





Welcome

We are delighted that you are considering Blackheath Prep for your child. We hope that you will find all the information you need here to help you with your application.

If you have any questions about our school or the application process, please don't hesitate to contact our Admissions Team who will be very happy to help you.

Visiting us

Visiting a school is an important part of the decision-making process for families who are shortlisting schools for admissions applications. Families are warmly encouraged to visit us to meet our pupils and staff, explore our facilities and get a sense of what it is like to be a child at Blackheath Prep.

Small group tours

We offer small group tours of the school for prospective parents during term time on Wednesday mornings. These tours provide an opportunity for parents to visit us on a working school day, and to ask questions about the school and our admissions process prior to, or after registering their child. Each tour begins with a short presentation from our Head followed by a tour of the school led by members of our Senior Leadership Team. These tours are for parents only.

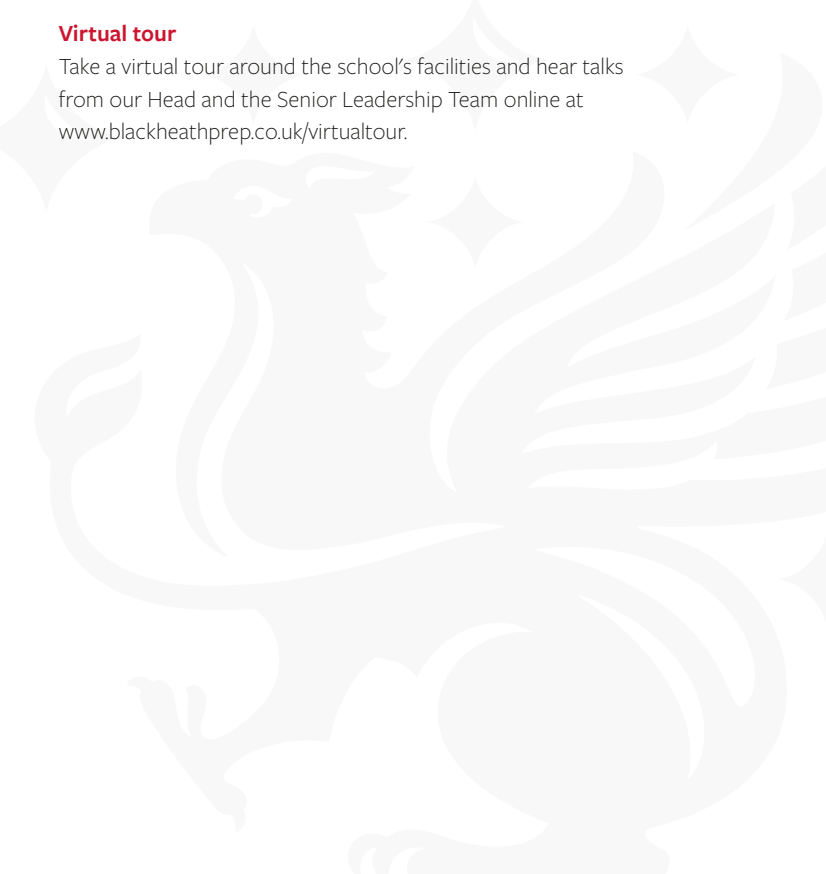
Open days

Open Days take place for prospective Nursery families on certain Saturdays during the Autumn and Summer terms. Parents and children will have the opportunity to hear our Head talk about the school, meet staff, pupils and our PTFA, as well as tour our extensive academic and co-curricular facilities.

Spaces on tours and Open Days are limited and get booked up in advance. To reserve a place, please complete the online booking form at www.blackheathprep.co.uk/opendays.

Virtual tour

Take a virtual tour around the school's facilities and hear talks from our Head and the Senior Leadership Team online at www.blackheathprep.co.uk/virtualtour.



How to apply

We welcome applications from all children, regardless of background, who will thrive in this academically stimulating environment and who will benefit from, and contribute to, all areas of school life.

Register online

Registrations should be completed online at www.blackheathprep.co.uk/applications, together with payment of a £100 non-refundable fee to complete the registration process.

We accept children by assessment, not on a first come, first served basis. Nursery is the usual point of entry to the school although occasionally places become available in other year groups.

If you are interested in registering your child for a place in another year group, please complete the online registration form and we will contact you when a place becomes available to arrange an assessment for your child.

Offers

Offers are made in writing once all assessments have been completed. Places are offered to pupils who meet our admissions requirements according to the number of places available. We aim for an equal split of boys and girls.

When you accept a place, we ask you to pay a deposit of £1,000 and sign a contract which outlines the standard terms and conditions under which your child is accepted as a pupil at Blackheath Prep.

We keep a reserve list of children and should a place become available we will contact candidates on our waiting list with an offer of a place.

Nursery intake

Children join the Nursery at the intake following their 3rd birthday. We have two intakes, one in January and one in September.

January 2022 entry (Nursery A)

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September and the 31 December, you have the option for them to join our January 2022 intake into a small Nursery class of up to 16 pupils. These pupils automatically transfer into the main Nursery classes in September 2022.

The assessments for this intake will be held on Monday 27 September and Friday 1 October 2021.

Please note, children eligible for the January intake may wish to be assessed instead for the September intake. However, if children attend the assessment for the January 2022 intake and are unsuccessful, they will be unable to be reassessed for September 2022 entry.

September 2022 entry (Nursery 1 and 2)

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September and the 31 August and you would like to be considered for the September 2022 intake, assessments will take place during the week commencing Monday 15 November 2021.



Assessments

At Blackheath Prep we offer places following a play-based assessment which is child friendly and age appropriate.

Nursery Assessment – What to expect

Our Nursery assessments take place in the morning, as part of a play-based session. Each session may include up to 12 children. Our aim is for your child to have a positive experience with us, in a warm and friendly environment, with adults that are kind and responsive to their individual needs and interests.

On the day of the assessment one of our experienced staff will greet you and your child and walk with them over to our Nursery classroom where the play session will be held. It is our experience that children settle quickly and interact more fully without a parent present. However, should your child feel daunted by the experience, especially those children that are younger, you are welcome to come in and settle them.

All staff engaging with your child during the play session are highly experienced and will take into account the month in which your child was born. If your child's first language is not English, this will also be considered, as will any developmental delays. There will be an opportunity for you to make us aware of any additional information prior to the assessment.

On the day

- Talk to your child about what to expect. Explain to them that they will be in a room that has been set up with activities and toys, ready for them to have fun and explore.
- Make sure your child is well rested and has had enough to eat that morning.
- Arrive as close to the time as possible, as waiting too long before the session can unsettle your child.
- The assessment process will take one hour, during which time refreshments will be provided for waiting parents and there will also be the opportunity to meet our Head and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

The play session

- The Nursery environment will be set up with a selection of activities aimed at engaging children's interests. These will include construction, small world play, malleable play, drawing and puzzles.
- Each child will be encouraged to complete an activity, working one-to-one with an adult during the play session.
- We will be looking to see how curious the children are and how well they engage with the activities provided. We will also observe how the children focus on the activities and how well they engage and communicate with the adults and children alongside them.
- We will conclude the session with a story read to the group.

7+ Entry (Year 3) assessment – What to expect

We offer a 7+ entry point into Year 3 although the number of spaces vary each year.

Children are invited to attend an assessment day during the Spring Term preceding the September of entry. We complete assessments in English, Maths and Reasoning. In the afternoon children take part in a range of fun and stimulating activities.

Entry into other years

Assessments take place at all entry points into the school and will be age appropriate. For entry into other years assessments are held as spaces become available.

Sibling policy

In keeping with our family ethos, where possible, priority will be given to siblings of current Blackheath Prep pupils and to those with a recent family connection with the school.

Nursery Key Dates

September 2022 entry

Application deadline	Monday 1 November 2021
Assessments	Week commencing Monday 15 November 2021
Offers made	Friday 26 November 2021
Acceptance deadline	Friday 10 December 2021

Please visit our website to complete the online registration form.



School hours

Nursery

The nursery operates in term-time only.

Nursery A (January intake)

Parents can choose for their child to attend for the morning (without lunch) from 9am – 12.20pm or for a full day until either 3.15pm or 5pm.

Nursery 1 and 2 (September intake)

For the Autumn term, parents can choose whether their child stays for the morning (without lunch) from 9am – 12.20pm or for a full day until either 3.15pm or 5pm.

From the Spring and Summer Terms of Nursery 1 and 2, the mandatory Nursery day runs from 9am – 3.15pm for all children. Children may continue to arrive any time from 8.30am – 9am and remain at school until 5pm if parents wish them to do so.

We only accept changes to a pupil’s pre-booked hours on a half-termly basis. Any changes must be confirmed with the class teacher before advising the Accounts department.

Nursery Ad-hoc Late Stay

There may be occasions where you would like your child to stay for longer than specified on your Nursery registration form. Ad hoc additional sessions are charged at £7.95 per hour, or part hour, and are added to invoices for the following term. For pupils who usually leave school at 12.20pm, an additional lunch charge of £5.00 per day applies.

A typical day in Nursery

8.30am - 9am	Registration / Child-Initiated Play / Forest School / 1:1 Key Person Activities
10am	Specialist Lesson / Snack
10.30am	Child-Initiated Play
11am	Specialist Lesson / Snack
11.30am	Focus Activities
12 noon	Story Time
12.20pm	Lunch Time / Home Time
1.30pm	Child-Initiated Play / Forest School / Specialist Lesson
3pm	Story Time
3.15pm	Home Time / Late Stay (until 5pm)

Pre Prep and Prep school day

8.30am – 8.45am	Registration
8.50am – 12 noon	Lessons
12.05pm – 1.10pm	Lunch (staggered by year group)
1.15pm – 3.15pm / 3.30pm	Lessons
3.15pm / 3.30pm	Home time
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Extra-curricular clubs (optional)
4.15pm – 5pm	Late stay (optional)

Fees

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Fees per Term (payable termly in advance)	
Registration fee (non-refundable)	£100
Acceptance deposit	£1,000
On acceptance of a definite place at the school a non-returnable deposit is required which will be set against the pupil's final term's invoice.	
Nursery	
8.30am - 12.20pm	£2,890 per term
8.30am - 3.15pm	£4,200 per term
8.30am - 5pm	£4,910 per term
Pre-Preparatory (Reception to Year 2)	£4,740
Preparatory (Years 3 to 6)	£5,130

Please note that fees cover normal curriculum tuition, snacks and lunch.

Extras:	
Swimming lessons (Years 2 and 3 only)	£TBC
Breakfast Club	£7.95 per pre-booked session, payable termly in advance £8.95 per ad hoc session, payable termly in arrears
Late Stay	Whole School - £7.95 per hour / part hour (includes snack)
After School Clubs	Charges vary Payable termly in advance
Non-residential trips and visits	Charges vary Payable termly in arrears
Residential trips and visits	Charges vary Payable by instalments in advance

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Payment of fees

Fees are due for payment in full before the first day of each term and are collected by direct debit. The Board of Governors reserve the right to vary fees and charges termly, with a term's notice. Fee changes are normally made annually for the start of each new school year.

Childcare vouchers

We accept childcare vouchers in either part or full payment of the Nursery fees. The school is currently registered with: Edenred (account ref P391198) Care 4Computershare Allsave Fair Care Kiddivouchers Enjoy Benefits Kidsunlimited Sodexo Computershare Busy Bees Employers for Childcare RG Fideliti

Under current HMRC rules, we can only accept payment of fees by childcare voucher up to, and including the term in which your child turns five. After this date, school fees are no longer classified as childcare costs. You can continue to use the vouchers to pay for breakfast club, after school clubs, late stay and holiday clubs throughout your child's time at the school.

Free entitlement to early education

Blackheath Prep is not eligible to participate in the Free Entitlement to Early Education scheme which allows some nurseries to offer a certain number of free hours each week.

Bursarial awards

Blackheath Prep is committed to broadening access to the school by offering means-tested financial support with school fees to eligible parents. This support is known as a Bursarial Award and such an award may be offered to parents of children for whom a Blackheath Prep education would be inaccessible without financial support.

In order to meet the requirements of the Charity Commission, bursaries are means-tested. The assessment of need is undertaken by an external company to ensure transparency and fairness. This company will, following their assessment, make a recommendation to the school for their consideration.

Bursaries are offered for 12 months at a time, after which the family is required to provide fresh information about their circumstances for every year that their child attends the school. Levels of support may vary according to fluctuations in parental income.



Useful information

Uniform

From Reception upwards, all pupils at Blackheath Prep wear a school uniform. Uniform items should be purchased online from our approved supplier, Hewitts of Croydon. For general queries about the uniform, please contact the Admissions Office on 020 8305 5062.

Second-hand uniform sales

In line with our commitment to sustainability, Blackheath Prep's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) holds a stock of second-hand uniform and organises regular sales at least once a term.

School meals

We place great importance on offering tasty, nutritious lunches and playtime snacks for all our pupils. We cater for all diets and allergies and believe it is important that all our pupils share the lunchtime experience alongside their classmates. With this in mind, we do not permit packed lunches, except in exceptional circumstances. The cost of lunch and playtime snacks are included in the termly fees.

School policies

School policies are available online or by request on 020 8858 0692.

Leavers destinations

We are proud of our pupils and all their achievements during their time with us at Blackheath Prep. When they leave us in Year 6, our pupils have successfully gained offers from many of the leading schools in South East London and Kent, including Alleyn’s, Dulwich College, Eltham College and the Kent Grammar schools.

2021 - YEAR 6 SECONDARY PLACES OFFERED

Independent Schools	
Alleyn’s School	7
Bethany School	2
Blackheath High School	10
Bromley High School	8
Channing School	1
City of London School	1
City of London School for Girls	1
Cobham Hall	1
Colfe’s School	28
Dulwich College	5
Eltham College	15
Farringtons School	3
Francis Holland Regent’s Park School	1
Frensham Heights School	1
JAGS	6
St Dunstan’s College	11
Sevenoaks School	5
Streatham & Clapham High School	1
Sydenham High School	1

Selective Maintained Schools

Bexley	
BETHS Grammar School (Bexley borough)	2
Bexley Grammar School (Bexley borough)	1
Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School (Bexley borough)	2
Townley Grammar School (Bexley borough)	1

28 Blackheath Prep pupils undertook the Bexley exam, of which 19 pupils were deemed selective including 4 pupils who were in the top 180 (which entitles a guaranteed place at any Bexley borough grammar school).

Blackheath Prep’s pass rate of 68% compares favourably with a typical primary school pass rate of around 25-30%.

Kent	
Dartford Grammar School for Boys (Kent grammar school)	1
Wilmington Grammar School for Girls (Kent grammar school)	1

14 pupils undertook the Kent exam, of which, 12 pupils were deemed selective.

Blackheath Prep’s pass rate of 86% compares favourably with a typical primary school pass rate of around 45-50%.

Year 6 Scholarships Awarded 2021

Alleyn’s School	Academic Scholarship	4
	Sports Exhibition	2
Blackheath High School	Academic Scholarship	2
	Art Scholarship	1
Bromley High School	Academic Scholarship	3
	Drama Scholarship	1
	Performing Arts Scholarship	1
City of London School	Academic Scholarship	1
Colfe’s School	Academic Scholarship	13
	Music Scholarship	1
	Sport Scholarship	1
Dulwich College	Academic Scholarship	1
Eltham College	Academic Scholarship	4
	Drama Scholarship	1
	Headmaster’s Award	2
	Sport Scholarship	1
Farringtons School	Art Scholarship	1
	English Scholarship	1
	Drama Scholarship	1
Francis Holland Regent’s Park School	Academic Scholarship	1
JAGS	Academic Scholarship	1
St Dunstan’s College	Academic Scholarship	4
	Art Scholarship	1
	Music Scholarship	1
Sevenoaks School	Academic Scholarship	1



Term dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Staff return: Inset	Thursday 2 September, Friday 3 September
Reception – Y6 Pupils return	Monday 6 September
Nursery settling in sessions	Monday 6 September
Nursery Pupils return	Tuesday 7 September
Half term	Monday 18 – Friday 29 October
Pupils return	Monday 1 November
Term ends	Wednesday 15 December 12.30pm

Spring Term 2022

Staff return: Inset	Wednesday 5 January
Pupils return	Thursday 6 January
Half term	Monday 14 – Friday 18 February
Pupils return	Monday 21 February
Term ends	Thursday 3 March 12.30pm

Summer Term 2022

Staff return: Inset	Monday 25 April
Pupils return	Tuesday 26 April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May
Half term	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June
Pupils return	Monday 6 June
Term ends	Wednesday 6 July 12.30pm

Autumn Term 2022

Staff return: Inset	Wednesday 31 August, Thursday 1 September
Reception – Y6 Pupils return	Friday 2 September
Nursery settling in sessions	Friday 2 September
Nursery Pupils return	Monday 5 September
Half term	Monday 17 September - Friday 28 October
Pupils return	Monday 31 October
Term ends	Thursday 8 December 12.30pm

The dates are correct at the time of posting but may be subject to change.

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Public Transport

Nearest overground is Blackheath station
Buses 89, 108, 178, 286 and 335 stop close by

Parking

There is some free parking on St Germans Place (parking exclusions apply 11am – 12 noon Mon – Fri). There is metered parking on South Row, a short walk from the school.

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