

6th July 2023

Key Information for September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to share some key information in relation to our new school logo, uniform, and term dates for next academic year.

School Tie for September 2023 with new logo

As you may know, we now have an updated school logo and this will be available on our new school tie for the Year 7 intake transferring to us in September 2023. We will then roll this out over the coming years, with older students having the opportunity to buy them if they wish **but there is no expectation to do so**. The old tie will remain part of the uniform alongside the new tie, as they roll through each year.

Uniform

The new logo will be added to uniform for purchase from 2024 and again, this will be rolled out to students over the coming years. We are very aware of the cost of uniform and pressures on families at this time, and understand that the new logo will be gradually introduced each year, as and when new uniform is purchased. Parents are not expected to replace any uniform and we expect this to roll out over the next few years. Students can choose to buy or replace uniform with the updated logo if they wish but there is no pressure or expectation to do so – this will happen naturally over time.

The full list of uniform can be found on our school website:

<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=Uniform+and+mobile+phones&pid=73>

Please note that only black shoes or all black trainers are allowed for school, and skirts must be knee length.

Term Dates

Year 7 are due to start the autumn term on Monday 4th September, which is a day just for Year 7 with school starting for the whole school on **Tuesday 5th September 2023**. Please note that Friday 1st September is a training day for staff.

School Picture Day will take place on Friday 8th September so please ensure your child is prepared for their portrait or group photograph to be taken. Individual portraits will be taken for students in Years 7, 9, and 11, and tutor group photographs for all years. This is an opportunity to purchase a keepsake and to preserve memories of your child's journey through school.

Term dates for 2023 – 24 can be found on our school website:

<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=Term+dates&pid=34>

Please note that we finish for the Christmas break on Friday 22nd December in line with other local authorities. Attendance is vital for your child's success so please do not take your child out of school for holidays as we are unable to authorise this absence.

Please keep up to date with our latest news to find out about students' recent visits to Bulgaria, Italy and Spain to name a few, through any of the following channels:

- The Blog:
Published on the website every 2–4 weeks
<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/news/?pid=32&nid=2>
- Headteacher's Reports:
Published on the website each term
<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=Headteacher%27s+Report+for+Governors&pid=43>
- Twitter:
Updated each week @BlaconHigh
- Edulink One:
The school app, available to download for up to date information each day on attendance, progress, rewards, behaviour, reports and letters. A reminder that paper copies of reports and letters will no longer be sent and this information is all available on the app.

I will share further information with you at the end of term about support and activities available over the summer break.

Regards,



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Headteacher