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Year 11 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.

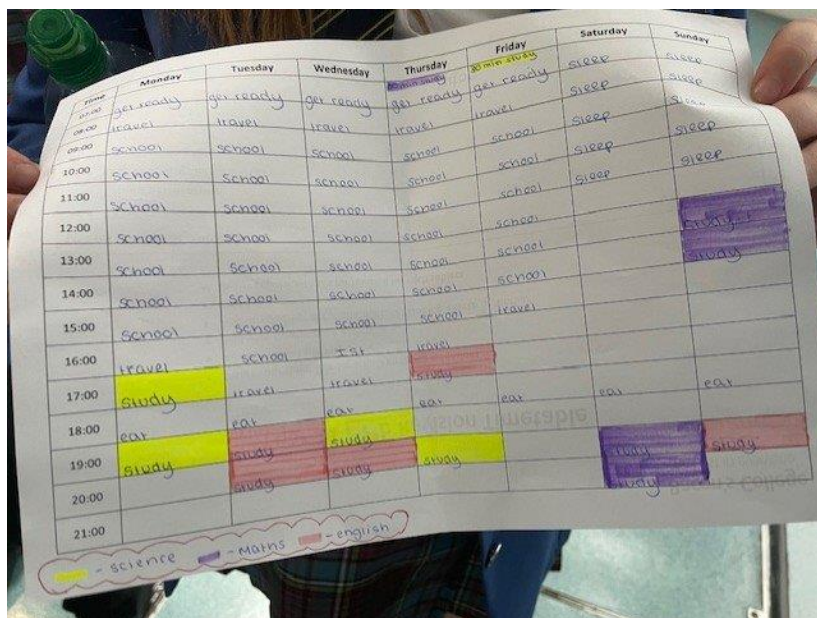
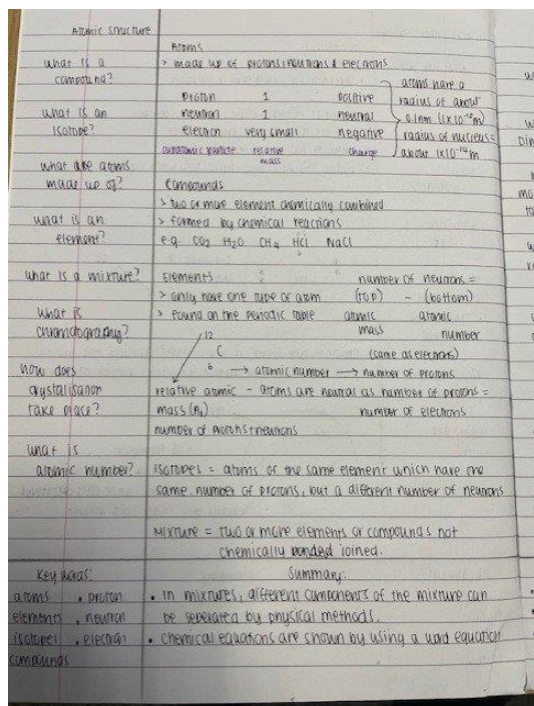
'I came to give life, life in all its fullness'

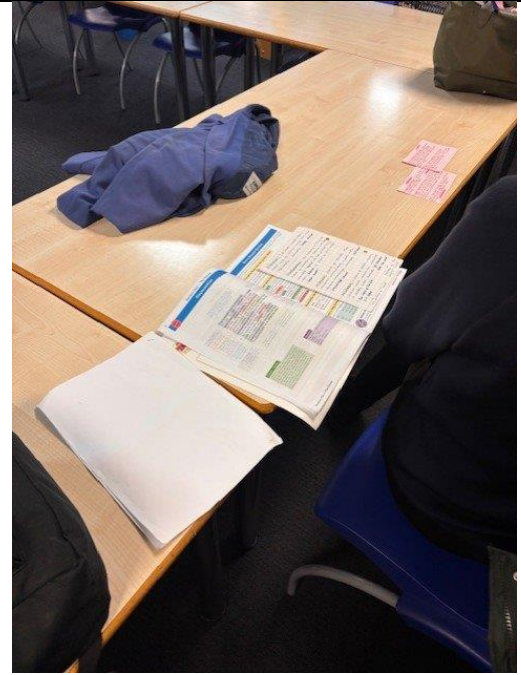
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Year 11- Week 17

Dear parents/guardians,

Year 11 students had a great week, with fantastic reports from SLT drop ins. See below some excellent work and engagement from lessons last week and examples of students revision:





This week saw the launch of a new initiative lessons. At Bacon's, we value the importance of oracy, striving to improve the speaking and listening skills at students. These skills are important for in school but also as an adult in the world of work. Since the start of the year, opportunities for THINK, pair, share have been embedded in lessons. In simple terms, a question is posed to students, they then have independent thinking time, where the answer is written either on their whiteboard or books. Students then have a discussion with their pair, talking through both of their ideas, this is followed by then the students feeding back to the whole class. We are using this technique to improve both speaking and listening skills. We are encouraging students to become an 'Expert SPEAKER' and a Listening STAR. Please see below a diagram to show the details of these key rules for oracy and Bacons.

Expert SPEAKER	
<u>Speak</u> in full sentences	
<u>Partner</u> voice	
<u>Evidence</u> your ideas	
<u>Accurate</u> grammar	
<u>Key</u> vocabulary	

Listening STAR	
<u>Sit up</u> to look interested	
<u>Track</u> the speaker	
<u>Appreciate</u> your classmates' ideas by nodding and smiling	
<u>Re-position</u> your body so you are facing your partner	

Students now have a slightly altered intervention timetable, to reflect the very fast approaching mock exams, not to mention the real GCSE exams are also fast approaching! Main changes include Maths period 7 on Mondays and targeted science intervention on Friday afternoons (during periods 5+6).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
assembly	Option B	Option A	Option C	RS/English 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	Detentions	Detentions
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Kind regards,

Miss Hickman
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Homework Champions & 'Shout outs'

Shout outs:

Bobby B "Good effort in class, keep up the hard work!" Mr Ejueyitchie

Covenant O "Excellent work in THINK pair share" Mr Ejueyitchie

Aqeel J and Hayron S "Always fully engaged in sciences lessons, take responsibility for their own learning and keen to have their work checked to make corrections and get it perfect." Mr Wilson

Amelia W and Kim C "for consistently completing work to very high standard in Business." Ms Cole

Oral B "great comparative poetry essay." MS Small

Harry B "great improvement in poetry analysis." Ms Small

Josiah A “for insightful contribution in lesson this week.” Ms Ahazie

Fabian M “his consistent effort in completing task set” Ms Ahazie

Jumobi B “excellent focus in history, great consequence questions.” Ms Newton

Olu A “excellent effort completing practise past papers in history” Ms Newton

Bobby B “for a huge increase in motivation in English and producing some amazing answers in lesson.” Mr Raine

11EN3 “English for completing their independent writing tasks extremely well. They have been focused all week and have shown excellent effort in all lessons this week.” Ms Majeed

Neveah-Rae William “for sharing a thoughtful and interesting book review.” Ms Eastman

Alysha G and Harry S “Huge improvement in engagement and effort in Geography” Ms Hickman

Tasnim T “ Always being polite and pleasant to staff, a morning and a thank you after the lesson goes a long way!” Ms Hickman

Pupil Charter

Bacon's Pupil Charter 11
 Courage · Respect · Compassion · Faith · Integrity

Pre-Year Project	Term 1	Terms 2 & 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Revision Timetable'	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend 6th Form Open Evening <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Year 11 Information Evening <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Careers Interview and Fair <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Deliver a formal presentation <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Complete College Career reflection <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Hear from a speaker <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Apply to Sixth Form <input type="checkbox"/> +10pts Meet Prom Entry Requirements
Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Meet all homework deadlines	

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

The start of the academic year sees the continuation of the Bacon's Pupil Charter for all year groups. 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.

Students in Year 11 have now had the opportunity to complete all term 1 Charter points, and this half term students will be looking towards attending the careers fair and delivering a formal presentation to their peers.

Dates for the Diary

- 27th March 2025 – Year 11 Parents Evening
- March Mock Exams – 15 school days until students next round of Mock Exams. The final ones before real GCSE exams

Attendance

The pastoral team will continue to make phonecalls 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 year 11 last week increased slightly from previous to 92.5%. We are aware that it is cough and cold season but we ask that if possible, students make an effort to come in where possible. Thank you for your continued support with this. Congratulations to 11A who has the best attendance!

Form group attendance so far to date:

11S: 92.1%
 11I: 92.9%
 11A: 95.9%
 11C: 92.7%
 11L: 94.6%
 11N: 88.5%
 11O: 94.3%



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EVERY DAY COUNTS!

100%
Outstanding

98%

4

Days Missed

24

Lessons Missed

96%

8

Days Missed

48

Lessons Missed

94%

12

Days Missed

72

Lessons Missed

92%

16

Days Missed

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Lessons Missed

90%

20

Days Missed

120

Lessons Missed

ATTENDANCE TODAY, SUCCESS TOMORROW

Academic Excellence and Homework

Homework

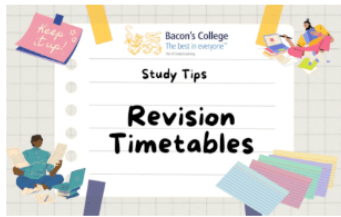
Homework is key to ensuring your child is revising regularly and stretching their learning further. Homework Club is available to all students during the Library's opening hours listed below. We encourage students to attend Homework Club or speak with their teachers if they have any questions before 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.

Please ensure you have created a parent account for show my homework, this allows you to monitor your child's homework. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child stay on top of their homework

A reminder of some top revision tips:

Exam Study Tips

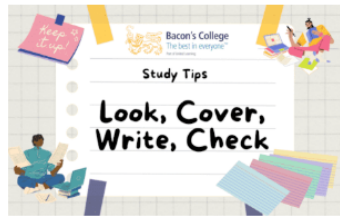
Revision is the key to succeeding in the final stretch of Year 11. Effective study strategies allow you to navigate your exams with confidence and calmness. Below you will find a bank of videos created by your teachers to help empower your study over the holidays and through the final term at Bacon's. Make use of these skills, look after yourselves, and work smart!



Revision Timetables

Revision works best with good structure, and Mr. Maybury is here to help you figure out how best to structure your revision time! A strong revision timetable helps combat procrastination, fatigue, feeling a bit lost and feeling overwhelmed. With a little guidance, you'll have a well-planned week complete with leisure, lunch and learning.

[Video >](#)



Look, Cover, Write, Check

Ms. Coker has you covered for this study technique, demonstrating how to use the Look, Cover, Write, Check method to practice answering short-answer questions until you've got them bonded.

[Video >](#)



Flash Cards

Ms. Small and Ms. Majeed are here to help guide you through the use of flash cards as a tool to remember quotes and key bits of information. With a good deck of cards and a bit of practice, you'll know quotes from A Christmas Carol like the back of your hand!

[Video >](#)

Useful Apps and Websites

As Mr. Maybury reminds us: The phone is your enemy when you're revising. However, with some decent self-control, a Do-Not-Disturb mode and some handy apps, a phone or tablet can **sometimes** help you out a little. Below are some of our favourite apps and websites to help organise yourselves, practice and revise, and look after yourselves.



Headspace

Feeling a little too stressed out? Headspace can help you wind down!

[more >](#)



Flora - Green Focus

Have trouble staying off distracting apps? Set a focus timer in Flora and you can start growing a tree. If you use a blocked app, the tree dies and nobody is happy. Focus, revise, grow trees and be happy!

[more >](#)

Reminders

- **Students are currently having 1:1 careers meetings with Ms Watson, your child should know when this, please do ask and remind them. These will be ongoing through the next few months.**
- **Please note that eyelashes, false nails and more than one stud/earring per ear is against Bacon's uniform policy. If students have either of these they will be sent to isolation or home if they can not remove them immediately.**
- **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.**