

Blackrock College



SCHOOL CALENDAR
2023 - 2024

164TH ACADEMIC YEAR

2023 - 1st Term

AUGUST

Mon-Fri	21-25	Interviews by Year Deans
Tuesday	22	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	23	Leadership Seminar for House Captains
Thursday	24	Induction for New Staff Members (9.30 - 3.30 pm)
Friday	25	Staff Seminar (9.30 am - 1.00 pm)
Sunday	27	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm); New Boarders' (2.00 pm - 4.00 pm)
Monday	28	2nd Year Induction (9.00 am - 12.15 pm); (1.00 pm - 2.30 pm)
Monday	28	Classes for 3 rd to 6 th Year, 9.30 am - 12.10; 1.10 pm - 2.30 pm (6 x 40 minute classes)
Tues-Thurs	29-31	Transition Year Student Induction Assembly

SEPTEMBER

Friday	1	Transition Year Career Aptitude & Interest Assessment (CAT & Eirquest) (9.00 am)
Saturday	2	Study Skills Workshop for 6 th Year
Sunday	3	Parents' Retreat (9.20 am - 12.00 noon)
Monday	4	Night Study for Dayboys Commences (6.00 pm - 9.00 pm)
Monday	4	Transition Year Parents' Conference (7.30 pm)
Tuesday	5	Orientation Evening for 2 nd Year Parents (7.30 pm)
Thurs-Tues	7-12	Pilgrimage to Lourdes (6th Year)
Thursday	7	Student Congress (5.30 pm)
Thursday	7	Heads of Department Meeting
Friday	8	Application Cards
Saturday	9	Inter-House Rugby 10s (3 rd - 6 th Year)
Sunday	10	Boarders' Family Mass (10.30 am)
Monday	11	5 th Year Parents' Career Seminar 1 (7.30 pm)
Mon-Fri	11-15	Week of Reconciliation Services
Mon-Fri	11-22	Matthew 25 Programme 1 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	12	Transition Year Tours (am)
Tuesday	12	Clubs and Societies' Day
Tuesday	12	Subject Department Meetings No. 1
Tuesday	12	Parents' Council A.G.M. (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	12	Parents' Association Year Committees Training Night (7.30 pm)
Wednesday	13	Talk for 3 rd Year Parents on Study Skills (7.30 pm)
Thursday	14	Subject Department Meetings No. 1
Friday	15	Learning and Teaching Sub Committee Meeting (7.30 am)
Saturday	16	Study Skills Workshop - 3 rd Year (Group I)
Saturday	16	2 nd Year Inter-House Rugby 10s
Monday	18	College Sailing Regatta
Monday	18	5 th Year Parents' Career Seminar 2 (7.30 pm)
Mon-Fri	18-22	Transition Year Class Week
Tuesday	19	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	19	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	20	Higher Options Conference 6 th Years - R.D.S.
Thursday	21	Anti-Bullying Day
Friday	22	Progress Cards No. 1
Saturday	23	6 th Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Saturday	23	Study Skills Workshop - 3 rd Year (Group II)
Sun-Tues	24-26	6 th Year Retreats
Monday	25	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	25-28	Matthew 25 Programme 2 (T.Y.)
Mon-Thurs	25-28	Environment Awareness Week
Mon-Thurs	25-28	Year Committee Meeting No. 1
Tuesday	26	Commissioning of House Captains
Thursday	28	House Photographs for Annual (am)
Thursday	28	DEAR (Drop Everything and Read, 3.25 pm - 3.45 pm)
Thursday	28	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Friday	29	Free Day (Class Suspended)

OCTOBER

Monday	2	Feast of Claude Poullart Des Places, co-founder of the Holy Ghost Congregation
Monday	2	Whole School Assembly (9.35 am) - Commissioning of 6 th Year House Captains
Monday	2	3 rd Year Day of Reflection I
Monday	2	TY Language Exchange Information Meeting at 6.30 pm
Tuesday	3	5 th Year Retreats
Wednesday	4	Staff In-service (1.30 pm - 4.30 pm)

October - continued

Thursday	5	Literacy Day
Thursday	5	3 rd Year Day of Reflection II
Friday	6	3 rd Year Day of Reflection III
Saturday	7	Study Skills Workshop - 3 rd Year (Group III)
Mon-Fri	09-20	Matthew 25 Programme 3 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	10	Swimming Gala (6.00 pm)
Friday	13	Learning and Teaching Sub Committee Meeting (7.30 am)
Friday	13	Eucharistic Adoration (8.15 am to 10.40 am)
Saturday	14	Study Skills Workshop - 3 rd Year (Group IV)
Saturday	14	2 nd Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	16-20	Maths Week
Tuesday	17	Boarders' Retreat
Tuesday	17	Junior Cycle Whole School Training Day - Class Suspended
Tuesday	17	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Friday	20	The Big Business Quiz (2 nd and 5 th Year)
Saturday	21	Career Talks 5 th and 6 th Year 1 (10.00 am)
Thursday	26	Rock-Ed (7.30 pm)
Friday	27	Progress Cards No. 2
Friday	27	DEAR (Drop Everything and Read, 3.25 pm - 3.45 pm)
Friday	27	Class Terminates at 3.45 pm for Mid-term
Tues-Fri	30-03 Nov	Mid-term Break

NOVEMBER

Sunday	5	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	6	Classes Re-commence
Tuesday	7	Transition Year Tours (a.m.)
Tuesday	7	CAO Talk for Parents of 6th Year (7.30 pm)
Thursday	9	Mental Health Awareness Day
Thursday	9	Heads of Department Meeting
Saturday	11	Career Talks 5 th and 6 th Year II (10.00am)
Saturday	11	3 rd Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Monday	13	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	13-16	Year Committee Meeting No. 2
Mon - Fri	13-17	Science Week
Tuesday	14	Subject Department Meetings No. 2
Tuesday	14	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	14	6 th Year Careers Fair (6.30 pm to 8.00 pm)
Thursday	16	Subject Department Meetings No. 2
Thursday	16	Leman Auditions
Friday	17	Learning and Teaching Sub Committee Meeting (7.30 am)
Mon - Fri	20-24	Blackrock College Radio
Tues - Fri	21-24	School Musical
Wednesday	22	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Thursday	23	Education Committee Meeting No. 2
Thursday	23	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.30 pm)
Thursday	23	Union Night at Musical
Monday	27	Irish Christmas Aurals
Mon-Fri	27-01 Dec	Transition Year Class Week
Mon-Fri	27-08 Dec	Matthew 25 Programme 4 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	28	Modern Language Christmas Aurals
Wednesday	29	Mass of Remembrance (7.30 pm)
Thursday	30	St. Vincent de Paul Fund-raiser (5 th Year)
Thursday	30	4 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Thurs-Fri	30-01 Dec	6 th Year 24-Hour Fast for St. Vincent de Paul (Commence 1.30 pm)

DECEMBER

Friday	1	Eucharistic Adoration (8.15 am to 11.40 am)
Friday	1	Progress Cards No. 3
Friday	1	DEAR (Drop Everything and Read, 3.25 pm - 3.45 pm)
Friday	1	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Fri-Sat	1-2	St. Vincent de Paul Soccer Marathon (Transition Year)
Saturday	2	4 th Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Sunday	3	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	4-8.	Transition Year Class Week
Monday	4	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Friday	8	Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Class Continues
Friday	8	Carol Service (2.30 pm)
Friday	8	Staff Eucharist (7.30 pm)
Sunday	9	Past Parents' Carol Service at 5.00 pm
Sunday	9	Boarders' Carol Service (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	12	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	13	Past Parents' Retreat
Thursday	14	Regulation Exams begin
Friday	22	Class Terminates - End of 1st Term
Fri-Fri	22-05 Jan	Christmas Break
Monday	25	Christmas Day, Nativity of The Lord

2024 - 2nd Term

JANUARY

Saturday	6	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	7	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	8	Classes Re-commence
Mon-Fri	08-19	Matthew 25 Programme 5 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	9	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Thursday	11	6 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Mon-Thurs	15-18	Year Committee Meeting No. 3
Friday	19	Learning and Teaching Sub Committee Meeting (7.30 am)
Friday	19	Transition Year Parents' Social
Sunday	21	Leman Concert
Sun-Sat	21-27	Catholic Schools' Week
Mon-Fri	22-02 Feb	Matthew 25 Programme 6 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	23	CV Preparation for 6 th Years (A.M.)
Tuesday	23	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	24	Education Committee Meeting No. 3
Thursday	25	3 rd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	26	Eucharistic Adoration (8.15 am to 11.40 am)
Fri/Sat	26-27	RockMUN
Saturday	28	5 th Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	29-02 Feb	Wellbeing Week
Tuesday	30	Heads of Department Meeting
Tuesday	30	Past v. Present Debate (7.30 pm)

FEBRUARY

Thursday	1	5 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	2	Feast of Venerable Francis Libermann (Class Continues)
Friday	2	Transition Year Corporate Duck Race
Friday	2	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Monday	5	Public Holiday
Tuesday	6	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	6	Safer Internet Day
Tues-Fri	6-9	Transition Year Work Experience I
Wednesday	7	Annual Cake Sale for Machakos
Wednesday	7	Career Interviews - 6 th Year (7.00 pm)
Thursday	8	2 nd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	9	DEAR (Drop Everything and Read, 3.25 pm - 3.45 pm)
Friday	9	Learning and Teaching Sub Committee Meeting (7.30 am)
Friday	9	Eucharistic Adoration (8.15 am to 11.40 am)
Friday	9	Progress Cards No. 4
Friday	9	Class Terminates at 3.45 pm for Mid-term
Mon-Fri	12-16	Mid-term Break
Wednesday	14	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	18	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Sun-Fri	18-24	Holy Ghost Prep, Philadelphia visit
Monday	19	Classes Re-commence

February - Contd.

Mon - Fri	19-01 Mar	Matthew 25 Programme 7 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	20	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Tuesday	20	Subject Department Meetings No. 3
Thursday	22	Subject Department Meetings No. 3
Monday	26	Modern Languages: Easter Aural Tests
Mon-Thurs	26-29	Year Committee Meeting No. 4
Mon-Fri	26-01 Mar	Environment Awareness Activities
Mon-Fri	26-01 Mar	Transition Year Class Week
Tuesday	27	Transition Year Tours
Tuesday	27	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	27	Irish Easter Aural Tests
Tuesday	27	Education Committee Meeting No. 4
Thursday	29	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.30 pm)

MARCH

Friday	1	Sion Hill Concert
Monday	4	Junior Cycle Cluster Day (class suspended)
Monday	4	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Tues-Fri	5-15	House Exams
Friday	15	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Sunday	17	St. Patrick's Day, Public Holiday
Monday	18	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	18	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	19	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Mon-Thurs	19-22	Lenten Reconciliation Services
Wednesday	20	Grandparents' Retreat (9.00 am - 12 noon)
Thursday	21	Addiction Awareness Day
Friday	22	Class Terminates - End of 2nd Term
Mon-Fri	25-05 Apr	Easter Break
Thursday	28	Holy Thursday - College Union Retreat
Friday	29	Good Friday - College Union Retreat
Sunday	31	Easter Sunday

APRIL

Friday	5	Union Annual Dinner
Sunday	7	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	8	Classes Re-commence
Friday	12	Learning and Teaching Sub Committee Meeting (7.30 am)
Monday	15	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	15-19	Seachtain na Gaeilge
Mon-Fri	15-26	Matthew 25 Programme 8 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	16	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	17	1 st Year Parents' Conference Re: 2nd Year 2024 - 2025 (7.30 pm)
Thursday	18	2 nd Year Day of Reflection I
Saturday	20	5K Rock Run
Tues-Fri	23-26	2 nd /4 th Year Musical
Thursday	25	2 nd Year Day of Reflection II
Tuesday	25	Subject Department Meetings No. 4
Tuesday	30	East Leinster Schools Athletics Championships Day 1
Thursday	30	Subject Department Meetings No. 4

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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.

2024 - 3rd Term

MAY

Wednesday	1	3 rd Year Parents' Conference *Re: T.Y. 2024 - 2025 (7.30 pm)
Thursday	2	2 nd Year Day of Reflection III
Thursday	2	East Leinster Schools Athletics Championships Day 2
Thursday	2	Spiritan Education Trust Development Education Showcase
Thursday	2	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.30 pm)
Friday	3	Extra-Curricular Photographs for Annual
Friday	3	Progress Cards No. 5
Friday	3	DEAR (Drop Everything and Read, 3.25pm - 3.45 pm)
Fri-Fri	3-10	Transition Year Camino
Sunday	5	Willow Wheelers 100 Miles Cycle
Monday	6	Free Day (May Bank Holiday)
Tuesday	7	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tues-Fri	7-10	Transition Year
		'Music, Art and Drama Festival' M.A.D. Festival
Tuesday	7	Student Congress (5.30 pm)
Tuesday	7	6th Year Parents' Conference (7.30 pm)
Thursday	9	Summer Concert, Orchestra & Choir (7.30 pm)
Friday	10	Learning and Teaching Sub Committee Meeting (7.30 am)
Sunday	12	Sports & Family Day (2.00 pm - 4.30 pm)
Monday	13	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	13-16	Year Committee Meeting No. 5
Mon-Fri	13-17	Transition Year Work Experience II

May - Contd.

Wednesday	15	Leinster Schools Athletics Championships Day 1
Friday	17	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Saturday	18	Leinster Schools Athletics Championships Day 2
Sunday	19	6 th Year Graduation Mass (12 noon)
Tuesday	21	Transition Year Day of Reflection
Tuesday	21	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Saturday	25	Academic Prize Giving (10.30 am)
Mon-Tues	27-29	Transition Year Portfolio Assessment & Interviews
Wednesday	29	Summer Tests begin for 2 nd and 5 th Year
Wednesday	29	Class Ends for 3 rd , 4 th and 6 th Year
Wednesday	29	Hall of Residence: Parents' BBQ (7.30 pm)
Thursday	30	Union AGM
Friday	31	Class Ends for 2 nd and 5 th Year

JUNE

Saturday	1	Irish Schools Athletics Championships (Tullamore, Co. Offaly)
Wednesday	5	Public Examinations begin
Tuesday	18	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Friday	21	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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