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Year 8 Newsletter

Week 14 - 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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well as we approach the festive season. With just a few days until the much-anticipated Christmas break, we want to thank you for your continued support during this busy and sometimes challenging time of year.

This week we had mufti day and the Christmas market where year 8 collectively raised an astonishing £324!!

We understand that illness can be common during this season. However, if your child is feeling well enough, we kindly encourage you to send them to school. This final week is crucial as we help our young people prepare for their mid-year assessments. These assessments play an important role in determining the sets and groups they will be placed in, ensuring they receive the support they need to succeed.

To further support your child's preparation and study skills, here are a few tips you can use at home:

1. **Establish a Routine:** Set aside dedicated study times each day to build a habit of focused learning.
2. **Create a Quiet Study Environment:** Provide a distraction-free area where your child can concentrate on their work.
3. **Encourage Active Review:** Use flashcards, quizzes, or verbal Q&A sessions to reinforce key concepts.
4. **Break Tasks into Manageable Steps:** Help your child divide their study material into smaller sections to make it less overwhelming.
5. **Promote Healthy Habits:** Ensure your child gets enough sleep, stays hydrated, and eats nutritious meals to stay energized and focused.

6. **Celebrate Effort:** Acknowledge and praise your child's dedication to their studies to keep their motivation high.

Let's work together to make this final week as productive as possible while ensuring our students are well-prepared for their assessments. If you have any questions or need additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your partnership, and we wish you and your family a joyful and healthy holiday season.

Best regards,

Ms Miah

Deputy Head of Year 8 | Teacher of Science

Academic Excellence and Homework

- **Mid-Year Exams**

Year 7-10 mid-year assessments and exams will be from 16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025.

This half term and the first week of next half term is a pivotal time for our students, with exams having begun this week. Our priority is to ensure that each student feels well-prepared and supported to achieve their best in these upcoming assessments. **All exam dates and revision materials are on satchel one/ show my homework.**

English - Years 7-9 will sit their assessments in class between the 16th of December and the 10th of January.

Maths - Years 7-9 will sit their exams in the Main Hall between the 13th-17th of January. **All other exams will take place in lessons;** therefore, it is vital students aim to maintain 100% attendance not only to ensure they are to learn the content of the exams but also are in to take them.

- **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 booklet** Sparx Reader	60 minutes 20 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 revision) 30 minutes

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

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

Homework Champions

Sparx Reader

Well done to **8I** for having the highest completion rates in their year groups.

Sparx Reader catch-up sessions after school on Mondays, which are available to any students who are struggling with the homework or would just like the opportunity to read aloud to someone.

Top Readers

Amreen – 820 SRP

Esme – 614 SRP

Sparx Maths

A special shoutout to 8C completion of their Sparx.

Sparx Club continues every Thursday 3-4pm in MG16 for anyone who needs assistance or cannot keep up with their homework.

Super Sparx Mathematicians

- Sara
- Ehinomhen
- Chloe
- Jesse

Completion rates

Sparx Reader:

8I: 97%
8N: 93%
8S: 88%
8A: 86%
8L: 86%
8C: 81%
8O: 78%

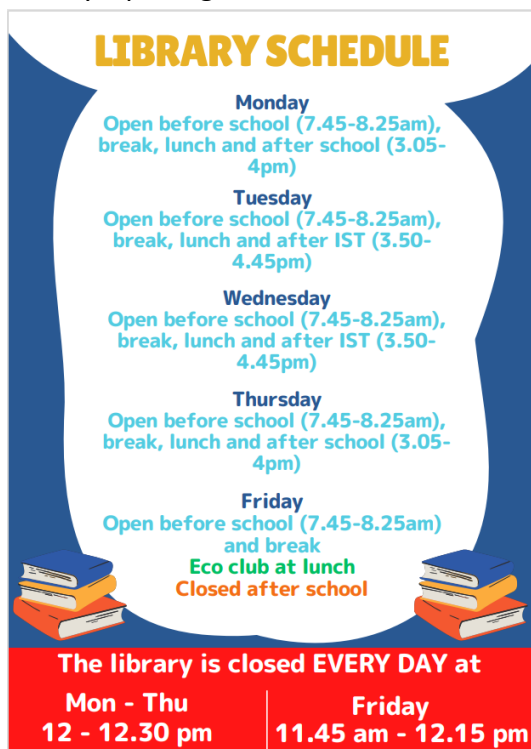
Sparx Maths:

8C: 93%
8L: 93%
8N: 93%
8A: 90%
8S: 89%
8I: 87%
8O: 79%

Sparx Science

8N: 93%
8L: 90%
8I: 87%
8A: 77%
8O: 76%
8S: 75%
8C: 72%

* Library Opening Times



LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Monday
Open before school (7.45-8.25am),
break, lunch and after school (3.05-4pm)

Tuesday
Open before school (7.45-8.25am),
break, lunch and after IST (3.50-4.45pm)

Wednesday
Open before school (7.45-8.25am),
break, lunch and after IST (3.50-4.45pm)

Thursday
Open before school (7.45-8.25am),
break, lunch and after school (3.05-4pm)

Friday
Open before school (7.45-8.25am)
and break
Eco club at lunch
Closed after school

The library is closed EVERY DAY at

Mon - Thu 12 - 12.30 pm	Friday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm
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Shout Out

“For always being kind and doing the right thing; Yasmin, Mason, Albert, Whitney as well as being outstanding writers”- **Ms Colquhoun, English**

“Yousif, Paria and Jasper for always doing the right thing.

Yousif , Al , Oluwanifemi and Ruby for their continuous contribution in lesson” - **Ms Qi, English**

“Consistently positive and kind to others: Amanda , Hussein, Max and Sherif ”

- **Mr Woods, RS**

“Ezekiel for outstanding behaviour and attitude” - **Ms Fejzulahi, RS**

“Aayat for always having a positive can-do approach to English- **Ms Keir, Literacy**

“ To Aaron for having a postive attitude to learning in science” - **Ms Miah, Science**



Well done to MIMI for winning the bronze award with over 250 points!

Well done to Jade for having the most points this half term!

Well done to the top 20 points in the year group:

Mouloud

Enoch

Jaida

Ehinomhen

Jade

Whitney

Maya

Aayat

Nina

Melody
Mila
Oscar
Adam
Raphael
India
Rosianna
Joanie
Yasmin
Amari

Tutor Group with the Highest Points

8N - 1827

8O - 3016

8I - 3396

8L - 3149

8C - 3384

8A - 2562

8S - 3195



Punctuality Award Raffle

Susan



Maths Super Star



Whitney

Science Super Star



Sara

English Super Star



Jayniah

MFL Super Star



Tali

MFL Super Star



Melody

SPARX Reader Award



Amreen

Pride of Bacon's Award

Mimi

Mimi Lawal



Pride of Bacon's Award
For outstanding
contributions
to the college

Mimi is an exemplar student. They are part of our winning Basketball team and this year Mimi is our overall points leader. Mimi is a punctual student with a positive attitude to learning and just a joyful person to be around. She has 100 % attendance and is always prepared for learning and consistently showcases high quality homework and classwork. Mimi is an example of a student who is not only pursuing academic excellence but also athletic excellence as well.

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 8 – 92.6%

WELL DONE



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

8C – 100%

8I– 96.7%

8N & 8L- 96.6%

8S – 87.5%

8A – 86.7%

8O – 86.2 %

Students with 100% attendance:

Ezekiel	Talia	Lile
Chloe	Adam	Gracie
Janeila	Sara	Janelle
Hussein	Natasha	Erin
Marina	Susan	Torian Leanne
Sabrina	Katie	Abdul
Excel	Amari	Oluwanifemi
Lyna	Melody	Nina
Edisjana	Kamal	Ralph
Mahir	Michael	Oscar
Maya	Mouloud	Ayham
Keith	Jaida	Nooh
Mimi	Guy	
Faith	Sherif	
Ehinomhen	Adam	
Sarah	Lile	
Tolu	Gracie	
Mariam	Janelle	
Aaron	Erin	
Rosianna	Talia	
Whitney	Adam	

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 7 Charter are set out below. Year 8 and 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.

Bacon's Pupil Charter 7

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

Pre-Year Project ☐ +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Your Journey So Far'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Welcome/Carol Service	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Tutor Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Bond on a trip away	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in a club	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter
+20 pts

Completed Bacon's Best Card
+20 pts

Walking

Cycling

Bacon's Pupil Charter 8

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Pre-Year Project ☐ +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Personal Reflection'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in a club	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Reflect on goals with an adult	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Perform in a class event	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter
+20 pts

Completed Bacon's Best Card
+20 pts

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Cycling

Bacon's Pupil Charter 9

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

Pre-Year Project ☐ +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Option Choices'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in a club	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Hear from a speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a University and explore career routes	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Reflect on goals with an adult	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
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Uniform and appearance

We are proud of our distinctive uniform and Bacon's College students take pride in their appearance.

A high standard of personal appearance is always expected of all students, this includes travelling to and from school. Anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing will be sent home to get changed. Details of our uniform policy can be found

here: <https://www.baconscollege.co.uk/parents/uniform-personal-presentation>

A particular reminder that unnatural hair colours, fake eye lashes, nail extensions, jewellery (other than a single small stud in the ear lobe) and hair beads other than navy blue, black or transparent, are not permitted. Any student breaching these rules will be sent home on the first day of term to rectify the problem. Parents should be mindful of this before incurring any costs over the holidays.

Forthcoming events

- **Return to school – Tuesday 7th January**
- **Year 7 – 10 Mid Year Exams - 16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025**