6th November**

Christmas: **Friday 21st December (12 noon) to Sunday 6th January 2019 (Boarders return)**
Classes resume **Monday 7th January 2019**

Mid-Term: **Friday 15th February (3.45 pm) to Sunday 24th February (Boarders return)**
Classes resume **Monday 25th February**

Easter: **Friday, 12th April (12 noon) to Sunday 28th April (Boarders return)**
Classes resume **Monday 29th April**

End of Year: **Wednesday 29th May for 3rd, 4th and 6th Year.**
Friday 31st May for 2nd and 5th Year

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

POLICY DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE WEBSITE.

THERE ARE 4 FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL RULES:

BE CARING

BE THERE

BE TRUTHFUL

BE GRATEFUL

Adherence to these rules 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.

Each student and a parent/guardian are required to sign a contract at the start of the academic year. This contract confirms your commitment to the Code of Behaviour for 2018-2019.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- ◆ A pupil, or a pupil party to a group, who brings the College Community into disrepute whilst identifiable as a member of the College, is subject to sanction. Sanctions such as detention or suspension will be imposed for serious offences - proportionate to the offence committed.
- ◆ Further, the College authorities reserve the right to resign the charge of a pupil for persistent idleness, violation of College rules or for any other reason judged by them to be in the interest of the common good.

**Each pupil is entitled to an education free from fear and intimidation.
Bullying is not tolerated in Blackrock College.**

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

- ◆ On regulation days the pupils **must check-in twice daily before 8.35 a.m. and 1.20 p.m. Pupils are deemed late after these times. Check-in commences at 8.15 am.**
- ◆ Absence from class without permission or the display of an uncaring attitude towards any member of the school community, or towards its property, is unacceptable. **Breach of this regulation will incur suspension.**
- ◆ Unauthorised use of mobile phones or other electronic devices is prohibited in the classrooms, the Study Hall, the Lecture Hall, between classes and during formal school activities. **Any misuse of these appliances will result in their confiscation. Sanctions will be at the discretion of the Dean.**
- ◆ 2nd Year pupils are only permitted to have talk/text phones. No device with internet access is permitted at any time on campus. **Breach of this regulation will incur suspension.**
- ◆ Water bottles are prohibited in the classrooms, Learning Centre, Chapel, Lecture and Day Study Halls. **Sanctions are at the discretion of the Dean.**
- ◆ Chewing gum is forbidden within the College. **A fine of €10.00 will apply.**
- ◆ Smoking is forbidden by law within the College buildings and precincts. Pupils may not smoke whilst engaged in a school activity or identifiable as a member of the school community. **Breach of this regulation will incur external suspension.**
- ◆ Possession of alcohol or illegal substances is prohibited while engaged in any school or school-related activity. **Failure to observe this regulation may lead to the College resigning the charge of a pupil.**

OUT OF BOUNDS

In the interest of Health & Hygiene, Propriety and Safety, areas in the College Grounds and surrounding areas (listed on the College Noticeboards) are Out of Bounds. It is the responsibility of each pupil to be aware of these areas. **Sanctions for breach include Suspension.**

DETENTION

Detention may be imposed at the discretion of the Dean for unsatisfactory application, department, punctuality or behaviour. Saturday detention is held from **9.45 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.** and is an integral part of the College's disciplinary procedure. **Failure to attend may result in internal suspension.**

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

In the interests of the health and safety of the pupils, an e-mail or phone call to the Dean, early on the day of absence, is required. An explanatory letter/signed copy of the e-mail from the Parent or Guardian, is also required on the day of his return. The Education Welfare Act obliges the College to inform the relevant authority of cumulative absences in excess of **twenty days**, and reasons thereof, during the course of the school year.

HEALTH

The school authorities should be given information of any medical issues or medication that a pupil must take on a regular basis. We strongly recommend that parents have appropriate medical cover in the event of injury or accident.

TRANSPORT

Pupils may not bring motor cycles or cars into, or through, the College grounds. In the interest of safety, access to the Cross Avenue exit by motorists is not permitted between **8.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.** **Cyclists should wear helmets at all times** - at night, a light and reflectors should be used. **Unauthorised vehicles parked in the College grounds will be clamped. A release fee will apply. Suspension may apply.**

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

There are two types of Report Card in use in the College:

1. **Weekly Application Cards** give an individual teacher's assessment of the EFFORT made by a pupil during that week.
2. **Progress Cards** are marked every four/five weeks. The marks based on class tests/assessments indicate the STANDARD attained by a pupil in the subject matter covered in class in the preceding weeks.

We attach a great deal of importance to our Card system. Cards are returned to boys every Monday. Please make sure that you review them with your son. Failure to do so, on a weekly basis, forfeits the many opportunities that arise for affirmation of your son's efforts. It also diminishes opportunities to assist where a deterioration in work is evident and an immediate response is the priority.

EXAMINATIONS

1. **There are full-scale examinations at the end of the Christmas and Easter terms.** Marked scripts are returned to pupils. Reports are sent to parents giving examination results and comments by the Dean of the Year on a pupil's punctuality, conduct, attitude and involvement in extra-curricular activities. In all years, adjustments may be made to classes based on these results.
2. **Formal examinations** take place in **2nd and 5th Year** at the end of Term 3. A summer report will follow. The result will be based on both the exam result and continuous assessment. **Portfolio Assessment Interviews** will take place at the end of Term 3 in Transition Year. Parents are afforded an opportunity of discussing all aspects of their son's education in the College with class teachers at Parent-Teacher meetings during the course of the year or with Deans by appointment at any time.

COLLEGE HOMEWORK DIARY

Each pupil is required to have and to use the official College Homework Diary on a daily basis. This should contain a record of both the oral and written assignments given by the teacher in class during the course of the day. **Each class period should have an entry.**

Parents are asked to check the College Homework Diary on a weekly basis.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each pupil should be involved in some aspect of the College's extra-curricular programme - sport, music, debates, etc. There is concern when a boy's involvement is exclusively attendance at class.

NIGHT STUDY

A number of places are available for 3rd, 5th and 6th Year dayboys **with priority given to pupils involved in extra-curricular activities after school on a regular basis.** Non-participation, indiscipline or irregular attendance will result in loss of place without refund. Applications to nightstudy@blackrockcollege.com.

DRESS AND DEPARTMENT

1. A high standard of dress and deportment must be maintained. **Pupils must travel to and from school in full College uniform, including footwear.** Deans are the judges of acceptable standards of dress and deportment.
2. A pupil wearing excessively long (**Hair should not be below the collar**) or excessively short hair (**Blade 3 is the minimum acceptable**) or hair that has been bleached or dyed will be considerably improperly dressed for class or activities associated with the school.
3. Pupils must be clean-shaven.
4. The wearing of jewellery, other than watches, whilst in school uniform or involved in school activities, is not permitted.
5. Except for games and Physical Education, the wearing of runners is not permitted during school hours unless excused by parents on medical grounds.
6. The top button of the shirt should be closed and shirts should be tucked in. College training tops should not be worn to class. Hooded sweat shirts are not permitted and may be confiscated.

CLOTHING LIST

Uniform items will be available at the College during the week of interviews at the end of August. These items can be purchased from *Uniformity (Tel: 2300501)www.uniformity.ie*

(a) Second and Third Year

Plain white shirt and the College tie.
Grey v-necked pullover with College crest.
Standard grey uniform trousers.
Black leather conventional shoes.
Boarders require a College Blazer.

(b) Transition Year and Fifth Year

Plain white shirt and the College tie.
Blue v-necked pullover with College crest.
Standard grey uniform trousers.
Black leather conventional shoes.
All pupils require a College Blazer.

(c) Sixth Year

Conventional shirt, tie, pullover and beige chino trousers.
Skinny trousers and denims are not permitted.
Black or brown leather conventional shoes.
College Blazer or Jacket.
Final year pupils are expected to be neatly dressed, setting a lead in this as in all other matters.

(d) Physical Education: House T-shirt

DeValera:	Red	Leman:	Black
Duff:	Yellow	McQuaid:	Green
Ebenrecht:	Purple	Shanahan:	Grey

Tracksuit/white shorts/white socks/sports footwear (runners and football boots).

Parents have an important role to play in the maintenance of good standards of conduct and deportment. We ask for full co-operation in this matter. Pupils failing to meet the standards outlined above will not be permitted to attend class or school activities.

LOSS OR DAMAGE OF PUPILS' PROPERTY

It is essential that all pupils have their clothes and other property clearly marked to facilitate identification. Pupils must be held responsible for the care and security of their own property. The College authorities do not accept responsibility for loss or damage of pupils' property e.g. schoolbags, bicycles, electronic devices, mobile phones, sports equipment, musical instruments, clothes etc. Parents are advised that these items can be readily insured under the normal household policy. **It is required that each pupil avails of the locker rental facility and should keep it locked at all times.** Padlocks are available for purchase at Reception at a cost of €6.00.