



# BLACKROCK COLLEGE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

*164<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR*

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## AUGUST INTERVIEWS

The Deans will be available for interview each weekday from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Tiernan Mealiffe.** If it is not possible to arrange an appointment during these days, arrangements should be made with the Dean by email once term commences.

## RE-OPENING AND VACATIONS

**Boarders** return on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August** (evening) from 6.00 pm.

**Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Year will begin on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30 am - 12.10; 1.10 pm - 2.30 pm**  
(6 x 40 minute classes).

An Induction Programme for **Second Years** will be held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August (9.00 am - 12.15 pm; 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm).

On regulation days classes commence at 8.40 am; lunch 12.50 - 1.45 pm; afternoon classes at 1.45 - 3.45 pm. Wednesday schedule: 8.40 am to 12.50 pm.

**Hallowe'en:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October (3.45 pm) to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November (Boarders return)  
Classes resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (12 noon) to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Boarders return)  
Classes resume Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Mid-Term:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February (3.45 pm) to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February (Boarders return)  
Classes resume Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Easter:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (12 noon) to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Boarders return)  
Classes resume Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

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

# CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

POLICY DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE WEBSITE.

## THERE ARE 5 FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL VALUES:

BE CARING	BE THERE	BE TRUTHFUL	BE GRATEFUL	BE RESPECTFUL
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We should always live by these values. They represent a way of life, for weekdays and weekends, term and holiday time. 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 2023-2024.**

## 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, community service 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, failure to act in support of our values or for any other reason judged by them to be in the interest of the common good.
- ◆ A pupil should not make contact with a staff member on social media at any time. To do so in any fashion would be deemed to be a serious breach of regulation.

**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 8.30 a.m. and 1.35 p.m.** Pupils are **deemed late after these times. Check-in commences at 8.10 am.**
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students may not leave the school grounds at lunchtime. **Breach of this regulation will incur external suspension.**
- ◆ 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 external suspension.**
- ◆ The College is a smartphone free zone during the school day. Students must keep smartphones in the Yondr pouch from 8.40 am to 3.45 pm, Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday and 8.40 am to 12.50 pm on Wednesday. **The sanction for not having the smartphone in the Yondr pouch during these times is confiscation of the smartphone for one week. Repeat offenders may be suspended.**
- ◆ 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. **Breach of this regulation will incur a sanction.**
- ◆ Smoking or vaping is forbidden within the College buildings and precincts. Pupils may not smoke or vape 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 which may be adjusted during the course of the school year. **Sanctions for breach include suspension.**

## DETENTION

Detention may be imposed at the discretion of the Dean for unsatisfactory application, deportment, 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. School uniform is required. **Failure to attend, without written explanation, will 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 on any medical issues, history 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 and also, that student vaccinations are up to date. Updates on a student's medical information should be emailed to [nurse@blackrockcollege.com](mailto:nurse@blackrockcollege.com).

## TRANSPORT

**Pupils may not bring skateboards, electric scooters, motorcycles 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 - during hours of darkness, 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 five times throughout the year. 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 AND COMMUNICATION

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. **Summer Tests take place in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Year.** A summer report will follow. The result will be based on both the test result and continuous assessment. **Portfolio Assessment Interviews** will take place at the end of Term 3 in Transition Year.
3. 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. **Otherwise, all communication should be through the Dean.**

## COLLEGE STUDENT JOURNAL

The journal has been designed to help pupils organise and plan their year. It should be used by the boys to reflect on and manage their learning. To support this, content has been added to the journal which focuses on learning and study skills as well as wellbeing supports within the College. Homework should be recorded, both 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 Student Journal on a weekly basis.**

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each pupil should be involved in some aspect of the College's extra-curricular programme - Sport, The Arts, and Outreach, etc. There is concern when a boy's involvement is exclusively attendance at class.

## NIGHT STUDY

A number of places are available for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year dayboys **with priority given to pupils involved in extra-curricular activities after school on a regular basis.** School uniform is required. Non-participation, indiscipline or irregular attendance will result in loss of place without refund. Absences should be, when possible, communicated in advance to [nightstudy@blackrockcollege.com](mailto:nightstudy@blackrockcollege.com) otherwise, an email the next day should follow.

## DRESS AND DEPORTMENT STUDENTS

1. A high standard of dress and deportment must be maintained. **Boys will not be permitted to attend class if improperly attired.** Deans are the judges of acceptable standards of dress and deportment.
2. **Pupils must travel to and from school in full College uniform, including footwear.**
3. A pupil wearing excessively long (**hair should not be below the top of the collar**) or excessively short hair (**blade 3 is the minimum acceptable**) or hair that has been bleached or dyed will be considered improperly dressed for class or activities associated with the school. Hair shall not be over the eyes. Hair accessories are not acceptable.
4. Pupils must be clean-shaven.
5. The wearing of jewellery, other than watches, whilst in school uniform or involved in school activities, is not permitted.
6. Except for games and Physical Education, the wearing of runners is not permitted during school hours unless excused on medical grounds.
7. 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 sweatshirts are not permitted and may be confiscated.

### CLOTHING LIST

Uniform items can be purchased from *Uniformity* (Tel: 01-2300501) [www.uniformity.ie](http://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.**

**(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 or navy chino trousers.  
Skinny trousers and denims are not permitted.  
**Black or brown leather conventional shoes.**  
**All pupils require a College Blazer.**

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**

<b>Browne:</b> Green	<b>DeValera:</b> Red	<b>Duff:</b> Yellow
<b>Ebenrecht:</b> Purple	<b>Leman:</b> Black	<b>Shanahan:</b> 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 including the school managed Surface Go, 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 strongly recommended that each pupil avails of the locker rental facility. **Lockers must be locked at all times.** Padlocks are available for purchase at the Secretariat at a cost of €10.00.