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Year 11 Newsletter

Week 4 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

Year 11 - Week 4

Dear parents/guardians,

It was fantastic to see so many of you in person on Thursday for our Year 11 information evening. A text and email will be sent out with the PowerPoint and key take aways.

In summary, the main points are:

- We have a strong culture of support for our 11 and want them to 'aim high'. We celebrate all the good things they do but we also have high expectations on behaviour, punctuality and homework completion
- Evidence has shown that Parental engagement with their child's learning can add the equivalent of 4 months to a student's progress
- When it comes to revision, we gave year 11 the following messages:
 - Use your revision schedule to find a minimum of 14 hours per week of study. This still gives you plenty of free time.
 - Study in silence - phones, music and TV cause too much distraction and no, you cannot multitask!
 - Use the revision schedule we've given you to guide you on what to revise
 - Revision should always be a 2-step process
 1. Learning the information, cover it and write down what you remember
 2. Apply what you have learnt by answering questions
- For a selected number of students, we will run extra Saturday morning sessions. A letter will be sent to you from Ms Anum with further information
- Sixth Form open evening will be held on Thursday 10th October

Students have been informed about the changes to the school timetable, this will start week commencing Monday 7th October. The school day will extend slightly, morning intervention lessons will start at 8.15am Tuesday to Friday. Please see the timetable below:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| assembly | Option A | Option B | Option C | RS rotation |
| Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 |
| Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 |
| Break | Break | Break | Break | Break |
| Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 |
| Period 4 | Period 4 | Period 4 | Period 4 | Period 4 |
| Lunch & Line up | Lunch & Line up | Lunch & Line up | Lunch & Line up | Lunch & Line up |
| Period 5 | Period 5 | Period 5 | Period 5 | Science – targeted 4+ & 5+ |
| Period 6 | Period 6 | Period 6 | Period 6 | |
| Maths | English | Period 7 | | |
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Kind regards,

Miss Hickman

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Homework Champions & 'Shout outs'

A huge congratulations to students who are in the top 10 for positive points:

- 1) Jahdiel B-P: 28 points
- 2) Dylan K: 24 points
- 3) Mounia C: 23 points
- 4) Keiran M: 22 points
- 5) Jada C-C: 21 points
- 6) Yeget C: 21 points
- 7) Oral B: 20 points
- 8) Nicole C-W: 20 points
- 9) Aniyah G: 18 points
- 10) Damario L-J: 18 points

Shout outs:

Arshia B “Brilliant mathematical thinking and attention to detail. Highest scorer this week!” Ms Parry

Aniyah G “Excellent progress made in fluency test and persevering through difficult topics in maths lessons!” Ms Parry

Ayomide A “Helping a lost year 7 find KS3 office” Ms Johnson

Joel N “For working super hard on all his exam questions today and being super engaged!” Mr Marzano

Muska A and Gabriel M “For always doing the right thing” Ms Cole

Renato S, Kieron T and Orlando “For their efforts and engagement in English” Ms Keir

Damario L-J "For producing consistently good work and always making the effort to include subject-specific terminology. He has also been lovely and polite to talk to this week." Ms InghamRoy

Elsie D "Always works really hard in lesson and listens to feedback well." Ms InghamRoy

Mo K "Working hard in history" Ms Ley

Tasnim, Leo B and Mounia C "Excellent engagement in RS" Mr Wilson

Jamelia F and Cayla T "For their positivity and enthusiasm in GCSE dance" Ms Redfern

Daniel O "For his hard work and focus in lesson, plus completing all his homework to a high standard." Ms Younge

Matin, Alhaji and Hayron "For excellent work in lessons." Ms Majeed

Elsie D "really persevering with her writing, even when she finds it difficult. I received a full essay from her last week, which is the first time she has completed one in timed conditions, and she is doing the same today without complaints. Her writing skills are really improving as a consequence. Very proud of how much she has stepped up!" Mr Raine

Jumobi "For her focus to complete a delicate and detailed lino print." Ms Kader

Billy B "For his focus and enthusiasm in developing his testing towards his final outcome!" Ms Kader

Josiah A "Excellent contribution to science lessons and always thinking how to solve problems scientifically" Mr Wilson

John-Paul G "Kept trying when solving a challenging rearranging of an equation until he achieved success. Showed great resilience." Mr Wilson

Gideon K "Really engaged in the sampling practical, ensuring his partner could hear him clearly and knew when to start walking to identify their sampling coordinates." Ms Coles-Williams

Elijah W-C "Some really good discussions about how we could improve the sampling method." Ms Cole-Williams

Holy B "For producing excellent homework and consistently putting in effort!" Ms O'Leary

Daniel O "For being focused, engaged and on-the-ball in RS." Mr Woods

Abdullah "For being consistently focused and engaged in his learning" Ms Ahazie

Abdulahi "for excellent time management and completing next week's homework ahead of time." Dr Patel

Kelly C, Oscar C and Edison Z "For programming excellence in Computer Science." Mr Sagoe

Abdulahi and Taevyon "Exceptional effort in English literature this week." Ms Small

Sadie A "Positive attitude towards learning, beautiful drawings and consistent progress towards assessment objectives." Ms Douglas

Dylan K "It has been a positive start to the year, with strong effort displayed throughout last week's lessons." Mr Ejueyitchie

Evie M B and Sadie C "Showing great determination by requesting work on the morning of their illness to avoid falling behind." Mr Ejueyitchie

Frankie P "Trying hard in history and taking all my nagging and checking on his understanding in good humour. He now remembers that the French occupation of the Ruhr lead to hyperinflation." Ms Newton

Madison J "being really conscientious about the mock trial experience and having increased confidence in history lessons." Ms Newton

Matthew W and Abdul Malik "Excellent engagement for our new topic, Ecosystems!" Ms Hickman

Trips & Events

10 history students attended the second part of their QBE Hollis trip. Students and staff had a fantastic time, thank you for representing the school so well.

A reminder to all students and parents that the bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh reward is being offered to all students in year 11. If you are interested, please see Mr Bush (L.Bush@baconcollege.co.uk) for details

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 10th October – Year 11 Bacon's College Sixth Form open evening (internal students only).
- 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 pastoral team will continue to make phone calls to all students who are absent. Thank you for your support in trying to achieve and maintain 100% attendance for your child.

The attendance for the whole year 11 is 94.8%. As a school we are aiming for 97%. Attendance is key for GCSE success, please encourage your students to attend even if they are feeling slightly under the weather.

Winers for attendance this week are 11A with an impressive 98.2%, huge congratulations!

Weekly revision tip

How to make knowledge stick?

1. Teach Someone Else

Why: Teaching is one of the most effective ways to solidify your understanding of a topic.

How: Explain what you've learned to a friend, family member, or even to yourself out loud. If you can teach it, you've truly understood it!

2. Tackle Any Confusion Early

Why: It's easier to address confusion sooner rather than later, before it becomes a bigger issue.

How: If there's something you didn't quite grasp during the lesson, make a note of it and ask your teacher or classmates for help as soon as possible. Don't wait until the day before an exam to sort it out!

Reminders

- Please ensure you check the Arbor app for up-to-date information on positive and negative points for your child. You will also be able to see any detentions that have been set and when the student will sit these.
- Please note that eyelashes, false nails and more than one stud/earring per ear is against Bacon's uniform policy. Please ensure your child does not have any of these prior to leaving for school.
- Chromebooks are an essential part of the equipment at Bacon's, please remind your child to bring these in every day. If there are any issues with chromebooks, please make sure your child takes them to the school office.