

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 2 - 2024-2025

Courage

Compassion

Respect

Faith

Integrity

Bacon's College ensures that every student is well educated, cared for and exhorted to achieve the academic and personal excellence that will lead to university or skilled work and to a fulfilled life.

'I came to give life, life in all its fullness'

John 10:10

A week in the life of Year 8 – Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. Year 8 has had their first full week back. Their teachers are particularly impressed with their levels of engagement and enthusiasm for their subject and specifically the kindness they continue to show each other.

As Mrs Bennet has mentioned last week, we are particularly focusing on attendance and punctuality across all year groups. We thank you in advance for ensuring your child attends school on time and in the correct uniform.

Well done to **8I** for having the best attendance as a tutor group this week!

I look forward to working with you over the year ahead and beyond.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance if you would like our support or assistance.

Kind Regards,

Classwork Champions & 'Shout outs'

"Shout to Levin and Elizabeth D from my form for always doing the right thing."

Mr Mathan – Mathematics

"Reuben H - working really hard with great focus."

Ms. C. Newton - History

"Ronnie L - Great classwork."

"Rosie S - Positive contributions to the class."

Mr Sagoe - Computer Science (Tech)

“Tali O for staying on task and listening to instructions and being an active participant throughout”

Ms Hunter – Spanish

“Olivia B, Lauren C and Ronnie L were very joyful and interactive in their respective English lessons this week, and engaged the group in inciteful discussions about ideas and themes”

Ms Wang - English

“Thega A - A joyful interactive member of the class (Always willing to contribute in class and has worked well in our first few Spanish lessons)

Ms Green - Spanish

“Enoch A - A willingness to engage and talk to peers (think-pair-share) - Has worked really well in his first drama lesson”

Ms Green - Spanish

“ Erin L, India A and Yousif H were very joyful and interactive in their respective English lessons this week, and engaged the group in inciteful discussions about ideas and themes.” –

Mr McGarry - English

“Alvin always polite to staff around the school, and has began his new year in a higher English set with determination and confidence!”

Mr Raine - English



Well done to the year 8 for their football match last term!!

Top Seneca:

- 1: Taja A
- 2: Esme P
- 3: Olivia B

All students should have a Chromebook. Should your child experience any technical issues with their Chromebook, please ask your child to report it to the IT Helpdesk (Upstairs Yellow Wing).

The table below outlines the homework schedule for Year 7-9.

Day that homework is set and due	Subject and the learning platform you will use	The approximate time the homework should take you
Monday	English – Seneca/Homework booklet**	60 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca History – Seneca**	30 minutes 30 minutes
Wednesday	Maths – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science	60 minutes
Friday	MFL – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet** Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30-60 minutes (+ 10-minute daily vocab revision) 30 minutes

****In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check the homework guidance for more information.**

Dates for the Diary

5th November 2024 – Year 8 Reading Age Test during IST.
3rd July 2024 – Year 8 Parents Evening.

Attendance

The graphic below highlights some key statistics linked to attendance.
We know that students who are in school perform better and learn more.
Please support us as we aim for the best possible attendance for every single student at Bacon's College.

The Bacon's Pupil Charter

The start of the new academic year sees the launch of the Bacon's Pupil Charter for all year groups.

Having been designed with student and staff input, the Charter sets out a core offer of opportunities for Bacon's students throughout their school career. The Charter focusses on developing the personal excellence of our students through opportunities that take place outside of the classroom and works in partnership with an ambitious enrichment offer.

The Charter is linked to our well-established rewards system and students will achieve positive points for meeting Charter points. A full link to the Charter can be found on the College website [here](#) and an updated offer of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities will soon also be available to view [here](#).

The points for the Year 8 Charter are set out below. Year 9's Charter has also been made available so that students can see the opportunities available to them as they go through Key Stage 3.

AOB

We have seen a very small minority of students return to school wearing, fake eyelashes, nails or with piercings that are not permitted as well as skirts/kilts that are above knee length. A polite reminder that we have a clear uniform policy for all students that can be found [here](#).

[By being dressed smartly and taking pride in their appearance, students will also be in the right frame of mind to learn. \(baconcollege.co.uk\)](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year team if you have any questions.