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Year 11 Newsletter

Week 1 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

Welcome to KS4 and your GCSE journey

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer and are prepared with your son/daughter for an important year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Head of KS4 and I am looking forward to working very closely with both Year 10 and Year 11 this academic year.

Ms Hickman is the new Head of Year 11 and will be supported by Mr Darbin who is the Pastoral Assistant for Year 11. They will also be supported in their roles by our Pastoral Manager Ms Marshall. Contact details for these key staff can be found below. The SLT link for Year 11 is our Vice-Principal – Mr Maybury.

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On student's return to school on Wednesday I led a Key Stage Assembly that focussed on who we are as a College and our College Values as well as reminders about key expectations for the year ahead. We celebrated the very strong results achieved by the outgoing Year 11 and spoke about how by working in partnership all students in KS4 can achieve fantastic outcomes.

Year 11 also received a specialist assembly led by Mr Maybury, focussing on how we learn and how best to revise. Off the back of this, every year 11 student made a study timetables – please see below for examples of these. Year 11 will continue to follow their own bespoke assembly programme that aims to support them throughout Year 11.

I have visited lots of lessons and been impressed about how students in Year 11 have returned to school and their approach to learning. There is a noticeable feel of focus and maturity amongst the students.

This year there will be a big drive on attendance across all year groups, so I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school on time and prepared every day.

I look forward to working with you over the year ahead and beyond and please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance.

Kind regards,

Mr Pyke – Assistant Principal – KS4

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Homework Champions & 'Shout outs'

Each week we will use this space to celebrate outstanding achievements both in and outside of the classroom.

We will also use this space to celebrate our Homework Champion and those students who consistently excel in completing homework on time and to a high standard.

On Year 11's return to school they have completed revision timetables for their upcoming mock exams.

The image displays three hand-drawn revision timetables for Year 11 students. Each timetable is a grid with days of the week as columns and time slots as rows. The first timetable (left) shows a schedule with subjects like 'School', 'Study', and 'Dinner'. The second timetable (middle) includes 'School', 'Study', 'Gym', and 'Free time'. The third timetable (right) shows 'School', 'Study', 'Gym', and 'Free time' with more detailed subject listings like 'Maths', 'Science', and 'History'.

Dates for the Diary

- Year 11 Information Evening – Thursday 26th September – All Year 11 students and parents to attend. A letter will be sent home with more information about this event.
- Monday 4th November – Year 11 Mock Exams begin. This equates to 32 school days before the first mock exam begins.
- Thursday 5th December – Year 11 Parents Evening. Results from November mock exams will be shared.

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.



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 10, 11 and 12 Charter are set out below.

Bacon's Pupil Charter 10

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Pre-Year Project ☐ +30pts Complete Summer Project 'Work Experience'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Deliver a formal presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Hear from a speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in 1 week of work experience
★ +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 +10 pts

Bacon's Pupil Charter 11

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Pre-Year Project ☐ +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Revision Timetable'

Term 1	Terms 2 & 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Careers Interview and Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend 6th Form Open Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Deliver a formal presentation
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Year 11 Information Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +10pts Meet Prom Entry Requirements

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

Completed Charter +20 pts
Completed Bacon's Best Card +10 pts

Bacon's Pupil Charter 12

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Pre-Year Project ☐ +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Attend Year 12 Taster Day'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parent Information Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Complete Mediation training	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a University
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Contribute to Advent Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend a University Open Day	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in work experience
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Commit to an extracurricular activity	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Devise a revision plan and schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in Monopoly Day
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend life and work skills workshops	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Apply to the Sixth Form Leadership Team	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in an external project
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Learn about Post-18 options	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend a careers advice meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts
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We have seen a very small minority of students return to school wearing fake eyelashes, nails or with piercings that are not permitted. 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. \(baconscollege.co.uk\)](http://baconscollege.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year team if you would like to discuss any of this further.