

Blackrock College



SCHOOL CALENDAR

2025 - 2026

166TH ACADEMIC YEAR

2025 - 1st Term

AUGUST

Mon-Fri	18-22	Interviews by Year Deans
Sunday	24	Boarders' Arrive (16.00 to 18.00)
Wednesday	20	House Captains' Leadership Retreat (12.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Thursday	21	House Captains' Leadership Retreat (9.00 am - 6.00 pm)
Thursday	21	Induction for New Staff Members (9.30 am - 3.30 pm)
Friday	22	Heads of Department Meeting (9.00 am)
Friday	22	Staff Seminar (10.15 am - 2.15 pm)
Monday	25	2 nd Year Induction (9.00 am - 2.30 pm)
Monday	25	T.Y. Student Induction (9.30 am - 11.30 am)
Monday	25	5 th Year Student Induction (12.00 pm - 2.00 pm)
Tuesday	26	Classes for all year groups (9.30 am - 2.30 pm)
Tuesday	26	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	27	Start of Games Programme
Thursday	28	Transition Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)

SEPTEMBER

Monday	1	Transition Year Career Aptitude & Interest Assessment (CAT & Eirquest) (9.00 am)
Monday	1	Night Study for Dayboys Commences (6.00 pm - 9.00 pm)
Monday	1	2 nd Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Thurs-Tues	4-9	Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (6 th Year)
Thursday	4	6 th Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Friday	5	Application Cards
Friday	5	Inter-House Rugby 10s (3 rd - 6 th Year) (4.00 pm)
Saturday	6	2 nd Year Inter-House Rugby 10s (10.00 am - 12.00 pm)
Sunday	7	Parents Retreat (9.20 am - 12.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	8-18	Matthew 25 Programme 1 (T.Y.)
Monday	8	5 th Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	9	Clubs and Societies Day
Tuesday	9	6 th Year Study Skills
Tuesday	9	Parents' Council A.G.M. (7.00 pm) and Year Committees Training (7.30 pm)
Wednesday	10	Transition Year Tours (AM)
Thursday	11	3 rd Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Friday	12	Karl Ashe Trophy Semi-Final (4.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	15-19	New School Year Liturgy Week
Monday	15	College Sailing Regatta
Mon-Fri	15-19	Transition Year Class Week
Tuesday	16	Heads of Department Meeting
Tuesday	16	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Wednesday	17	Higher Options Conference 6 th Years R.D.S.
Thursday	18	House Photographs for Annual (AM)
Thursday	18	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Thursday	18	Machakos Mass (6.15 pm)
Friday	19	School Closed (Classes Suspended)
Sunday	21	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Mon-Fri	22-26	Environment Action Week 1
Mon-Fri	22-03 Oct	Matthew 25 Programme 2 (T.Y.)
Monday	22	Education Committee Meeting No. 1
Monday	22	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	22-25	Year Committee Meeting Week No. 1
Tuesday	23	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Tuesday	23	ADHD Training for Staff (4.30 pm - 6.30 pm)
Tuesday	23	5 th Year Parents Careers Talks (7.00 pm)
Thursday	25	Subject Department Meetings No. 1
Thursday	25	Student Congress (5.30 pm)
Friday	26	Progress Cards No. 1
Friday	26	Karl Ashe Trophy Final (4.00 pm)
Saturday	27	6 th Year Family Mass (6.00 pm)
Sun-Tues	28-30	6 th Year Retreats
Monday	29	Commissioning of House Captains
Tuesday	30	3 rd Year Study Skills
Tuesday	30	Subject Department Meetings No. 1

OCTOBER

Thursday	2	Feast of Claude-François Poullart des Places, co-founder of the Holy Ghost Congregation
Thursday	2	Whole School Assembly - Commissioning of 2 nd and 6 th Year House Captains
Saturday	4	6 th Year Saturday Study commences (9.30 am - 12.30 pm)

October - continued

Mon-Fri	6-10	Wellbeing Week 1
Mon-Fri	6-17	Matthew 25 Programme 3 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	7	Wellbeing Week (Anti-Bullying Day)
Tuesday	7	Swimming Gala (6.00 pm)
Wednesday	8	Wellbeing Week (Literacy Day)
Thursday	9	Wellbeing Week (Jersey Day)
Wed-Fri	8-10	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday	10	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Fri -Sun	10-12	Sedbergh Rugby Festival
Mon-Fri	13-17	Maths Week
Tuesday	14	3 rd Year Day of Reflection I
Thursday	16	3 rd Year Day of Reflection II
Friday	17	3 rd Year Day of Reflection III
Saturday	18	Career Talks 5 th and 6 th Year 1 (9.00 am)
Tuesday	21	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Tuesday	21	Careers Fair (6.30 pm - 8.00 pm)
Thursday	23	3 rd Year Family Mass (6.15 pm)
Thursday	23	Rock-Ed (7.30 pm)
Friday	24	Progress Cards No. 2
Friday	24	Class Terminates at 3.45 pm for Mid-term
Tues-Mon	28-03 Nov	Mid-term Break

NOVEMBER

Monday	3	Child Protection Training Day (Classes Suspended)
Monday	3	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Tuesday	4	Classes Re-commence
Tuesday	4	CAO Talk for Parents of 6 th Year (7.00 pm)
Wednesday	5	Transition Year Tours (AM)
Thursday	6	Heads of Department Meeting
Thursday	6	Mass of Remembrance (6.15 pm)
Mon-Fri	10-14	Science Week
Monday	10	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	10-13	Year Committee Meeting Week No. 2
Tuesday	11	Subject Department Meetings No. 2
Tuesday	11	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Thursday	13	Subject Department Meetings No. 2
Thursday	13	Leman Auditions
Thursday	13	2 nd Year Family Mass (6.15 pm)
Friday	14	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Saturday	15	Career Talks 5 th and 6 th Year II (9.00 am)
Mon-Fri	17-21	Blackrock College Radio
Tues-Fri	18-21	School Musical
Thursday	20	Union Night at Musical
Mon-Tues	24-25	Irish / MFL Christmas Aurals
Mon-Fri	24-28	Transition Year Class Week
Mon-Fri	24-05 Dec	Matthew 25 Programme 4 (T.Y.)
Thursday	24	Education Committee Meeting No. 2
Tuesday	25	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	26	St. Vincent de Paul Fund-raiser (2 nd & 3 rd Year)
Thursday	27	St. Vincent de Paul Fund-raiser (5 th Year)
Thursday	27	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.00 pm)
Thursday	27	Transition Year Family Mass (6.15 pm)
Thurs-Fri	27-28	6 th Year 24-Hour Fast for St. Vincent de Paul (Commences 1.30 pm)
Friday	28	St. Vincent de Paul Soccer Marathon (Transition Year)
Friday	28	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Sunday	30	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)

DECEMBER

Mon-Fri	1-5	Transition Year Class Week
Monday	1	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	2	T.Y. Parents' Conference (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Thursday	4	Carol Service (2.30 pm)
Friday	5	Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday	7	Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	7	Past Parents Carol Service (4.30 pm)
Sunday	7	Boarders' Carol Service and Family Mass (6.30 pm)
Monday	8	Senior Cycle Training Day (Classes Suspended)
Wednesday	10	Past Parents Retreat
Thurs-Fri	11-19	In-house Exams
Friday	12	Staff Eucharist (7.00 pm)
Friday	19	Class Terminates - End of 1st Term
Mon-Fri	22-02 Jan	Christmas Break
Thursday	25	Christmas Day, Nativity of The Lord

2026 - 2nd Term

JANUARY

Sunday	4	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	5	Classes Re-commence
Tuesday	6	The Epiphany of the Lord (Class continues)
Thursday	8	Transition Year Tours
Thursday	8	6 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Mon-Thurs	12-15	Year Committee Meeting Week No. 3
Mon-Fri	12-23	Matthew 25 Programme 5 (T.Y.)
Tuesday	13	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	13	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Thursday	15	5 th Year Study Skills
Thursday	15	3 rd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	16	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	16	Transition Year Parents Social
Tuesday	20	CV Preparation for 6 th Years (AM)
Fri-Sat	23-24	RockMUN
Sunday	25	6 th Year Sunday Study Commences (9.30 am - 12.30 pm)
Sun-Sat	25-30	Catholic Schools' Week
Monday	26	Eucharistic Adoration
Monday	26	Education Committee Meeting No. 3
Tuesday	27	Heads of Department Meeting
Tuesday	27	Past v. Present Debate (7.30 pm)
Wednesday	28	6 th Year Mock Interviews (7.00 pm)
Thursday	29	5 th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	30	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Mon-Fri	26-06 Feb	Matthew 25 Programme 6 (T.Y.)

FEBRUARY

Sunday	1	Leman Concert - <i>tbc</i>
Monday	2	Feast of Venerable Francis Libermann
Monday	2	St. Brigid's Day
Tuesday	3	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Friday	6	Senior Cycle Training Day (Classes Suspended)
Sat - Wed	7-18	T.Y. Immersion Programme to Kenya
Mon-Tues	9-10	Irish/MFL Easter Aural Tests
Mon-Fri	9-13	Wellbeing Week 2
Mon-Fri	9-13	Transition Year Work Experience Week I
Tuesday	10	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday	10	Annual Cake Sale for Marigat
Tuesday	10	Heads of Department Meeting
Tuesday	10	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Wednesday	11	Wellbeing Week (Mental Health Action Focus)
Wednesday	11	Careers Interviews 6 th Year (7.00 pm)

February - Contd.

Thursday	12	Wellbeing Week (Addiction Awareness Focus)
Thursday	12	2 nd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting (4.15 pm - 6.45 pm)
Friday	13	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	13	Progress Cards No. 3
Friday	13	Class Terminates at 3.45 pm for Mid-term
Mon-Fri	16-20	Mid-term Break
Wednesday	18	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	22	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	23	Classes Re-commence
Mon-Fri	23-06 Mar	Matthew 25 Programme 7 (T.Y.)
Mon-Fri	23-27	Lenten Reconciliation Services Week
Tuesday	24	Subject Department Meetings No. 3
Tues-Fri	24-27	6 th Year Mock Orals
Thursday	26	Subject Department Meetings No. 3
Thursday	26	1 st Year Parents' Information Evening RE: 2 nd Year 2026 - 2027 (7.00 pm)
Friday	27	Eucharistic Adoration

MARCH

Mon-Tues	2-3	6 th Year Mock Orals
Mon-Fri	2-6	Seachtain na Gaeilge
Monday	2	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Tuesday	3	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Mon-Thurs	2-5	Year Committee Meeting Week No. 4
Wednesday	4	Transition Year Tours
Thursday	5	Education Committee Meeting No. 4
Thursday	5	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.00 pm)
Saturday	7	5K Rock Run
Mon-Fri	9-13	Transition Year Work Experience Week II
Tues-Fri	10-20	In-House Exams
Friday	13	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Sunday	15	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Tuesday	17	St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday	24	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Thursday	26	5 th Year Family Mass (6.15 pm)
Friday	27	Class Terminates - End of 2nd Term
Mon-Fri	30-10 Apr	Easter Break

APRIL

Thursday	2	Holy Thursday College Union Retreat
Friday	3	Good Friday College Union Retreat
Sunday	5	Easter Sunday

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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.

2026 - 3rd Term

April- Contd

Sunday	12	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Monday	13	Classes Re-commence
Mon-Fri	13-17	Environmental Action Week 2
Monday	13	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Thursday	16	2 nd Year Day of Reflection I
Thursday	16	3 rd Year Parents' Information Evening *Re: T.Y. 2026 - 2027 (7.30 pm)
Friday	17	2 nd Year Day of Reflection II
Monday	20	2 nd Year Day of Reflection III
Tues-Fri	21-24	2 nd /4 th Year Musical
Friday	24	2 nd Year Day of Reflection IV
Mon-Thurs	27-30	Year Committee Meeting Week No. 5
Thursday	30	Extra-Curricular Photographs for Annual
Thursday	30	Heads of Department Meeting

MAY

Fri-Fri	1-8	Transition Year Camino
Friday	1	Boarders' Weekend (3.45 pm)
Saturday	2	Willow Wheelers 100 Miles Cycle
Monday	4	May Bank Holiday
Monday	4	Boarders' Return (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm)
Tues-Fri	5-8	Transition Year 'Music, Art and Drama Festival' M.A.D. Festival
Tuesday	5	Subject Department Meetings No. 4
Tuesday	5	Health & Safety Committee Meeting (3.00 pm)
Tuesday	5	6 th Year Parents' Information Evening (7.00 pm)
Tues-Fri	5-15	Matthew 25 Programme 8 (T.Y.)
Wednesday	6	Staff Retreat (1.30 pm)
Thursday	7	Subject Department Meetings No. 4

May - Contd.

Thursday	7	Summer Concert, Orchestra & Choir (7.00 pm)
Friday	8	Learning and Teaching Sub-committee Meeting (8.00 am)
Friday	8	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday	8	Progress Cards No. 4
Sunday	10	Sports & Family Day (1.45 pm - 4.30 pm)
Monday	11	Parents' Council Meeting (7.00 pm)
Monday	11	Student Congress (5.30 pm)
Tuesday	12	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Thursday	14	Staff Meeting (4.00 pm - 5.00 pm)
Friday	15	Union Annual Dinner
Sunday	17	6 th Year Graduation Mass (12.00 pm)
Monday	18	Education Committee Meeting No. 5
Tues-Thur	19-21	Gaisce Transition Year Trip
Wednesday	20	Transition Year Day of Reflection
Friday	22	Academic Prize Giving (4.30 pm - 6.00 pm)
Mon-Tues	25-26	Transition Year Portfolio Assessment & Interviews
Wednesday	27	Summer Tests begin for 2 nd and 5 th Year
Wednesday	27	Class Ends for 3 rd , 4 th and 6 th Year
Wednesday	27	Hall of Residence: Parents' BBQ (6.00 pm)
Thursday	28	Union AGM
Friday	29	Class Ends for 2 nd and 5 th Year
Saturday	30	Irish Schools Athletics Championships (Tullamore, Co. Offaly)

JUNE

Monday	1	June Bank Holiday
Wednesday	3	State Examinations begin
Tuesday	16	Board of Management Meeting (5.30 pm)
Friday	19	BCPA 'Bring & Buy' (Uniform and Books) in aid of Marigat

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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