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Year 8 Newsletter

Week 1 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 Parent/Guardians,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Head of Key Stage 3 and I am looking forward to working very closely with Year 7, 8 and 9 this academic 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 supported by Mr Davies (Head of Year 8), Ms Miah (Deputy Head of Year 8) and I.

This year there will be a big drive on attendance across all year groups, so I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school on time and prepared every day.

Well done to 8I for having the best attendance as a tutor group so far.

I look forward to working with you over the year ahead and beyond.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bennett

Assistant Principal – Head of Key Stage 3

Homework Champions & 'Shout outs'

Each week we will use this space to celebrate outstanding achievements both in and outside of the classroom.

We will also use this space to celebrate our Homework Champion and those students who consistently excel in completing homework on time and to a high standard.

All students should have a Chromebook. Should your child experience any technical issues with their Chromebook, please ask your child to report it to the IT Helpdesk (Upstairs Yellow Wing).

The table below outlines the homework schedule for Year 7-9.

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**	60 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

****In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check the homework guidance for more information.**

Dates for the Diary

12th September 2024 – Opening Evening for Year 6 parents.
5th November 2024 – Year 8 Reading Age Test during IST.
3rd July 2024 – Year 8 Parents Evening.

Attendance

The graphic below 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.



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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

96

Lessons Missed

90%

20

Days Missed

120

Lessons Missed

ATTENDANCE TODAY, SUCCESS TOMORROW

The Bacon's 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 8

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Pre-Year Project	
<input type="checkbox"/> +10pts	Complete Summer Project 'Personal Reflection'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in a club	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Reflect on goals with an adult	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Perform in a class event	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter +20 pts

100% Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

Bacon's Pupil Charter 9

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Pre-Year Project	
<input type="checkbox"/> +10pts	Complete Summer Project 'Option Choices'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in a club	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Hear from a speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a University and explore career routes	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Reflect on goals with an adult	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

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AOB

We have seen a very small minority of students return to school wearing, fake eyelashes, nails or with piercings that are not permitted as well as skirts/kilts that are above knee length.

A polite reminder that we have a clear uniform policy for all students that can be found here

[By being dressed smartly and taking pride in their appearance, students will also be in the right frame of mind to learn. \(baconscollege.co.uk\)](https://baconscollege.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year team if you have any questions.