

2nd September 2024

Return to School, September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to welcome your child back for what will be another exciting academic year at Blacon High School. As always, we have taken the time to reflect upon our past year and as a result, we will be making some slight refinements and amendments to some of our practices. We believe that this will further improve the environment around school and the climate for learning.

Please find below, the detail of these changes.

Uniform

We are proud of our students and the high standards we hold for uniform expectations. After listening to student and parent voice, last year we allowed students to wear all black trainers (no Converse or canvas style shoe). We believe that the standards that we hold prepare our learners well for next steps in adult life and as a result, we are not making any further amendments to our policy. Any student who attends not in full school uniform, including blazer and all black trainers (no colour/logo of any size at all), will not be allowed to attend lessons unless sanctioned by a Progress Leader. Students are allowed to wear uniform with old logo, as well as the new logo. Please refer to the school website for our uniform policy.

Sanction

If a student is not in correct uniform and we are unable to resolve, they will spend the day in SLT Isolation and remain in school until 4.00pm.

Mobile Phones/ Electronic devices/ Earphones and Airpods

The use of mobiles phones or any electronic devices (including Airpods and alike) is not allowed anywhere inside the school building at all during the school day (including break and lunch). The only time that phones will be allowed is when given direct permission by a member of staff. If a child needs to make contact with their parent(s)/carer(s) during the school day, they must wait until they are outside at break or lunch, or go to front reception or the Pastoral Base. We ask that parents support the school with this by contacting front reception should you need to speak to your child.

Sanction

1st occasion = Confiscation of phone and isolation for remainder of the day

2nd occasion = Confiscation and isolation for remainder of day and next

If this persists, or there is a failure to hand over a mobile phone or device, your child will be sanctioned as per the behaviour policy including escalation as necessary.

Equipment

All students in Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) are required to attend school every day with a school bag, pencil case and their planner. Students in Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) are expected to come to all lessons prepared to learn with suitable equipment to participate fully in their lessons.

Sanction

KS3 = Any student without equipment listed above will be issued a 20 minute tutor detention.

KS4 = Any students attending lesson without suitable equipment (ie – pen) set a 20 minute detention by class teacher.

Student Punctuality to Lessons

It is important that all students get to lessons as promptly as possible to ensure that registers are taken and students accounted for. It is important that students value their time in class with their teachers and understand that being in class with a teacher for as long as possible is the best way for them to fulfil their potential. In order to support students to make positive choices about getting to lessons on time, we will be stepping up our approach to student lates. Students will be given 5 minutes to get to their lessons and clear corridors. Any students out of class after this point must have a teacher pass.

Sanction

Any students on the corridors after 5 minutes of being dismissed will be taken to SLT Isolation for the remainder of the day, where they will stay until 4.00pm. Any students on corridors during lesson without permission or a teacher pass will also be taken to SLT Isolation.

Swearing/ Abusive language towards staff

The use of swearing, abusive or derogatory language is not accepted in Blacon High School, whether this be towards staff or peers (regardless of friendships or whether in a jovial manner).

Sanction

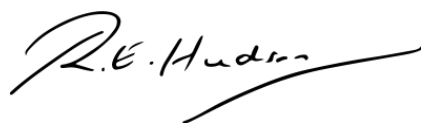
Swearing, derogatory or abusive language towards staff = Suspension

Swearing, derogatory or abusive language in lesson = action via behaviour policy and detentions set


Swearing, derogatory or abusive language heard outside of class = 30 minute lunch detention

We understand that there are several minor refinements to our policies and practises, so we will be holding assemblies with all students in the first week back to ensure they are aware of these changes. We thank you for your continued support of our school and our policies. If you have any questions, as always, please get in touch, firstly trying to make contact with your child's Progress Leader.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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