

Year 9 Newsletter

Week 18 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 9

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I hope you and your families are well. This week, Year 9 have had lots of exciting opportunities outside of the classroom. This included a number of sporting fixtures such as the boys football team taking part in the Inner London cup, the volleyball team winning all their games and a boys dance workshop during IST where a professional instructor came in to lead a group. It has been wonderful to see the year group throwing themselves into new opportunities and embodying the college value of courage by trying new things.

As Year 9 continue through the first half of this term, we will be exploring what their goals are through tutor time activities surrounding their option pathways. With the parents evening only 1 week away and option evening approaching, Year 9 students are focused on striving to be the best version of themselves in lesson. Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 6th February. We expect all students and parents to attend. Students should wear school uniform. This is an important evening where you will meet your child's subject teachers, who will explain and discuss their current achievement, progress, and give advice on their option choices.

If you cannot attend, please contact the school to arrange a meeting/contact teachers.

I look forward to seeing you all at parents evening and thank you for your continued support. Please do contact your child's tutor, pastoral, deputy head of year or myself if you have any concerns.

Kind Regards, Mrs Dickinson (nee Ley) Head of Year 9

Academic Excellence and Homework

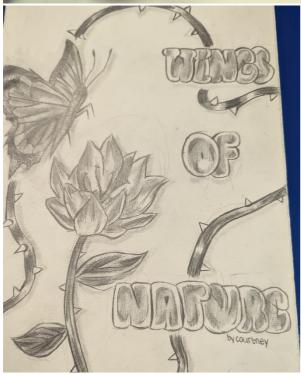


Students in Ms Lyons and Ms Youngs maths class took part in the UKMT test today. The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) tests are designed to challenge students to think mathematically, reason logically, and apply their knowledge in new ways. The tests are intended to encourage students to enjoy math and develop their confidence. We look forward to the results!!

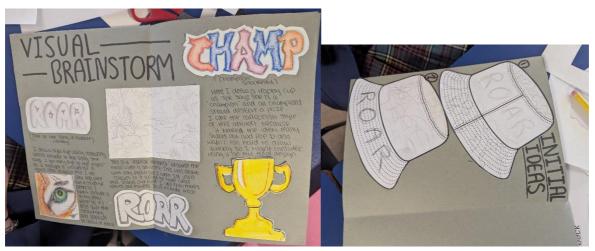


Christophers work on Shakespear sonnet in English





Courtney, Olivia D and Joash – fine line work and book covers for their art class exploring nature



Aatikah's work in textiles on buckets hats inspired by music



Lilly G and Mateus work on layering effects in graphics

Boys dance workshop on Wednesdays during IST – If interested please speak to Ms Redfern





Well done boys!

Homework

Homework is key to ensuring your child is revising regularly and stretching their learning further.

Homework Club

Homework Club is available to all students during the Library's opening hours listed below. We encourage students to attend Homework Club or speak with their teachers if they have any questions before their homework deadlines. Heads of Year will be monitoring students' homework completion rates. If a student receives 10 or more homework detentions within a half term, they will be expected to attend Compulsory Homework Club to ensure they receive the support needed to complete their assignments.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child stay on top of their homework.

Homework timetable for KS3:

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	60 minutes
	booklet**	
	Sparx Reader	20 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca	30 minutes
	History – Seneca**	30 minutes
Wednesday	Maths – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science	60 minutes
Friday	MFL – Active	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily
	Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet**	vocab revision)
	Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30 minutes

Technology - You will also receive one piece of Technology homework set on the day of your lesson which will be due for the next lesson.

Homework Champions

Super Sparx mathematician -

Dania B

Thai L

Isabella L

Jaden B

Jessica M

Eri O

Sparx tutor completion

9A - 96%

9C - 93%

9S - 86%

90 -85%

91 - 81%

9N - 79%

9L - 78%

^{**}In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check SMHW for more details.

Maths class completion

9XY-MA1	30	100%
9XY-MA2	29	100%
9XY-MA3	29	93%
9XY-MA4	26	92%
9XY-MA5	22	91%
9XY-MA6	17	82%
9XY-MA7	18	83%
9XY-MA8	5	40%

Seneca

Top students by study time

Alfie D

Idris C

Teaja N M

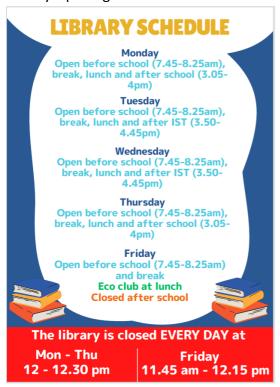
Top students by score

Laura-Rosa W

Rhys B

Joshua CC

* Library Opening Times



Shout Out

Thai, Isabella, Noortje, Eliza - outstanding mid-year assessments – Ms Newton

Beverley - positive attitude to learning and always engaged in RS – Ms Fejzulahi

Daniel A - for improving his approach to learning in Literacy and having a more positive attitude in class – **Ms Keir**

Michael - Trying his best to catch-up after his time out in literacy. - Ms McDuffus

Nuraiyah - Working well in Drama - Ms McDuffus

Lilly S and Imani - for always doing the right thing and working hard in Spanish - Ms Hunter

Ryan C - for making a genuine effort in finishing his HW, and trying to complete more work in class. A massive improvement! - **Mr C Mathan**

Melo, Mohamed U, Adam D, Mattia – excellent effort in a volleyball tournament winning all their games – **Miss Lyons**

Thai, Ellie – 100% in their Mid-year maths exam, well done **– Miss Lyons**

Demi – Effort in dance workshop, receiving lots of praise from the instructor – **Miss Lyons**

Leah continues to show fantastic speed and agility but her cohesion amongst peers is what really shines through.

Chantelle's engagement in the sport is fantastic. She shows a willingness to learn and is very athletic.

Beverley continues to absolutely thrive on the rugby pitch. He commitment and control in contact is brilliant – **Will from School of Hard Knocks**

Attendance



The graphic above 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.

Year Group attendance

92.52%

Tutor group attendance

N -84.31%

<u>I-91.51%</u>

<u>C - 95.24%</u>

0 - 90.63%

L- 93.95%

A - 94.97%

S-93.89%

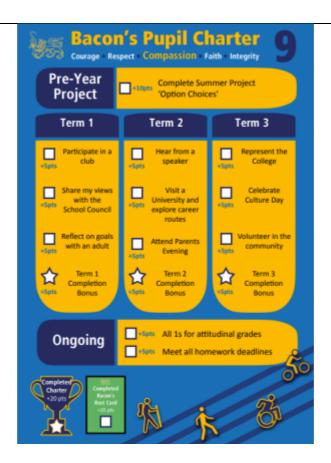


for having the best attendance as a tutor group this week!

Students with 100% attendance:
Sami, Isabella, Hannah, Ellie, Demilade
Thomas, Asare, Nicole, Courtney, Jessica
Olorunjuwon, Eri, Jonathan, Thai, William
Dmitriy, David, Noortje, Elaine, Mohamed
Kelvin, Anas, Kaitlin, Jayan,
Maniche, Rhys, Oliver, Melo,

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 9 Charter are set out below.



Forthcoming events

- 6th February 2025 Year 9 Parents Evening
- 27th February 2025 Year 9 Options Evening