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# Year 8 Newsletter

**Week 1- 2025-2026**

**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 Carers,

As we begin a brand-new academic year, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 8. It is both a privilege and a responsibility that I take great pride in, and I am genuinely excited about the journey that lies ahead for us all.

This year marks a fresh chapter—not only for your child as they move into the next stage of their school experience, but also for me as a new year group, as I step into this role with a commitment to supporting every student in my year group. My goal is to create a positive, respectful, and ambitious environment where every student can feel seen, valued, and encouraged to achieve their personal best.

In this role, I will be working closely with students, teachers, and families to ensure that each young person is not only meeting academic expectations, but also developing the confidence, resilience, and character they need to navigate school and beyond. Whether it's through classroom learning, extracurricular opportunities, or simply a kind word at the right time, I want every student to feel that they belong—and that their growth matters.

Communication and partnership with parents and carers will be central to this. I believe that strong home-school relationships are key to student success, and I welcome your thoughts, feedback, and support throughout the year. If you have any concerns, suggestions, or simply want to check in, please don't hesitate to reach out. My door is always open.

There's much to look forward to this year—from important academic milestones and school trips, to celebrations of student success and exciting challenges ahead. Together, I know we can make this a memorable and rewarding year for everyone involved.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to getting to know you and your children in the weeks and months ahead.

My email address is [g.galvin@baconscollege.co.uk](mailto:g.galvin@baconscollege.co.uk) and my school ext. 4037.

Here's to a successful and rewarding year ahead!

Best wishes,

Ms G Galvin

### Academic Excellence and Homework

- **Homework**

Homework is key to ensuring your child is revising regularly and stretching their learning further. Please continue to support in this being completed any issues let me know! All students are issued with a Chromebook. If for any reason they have been lost or damaged please contact [a.quinn@baconscollege.co.uk](mailto:a.quinn@baconscollege.co.uk)

#### Homework Club

Homework Club is available to all students during the Library's opening hours including before school, break and lunchtime. 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.

### Shout Out

History:

**Sanet S** - for his great start in History this week, keep up the good work - Ms Dickinson

**Sebastian G**- "This week's shout out goes to Sebastien for his fantastic contributions in his history lesson - his enthusiasm and effort is a real pleasure to teach! Thank you! From, Ms Kristiansen'

**Jayson K**- 'Shout out to Jayson for his engagement and enthusiasm in his History lesson. Well done, and keep up the great work'! Ms Kristiansen

**Teddi M**- 'Well done to Teddi for persevering this week in history. She completed some fantastic independent work by the end of the lessons. Well done!' Ms Kristiansen

English:

**Rozzena M, Sonny F Amirat A, Anna K, Pearl D.** 'All for their fantastic starts to Year 8 English studies, each of them has brought a fantastic attitude to learning to class and provided brilliant input in our class discussions' Mr N McGarry

Well done to those nominated- Looking forward to more over the next week!

## Attendance

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance throughout last academic year. Your commitment to getting students into school—on time and ready to learn—has made a real difference and raised the whole school attendance.

At Bacon's College, we believe that "Every Minute, Every Lesson, Every Day" truly matters. Every moment in the classroom is an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to move one step closer to success.

As we look ahead to the start of a new year we want to continue this message. Consistent attendance will be key to building on the progress made so far and ensuring that every student is fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities of Year 8.

## AOB

**We highly encourage you to download the Arbor app**, which provides a fantastic way to stay informed about your child's progress. With the app, you can easily track both positive points and any negative referrals in real time. It's a great tool for keeping the lines of communication open and having meaningful conversations at home about your child's achievements and areas for improvement.

Please refer to the school's website here for information on downloading: [Arbor Parent Portal and App allows you to view attendance statistics, behaviour points and notifications from school.](#)

### Arbor Parent Portal and App

The Arbor Parent Portal allows you to receive messages from school, view attendance statistics, behaviour points, and update personal information on your child's profile.

The Parent Portal is accessible online and via the app, every parent/carer receives their own unique log in.



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