

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Return to School, September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased 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. As well as the exciting rewards that are on offer, through our achievement points, we believe that this will further improve the environment around school and the climate for learning.

A reminder that all communication will be made via the **EduLink app** which can be downloaded by following the instructions on our website via this link:

<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=School+apps&pid=72>

You will be alerted each day when students receive reward points and behaviour grades along with any sanctions that may be necessary and will be able to view your child's attendance and progress.

SSA and Expectation Detentions will continue to be implemented to ensure our CORE Principles are upheld and the climate for learning in lesson is of the highest standard. All detentions will be completed on the day they are issued and communicated via EduLink One. As part of our home, school agreement 20 minute detentions will not receive a call home and will solely be communicated through the app, but anything beyond will.



**CORE PRINCIPLES**

-  **Follow instructions first time.**
-  **Be prepared for learning and willing to learn.**
-  **Show respect and tolerance.**
-  **Be in the right place at the right time.**
-  **Use positive and appropriate language.**
-  **Be a positive ambassador for the school at all times.**

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HIGH SCHOOL  
ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

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## 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. Students are also not permitted to wear coats/hoodies inside the school building.

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

## 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.

# UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to wear FULL school uniform every day. Staff will check the quality of school uniform throughout the school day. If you have a problem with your school uniform, parents/carers need to contact pastoral mentors as a matter of urgency to discuss. In exceptional circumstances, a temporary pastoral uniform exemption can be issued.



ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE



- Black blazer with school logo**
- White shirt and tie
- School jumper with logo (optional)
- Tailored black trousers (no pockets / zips / jeans / leggings)
- or
- Black skirt (Knee Length)
- With black tights or black socks

### ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

Footwear must be entirely BLACK. Trainers can be worn as long as they do not have any other colour, including the sole and logo. Footwear must not be open toe or sling back (Crocs / Sliders are not permitted)



### UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR



## Mobile Phones/ Electronic devices/ Earphones and Air pods

The use of mobile phones or any electronic devices (including Air pods and alike) is not allowed anywhere inside the school building at all during the school day (including break and lunch). If a child needs to make contact with their parent(s)/carer(s) during the school day, they are to 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**

Confiscation of phone and isolation for remainder of the day, where they will stay until 4pm.

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, and pencil case, that should include; a black pen, purple pen, pencil, rubber and ruler. All pencil case items can be purchased from school for 10p per item (50p for a pencil case). They are on sale from the diner each morning during Breakfast Club and at break and lunchtime from the main school office. 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, the minimum requirement is a black pen and ruler.

### **Sanction**

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

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

**Equipment: Five a Day**

Available to buy at breakfast club and during break and lunch at reception.

Item	Price
Black Pen	10p
Purple Pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	10p
Rubber	10p
Pencil Case	50p



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### **Student Punctuality to School**

It is important that students arrive to school at 8:40am and attend morning registration, so we are able to mark them in and share any key messages for the day ahead.

### **Sanction**

Any student who arrives after morning registration, which closes as 8:55am will be set a 20 minute expectation detention after school.

### **Student Punctuality to Lessons**

It is equally 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 = SLT Isolation, Step Out or Fixed Term Exclusion.

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

Swearing, derogatory or abusive language heard outside of class = 20 minute Expectation Detention

We understand that there are several minor refinements to our policies and practises, so we have shared this in assemblies with all students throughout the week to ensure they are aware of these changes.

May I also remind you of the importance of your child attending school every day. There is a direct link between the number of days missed and grades dropped by students in their exams. Please work with us to give our students the best chance of success by attending every day, on time.

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,



Rachel Hudson  
Headteacher