



Bacon's College
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Part of United Learning

Year 10 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 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and had a restful summer.

Year 10 have had a great start to the year so far! It has been great to see them back from summer and focused on their learning. I would like to take this moment to introduce you to the team around Y10 this year. Your child will see their Tutor at the beginning of the day. Your child's Tutor is your first point of contact should you have any queries. Your child's progress, behaviour, attendance and well-being will also be support. Our team this year is myself as Head of Year with Ms Lyons as deputy and Ms Whyte as our pastoral assistant. We have welcomed Mr Maybury as our senior lead link and Mr Pyke as Head of Key Stage 4.

This year, there will be a big push on celebrating students progress and effort in lessons and their assessments, make sure to check out the shout outs and academic excellence.

This week, Year 10 had an assembly explaining the importance of 'marginal gains' in preparing for their GCSEs. Marginal gains was a term created by Dave Brailford who take over British Cycling in 2003 focusing on making small changes to improve the team's outcome. The year group – including tutors – have been challenged to think about 1 way they can improve their routines. This could include the following;

- Putting your phone away 1hr earlier so you are settled for bed
- Completing an hour of homework when you get home
- Leaving your phone in your room at dinner time
- Spending more time on a paragraph in English
- Using one more example in History
- Revising that one equation or technique in maths or science

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance.

All the best,

Ms Dickinson

Shout outs

- **Courtney W in 10XYEN5**. She has made a brilliant start to her Year 10 English studies with fantastic contributions in lesson and a brilliant academic demeanor – **Mr McGarry**
- **Perez D** - Flying start to Triple science. Proactive in asking for revision materials, also completed the weekly exam questions homework on the same day it was issued. - **Ms Coles-Williams**
- **Dominic D** – good engagement with History, keen to contribute with good focus – **Ms Newton**
- **Finley W** - a clear example of good behaviour, in-depth writing and verbal contributions to the lesson which have been valuable - **Ms Colquhoun**
- **Carley E and Freddie W** for good engagement, resilience and focus during Year 10 Chemistry last week – **Ms Coker**
- **Joshua O** - strong committed start to Computer Science – **Mr Sagoe**
- **Elisabeth A** - Excellent problem solving skills – **Mr Sagoe**
- **Leah M** - had an excellent start to their dance GCSE, bringing enthusiasm, focus and organisation! – **Ms Redfern**
- **Miya E** - came to her first GCSE history lesson ready to get stuck in! Great to see - Ms Kristiansen
- **Joash D-H** – your effort and contribution in History – Ms Dickinson

Homework

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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.

* 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	Friday
12 - 12.30 pm	11.45 am - 12.15 pm

Attendance



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 Group attendance this week

Year Group attendance

94.3%

Tutor group

N – 87.5

I- 94.1

C – 96.3

O – 92.7

L- 92.8

A – 94.6

S- 98.8

WELL DONE



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

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 9 Charter are set out below.



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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.baconscollege.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.

Forthcoming events

- Y10 parent information evening 2/10
- Mid year assessments – 8th -13th January
- Parents evening – 22nd January
- Parents evening – 9th July