



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

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 17 - 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,

In Year 8, we have been reflecting on the Christian values of compassion and perseverance. Compassion encourages us to care for others and show kindness, even in challenging times, while perseverance reminds us to stay determined and keep striving to achieve our goals. These values are essential not only in our studies but also in building a supportive and resilient community where everyone can thrive.

Learning and Growing in Year 8

This term, Year 8 students are diving into the fascinating topic of rocks and fossils, exploring how fossils are formed and what they tell us about Earth's history. Students will soon receive feedback from their mid-year exams, which is a valuable gift to help them identify areas for growth and improvement. By acting on this guidance, they can strengthen their understanding and skills, embracing perseverance in their learning journey. What students learn in lessons works hand in hand with their homework, reinforcing their understanding and helping them succeed. A reminder that the deadline for Sparx Science homework is 9am on Thursday.

Ms Miah

Deputy Head of Year 8 | Teacher of Science

Academic Excellence and Homework

- **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 vocab revision) 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 **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%

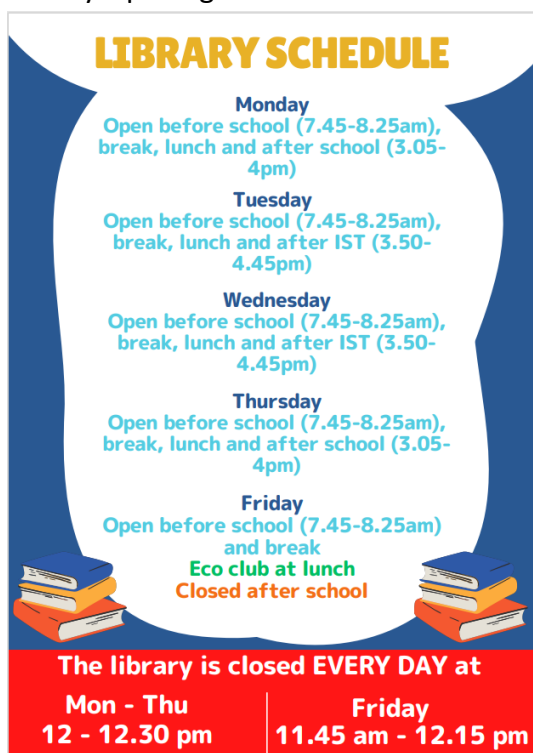
Sparx Maths:

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

“Gracie, for always being kind and greeting me with enthusiasm every lesson.” - **Mr Eshak, Science**

“Oscar for consistency of behaviour. They have consistently done the right thing during form time and Tutor time. They always come to class with the right attitude and ready for the day of learning.” - **Mr Mathan, Maths**

“Sara has improved immensely over the past few weeks. She has been really engaging with the material in the lessons and has produced some good quality work.

Amanda , Jayden for always doing the right thing, being polite and hardworking.” - **Ms Qi, English**

“Adir has been really engaged in his learning in history making excellent contributions to lessons.” - **Ms Newton, History**

“Yasmin, Kalasia and Nina - all for being consistently hardworking, polite and producing excellent homework. - **Mr Woods, RS**

“ Susan , Oscar , Raphael , Gracie , Mimi , Amreen , Aya , Aliyah and Tatiana for always working hard and being polite in Maths consistently.” - **Mr Jalal, Maths**

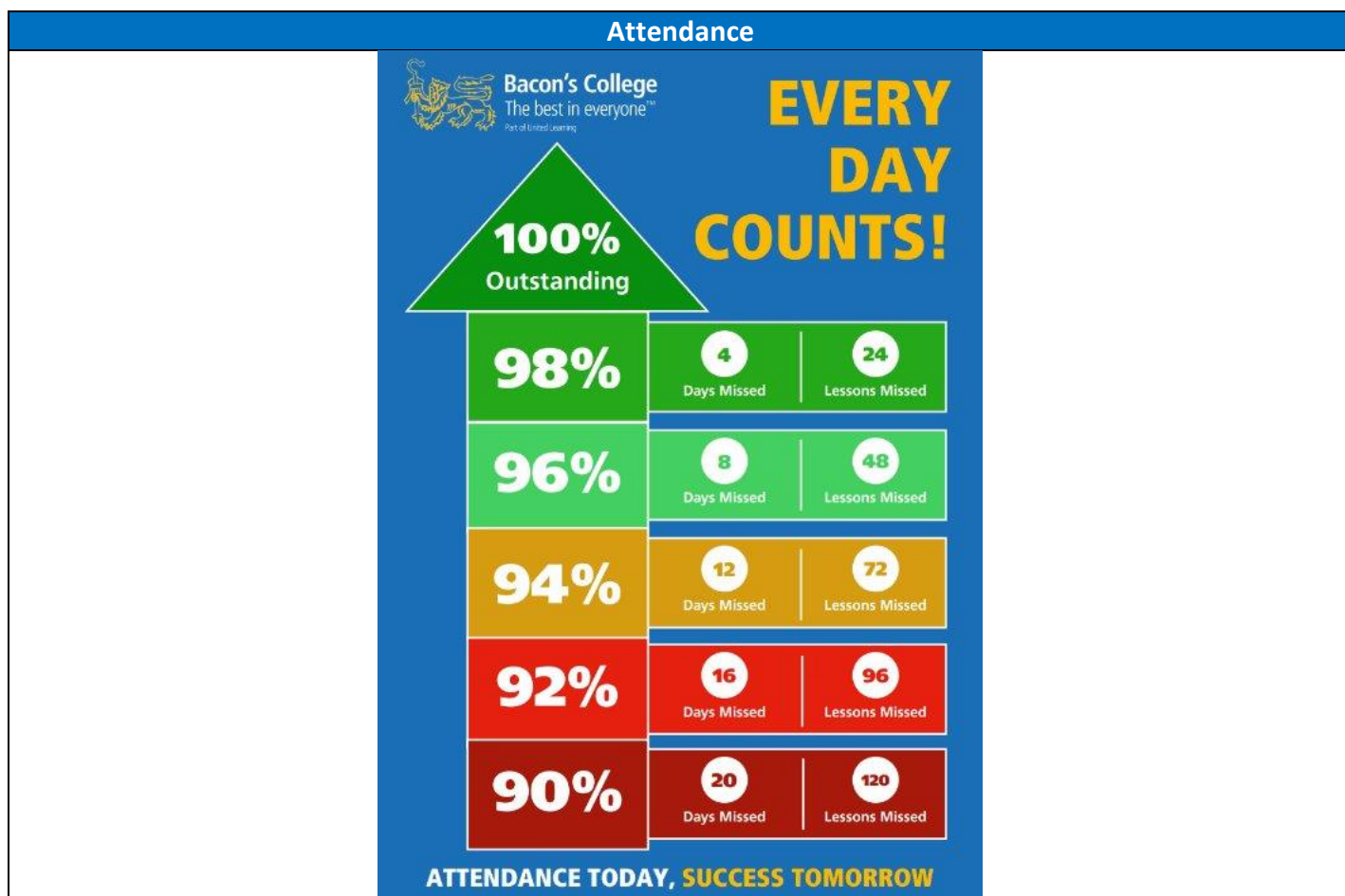
“Logan – consistently excellent work and effort”, **Ms Anum, English**

“Mimi for performing brilliantly in her speaking assessment, she got 100%.” - **Ms Hunter, Spanish**

“Mazin, Abdul, Patrick, George - All absolutely brilliant in history. They consistently work hard and engage with activities and make excellent contributions to lessons. Their contributions show excellent knowledge of the topics studied and they use subject specific terminology with ease. They are a delight to teach!” - **Ms Newton, History.**

“Aayat - for always putting in 100% effort

Nailah - improvement in Maths” - **Ms Lyons, Maths**



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%

8I - 96.7%

8A - 93.3%

8O – 93.1%

8S – 92.9%

8L – 92.6%

8N- 90.6%

WELL DONE



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

Students with 100% attendance:

Chloe
Janeila
Marina
Excel
Aya
Edisjana
Mahir
Keith
Mimi
Ehinomhen
Sarah
Tolu
Al
Whitney
Talia
Sara
Natasha
Susan
Katie
Amari
Melody
Michael
Mouloud
Jaida
Sherif
Lile
Gracie
Erin
Torian Leanne
Abdul
Oluwanifemi

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 8 Charter are set out below. Year 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

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

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Pre-Year Project

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+10pts

Complete Summer Project
'Personal Reflection'

Term 1

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+5pts

Participate in a club

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+5pts

Share my views with the School Council

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+5pts

Perform in a class event

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+5pts

Term 1 Completion Bonus

Term 2

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+5pts

Reflect on goals with an adult

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+5pts

Represent the College

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+5pts

Visit a museum, gallery or theatre

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+5pts

Term 2 Completion Bonus

Term 3

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+5pts

Volunteer in the community

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+5pts

Celebrate Culture Day

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+5pts

Attend Parents Evening

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+5pts

Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing

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+5pts

All 1s for attitudinal grades

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+5pts

Meet all homework deadlines

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Pre-Year Project

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+10pts

Complete Summer Project
'Option Choices'

Term 1

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+5pts

Participate in a club

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+5pts

Share my views with the School Council

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+5pts

Reflect on goals with an adult

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+5pts

Term 1 Completion Bonus

Term 2

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+5pts

Hear from a speaker

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+5pts

Visit a University and explore career routes

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+5pts

Attend Parents Evening

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+5pts

Term 2 Completion Bonus

Term 3

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+5pts

Represent the College

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+5pts

Celebrate Culture Day

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+5pts

Volunteer in the community

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+5pts

Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing

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+5pts

All 1s for attitudinal grades

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+5pts

Meet all homework deadlines

AOB

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.baconscollge.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

Year 8 Parents Evening – 3rd July 2025

