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Year 7 Newsletter

Week 2 2024-2025

Courage

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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 7

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well. It has been a pleasure to see year 7 experience their first full week here at Bacon's!

Throughout their first week, Year 7 have completed a whole week of lessons, two IST sessions, and their baseline tests for English and Maths. All pupils have worked hard to know where they need to be and when. I have had the pleasure of dropping into some of their lessons and it has been wonderful to see so many of the pupils engaging with the lesson, asking questions, and presenting their books/ work with such pride.

A big shoutout to Bakerloo and Elizabeth who have been working exceptionally hard in lessons!

All pupils should now be able to log in to their Chromebook and access all homework platforms. Going forward, homework will be displayed on Satchel One, with instructions on where they need to complete the homework and by when. All parents and guardians should have received their own login to Satchel One, where you are able to track and monitor homework being set for your child.

Tutor groups have started the tutorial programme this week, this involves a morning prayer and whole school reading. This week, tutor groups have been reading from their articles and speeches booklet, the feedback from Ms O'Leary (Deputy Head of Year), Ms Moghal (SLT Link), and Dr Patel (SLT Link) has been amazing and all pupils have engaged with this very well.

As you have been made aware, there is a big push on attendance this year across all year groups. I thank you all in advance for your continued effort and support to ensure your child arrives to school on time and prepared for the day ahead.

A huge shoutout out to 7L who had the best attendance this week at 99.7%! I look forward to next week to see which tutor will win the week!

A reminder that Ms Redfern's PE class will be swimming on Monday, pupils should come to school at normal time with their swimming kit including a towel, swimming goggles, and a cap. On Friday, Mr Leport's class will be swimming also.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance and I look forward to seeing you all at the Year 7 Welcome Service on 19th September 2024.

Kind Regards,

Miss Johnson
Head of Year

Homework Champions & 'Shout outs'

Each week we will 'shout out' some pupils for their hard work which might be in lesson, around the school, or just being helpful. This week we shout out:

Leah (K) – most positive points this week

Daniela (O) - most positive points this week

Eliza (B) - most positive points this week

Malachi (R-M) – supporting peers

Fletcher (W) – working hard in lesson

Itohan (P) – attending volleyball clubs

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**	30-60 minutes (+ 10-minute daily vocab revision)

	Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30 minutes
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****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

18th September 2024 – Year 7 to sit the NGRT (New Group Reading Test) during IST.
 19TH September 2024 – Year 7 Welcome Service – All Year 7 Parents/Guardians are invited to join our annual Welcome Service for Year 7. Student’s summer work will be presented.
 24th September 2024 – Year 7 Gideon’s Society Assembly – Students are gifted a bible should they wish to accept one.
 8th October 2024 – Year 7 Stubbers Trip (Team building) – Parents/Guardians will receive a letter in due course.

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.

This week’s champions are 7L!



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 7 Charter are set out below. Year 8 and 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 7

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Pre-Year Project ☐ +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Your Journey So Far'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Welcome/Carol Service	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Tutor Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Bond on a trip away	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in a club	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter
+20 pts

Completed Bacon's Best Card
+20 pts

Bacon's Pupil Charter 8

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Pre-Year Project ☐ +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 ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter
+20 pts

Completed Bacon's Best Card
+20 pts

Bacon's Pupil Charter 9

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Pre-Year Project ☐ +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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Arbor App and Satchel One

The best way to stay up to date with your child's school day is by downloading the Arbor App. The app will allow you receive up to date information from the school, track your child's attendance and update the information that we hold about both you and your child, including consents. You will also be able to view positive points, detentions, and your child's overall behaviour record.

To access the app for the first time, please use the "forgotten password" link on the homepage. You must use the email address that we hold on to file for you as your username. If you attempt to log in using a different email address, this will not work.

Should you encounter any issues when logging in, please email schooloffice@baconscollege.co.uk and a member of our team will be happy to assist you.

To track and monitor homework set for your child, please also make sure you can log in to Satchel One. All homework is recorded on this website, and it provides the chance for both students and parents to see exactly what has been set for homework, including when the work is due. You will receive an email from school this week with your log in credentials. If you do not receive this email, please contact Ms Cunningham at e.cunningham@baconscollege.co.uk and she will be able to provide the details to you.

Mobile Phones and contact

Mobile phones are allowed in school but must remain always switched off and out of sight. If they are seen (including in trouser pockets) or heard, then they will be confiscated. If a student feels ill during the school day, they must report to the school office - **they must not contact you directly**. Our first aiders will assess the student and contact you if necessary. Parents must contact the school office if they need to get a message to their child during the school day rather than directly message them.

If a pupil is found to have made direct contact with home using their mobile phone, they will be expected to hand their phone in to reception at the start of each school day and can collect it again at the end of the day. If a mobile phone is confiscated, you will be notified via SMS and it will be available for collection by a parent or guardian from the main reception, between 8:30am-4pm Monday- Friday. Devices will not be returned directly to your child.

Attendance

Research has shown that a positive attitude to attendance is a strong indicator of academic success. The school expectation is that students are in every lesson, every day. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact our school attendance officer before school begins to inform us of their absence. Please note that medical evidence may be requested for extended or repeated periods of absence due to illness. If your child is absent or late, a member of the pastoral team will call in the morning to discuss why and to help support getting your child in.

Behaviour

Our behaviour policy is designed to ensure that all students can learn in an environment that is safe, secure, and rooted in mutual respect. When students occasionally fall short of these expectations, appropriate sanctions will be put in place. In most cases, talking through the issue

with the student and agreeing better future choices will be all that is required, but if poor behaviour is persistent or if a student needs to be removed from a lesson, then they will be issued with a same day afterschool detention. If you have any concerns with your child's behaviour, please do not hesitate to get in touch so that we can work together to support them.

Free School Meals

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, this must be done via our website, [here](#)

Once your application has been completed in full, you will be notified of your eligibility whether your application has been successful, or not. The school will also receive notification and will update our records immediately.

Free school meals allowance is worth £2.40 per day and can be accessed by your child during their morning break, or at lunch time. Please note that if your child spends part of this allowance in their morning break, they will only have the remaining funds available at lunch i.e if they spend £1 at break, they'll only have £1.40 available at lunch. If they spend more than £2.40 on a purchase, the extra cost will be taken from the funds available on their ParentPay accounts. Please remember to top up your ParentPay accounts at least 24 hours in advance as the system does not sync instantly. The FSM allowance is to be taken each day and does not carry over/accumulate if unused.

Uniform and Appearance

Year 7 are immaculately presented and are proud to be wearing the school uniform correctly and smartly. This is something that we will be seeking to maintain as we move throughout the year. Our school uniform is a way in which our students show their pride at being part of our community. Students will be sanctioned in line with our school behaviour policy for any uniform infringements, more detail can be found in our school policy. Please get in touch if there are any difficulties regarding uniform. Please also ensure that all items are named so that any lost items can swiftly be returned to their rightful owner.

Appointments with staff

We believe communication is key to building good relationships between school and home and are always keen to meet with parents to resolve matters face to face. We fully understand that urgent issues can arise but please bear in mind that we cannot always see parents who arrive without notice during the school day. Staff are often teaching or in meetings. Please call ahead to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet rather than arrive at school unannounced and risk disappointment if no one is available. Many thanks for your understanding on this matter.

Social Media and Online Activity

We understand the pressures that parents and children can face when using the internet and social media platforms to communicate and socialise. We cover internet safety as part of our PSHE curriculum but would encourage parents to actively monitor their child's online activity. The NSPCC website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>) has lots of useful information to help parents keep their children safe online. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Form Tutors

The form tutors and their school email addresses are below. Please note that emails may not always be responded to immediately, especially if they are sent outside working hours. Form

tutors should be your first point of contact for any issues or queries that you may have and as a staff body we endeavour to respond to you within a 36-hour time period.

Mr B. Phillips	Pastoral Assistant- Year 7	b.phillips@baconscollege.co.uk
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