



Bacon's College
The best in everyone™
Part of United Learning

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 12 - 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

Greetings Parents, Guardians and Students,

We've all heard stories of people saying, *"I wish I'd worked harder at school."* By students committing to revision now, they can avoid that feeling of regret and know they've done everything possible to achieve their best. Revision is about taking responsibility for goals. The work might feel tough now, but the pride and satisfaction of seeing results later will make it all worth it.

Revision isn't just about memorizing facts; it's about building the foundation for a life filled with choice, possibility, and success. The effort invested in preparing for exams today can open doors to their dreams tomorrow. Embracing revision now, is one of the smartest moves that can be made.

You can help your child by **Creating a Study-Friendly Environment**

- **Quiet, Distraction-Free Space:** Set up a specific place for studying that's free from distractions like TV's or phones. Wearing headphones is helpful if that is not possible.
- **Organized Supplies:** Keep everything they need (notebooks, pencils, highlighters, etc.) within reach.
- **Good Lighting and Comfort:** Ensure the area is well-lit and comfortable for sitting long periods.

Students will be getting exam revision material from their teacher to aid in this.

Kind 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.

Teachers are already focusing on preparing students for their subject assessments.

A formal exam timetable for Maths and English has been sent. Other subjects will be conducting assessments in classrooms. Teachers will be posting the dates for class assessments on SMHW.

- **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**	60 minutes
	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 Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet**	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily 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.

****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 **8L** 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

Zain C – 1239 SRP

Angel M – 1236 SRP

Sparx Maths

A special shoutout to 8L 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:

8N: 86%

8I: 90%

8C: 92%

8O: 79%

8L: 93%

8A: 79%

8S: 85%

Sparx Maths:

8N: 86%

8I: 83%

8C: 85%

8O: 96%

8L: 97%

8A: 99%

8S: 100%

Sparx Science

8L: 82 %

8I: 79%

8A: 78%

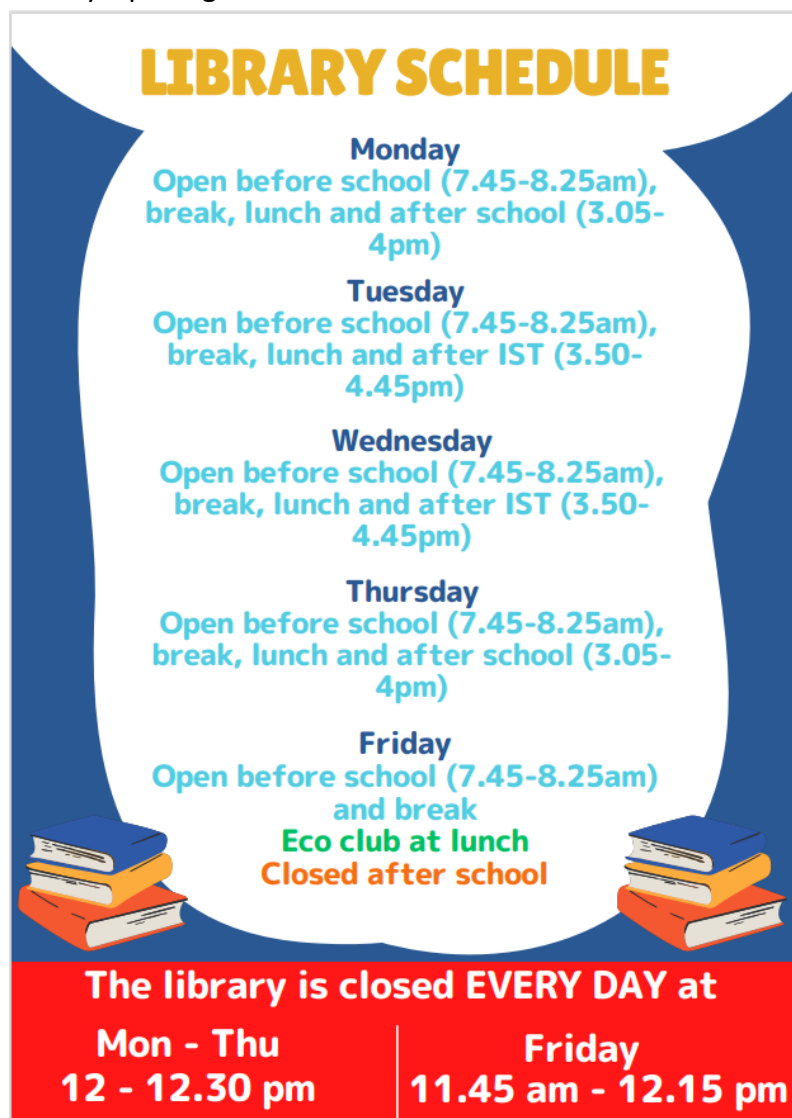
8N: 77%

8S: 72%

8O: 69%

8C: 66%

* Library Opening Times

A poster titled 'LIBRARY SCHEDULE' in bold yellow letters. The background is white with a blue border. The schedule is listed for Monday through Friday. Each day includes opening times before school, during break, lunch, and after school. Friday's schedule is shorter, ending at break. At the bottom, a red banner states the library is closed every day at specific times. Stacks of books are illustrated on the left and right sides of the schedule.

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

“Can I please shout out 8- **Elizabeth** for their amazing work this week. They independently annotated and analysed a speech from Othello, then wrote a paragraph about it. I was amazed and so proud that they all completed this challenging task to such a great standard! Well done Elizabeth!”

- **Ms Majeed, English**

“Nancy wrote an excellent piece of work about the Buddha”

- **Ms Austin, RS**

“8-**Victoria** wrote exceptional diary entries from the perspective of Othello, showing real insight and understanding of the character at a particular point in the play.”

- **Ms Keir, English**

"Melody T, Hussein H, Jade N, Zarya A and Amanda F - always respectful and polite to others with a desire to learn in every lesson."

- Mr Woods, RS

"Tamyra, Nina and Sabrine who have shown outstanding understanding of the Lexonik Advanced programme and who always come with positive attitudes and inquisitive minds"

- Ms Keir, Literacy

"8 Elizabeth have collectively done very well on their EOUT, very well done all the hard work is paying off."

- Mr Rushworth, Science

"Sara and Daniel putting in a real effort with the Seneca revision that has been set."

- Ms Newton, History

"Whitney and Amari for their excellent contributions and behaviour in English. Can I also give a shout out to Yousif Hamid for continued engagement in Othello and excellent written work."

- Mr McGarry, English

"Tali and Hamdi for excellent effort and participation in Spanish this week."

- Ms Hunter, Spanish.

"Gerald and Jordan for fantastic effort and focus in maths this week solving tricky equations!"

- Ms Parry, Maths.

"Well done to my scientist of the week, Excel. For recalling food tests accurately and writing in full sentences"

- Ms Miah, Science.

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 – 94.1%

WELL DONE



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

8N – 93.3%
 8L & 8C – 93.1%
 8I- 91.7%
 8O – 90%
 8A – 95%
 8S – 89.3 %

Students with 100% attendance:

Thega	Whitney	Abdul
Ezekiel	Talia	Oluwanifemi
Chloe	Jasper	Soumiya
Janeila	Adam	Nina
Hussein	Sara	Lauren
Marina	Natasha	Ralph
Sabrina	Susan	Luiz Joel
Excel	Kevin	Yunus
Aya	Katie	Oscar
Edisjana	Amari	Ayham
Mahir	Ramari	Mazin
Maya	Melody	Nooh
Keith	Kamal	Lile
George	Michael	Gracie
Mimi	Mouloud	Brad
Angel	Joanie	Janelle
Ehinomhen	Jaida	Torian
Sarah	Guy	Al
Tolu	Sherif	Rosianna
Ahmad	Adam	Erin
Mariam	Aaron	

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

5pts Completed Bacon's Best Card
+20 pts

Person with cane

Person walking

Person on wheelchair

Bacon's Pupil Charter 8

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

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

5pts Completed Bacon's Best Card
+20 pts

Person with cane

Person walking

Person on wheelchair

Bacon's Pupil Charter 9

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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
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

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Forthcoming events

- **Bacon's College Annual Advent Appeal - December**
- **Christmas Markets- 9th-13th of December**
All year groups will have a market day in the Main Hall (break and lunch).
Tutors will provide information to tutors regarding fundraising activities.
- **Staff CPD – 3rd December**
- **Mufti-Day – Friday 13th December**
- **Year 7 – 10 Mid Year Exams - 16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025**