



Bacon's College
The best in everyone™
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Year 8 Newsletter

Week 22 - 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 Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well.

On Tuesday, Year 8 had a careers assembly with Leah Chowdhry, who discussed the topics of resilience, the importance of mindset and asking students to find their 'why' in what they do. She is the first British Asian woman to swim across the English Channel and in doing so raised over £250,000 for numerous challenges. She is also the founder and CEO of Pop up, Party & Play, a mobile childcare company. Furthermore, she is the author of children's book 'Making a Splash!', helping children to adopt a similar attitude and teaching them the importance of self-belief. At the end of the talk, she gave students the homework of firstly changing 'I can't' to 'I can' and secondly to do something kind for someone else. Her talk was very inspiring and lots of students were left with many questions for her.

This half term, I want the students to reflect on how they are doing at school. Since their January assessments, many students have started to have conversations with teacher about what they need to do to improve their grades in preparation for their end of year assessments. This is the 'I can' attitude we'd like from all students when they reflect on how they can continue to progress in their academic development.

I look forward to seeing how students show their 'I can' attitude in their engagement in lessons.

Kind Regards,

Mr Davies

Head of Year 8

Academic Excellence and Homework

- Homework**

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.

Homework timetable for KS3:

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** Sparx Reader	60 minutes 20 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
Technology - You will also receive one piece of Technology homework set on the day of your lesson which will be due for the next lesson. **In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check SMHW for more details.		

Homework Champions

Sparx Science

Well done to **8 – Elizabeth** for having the highest completion rates in the year group.

Special shout out to Sara M for having the highest XP of 7200.

Sparx Reader

Well done to **8N** for having the highest completion rates in their year groups.

Sparx Reader catch-up sessions after school on Mondays, which are available to any students who are struggling with the homework or would just like the opportunity to read aloud to someone.

Top Readers

- Whitney 1671 SRP
- Lauren 1051 SRP

Sparx Maths

A special shoutout to 8C completion of their Sparx.

Sparx Club continues every Thursday 3-4pm in MG16 for anyone who needs assistance or cannot keep up with their homework.

Super Sparx Mathematicians

- Sara
- Ehinomhen
- Whitney

Completion rates

Sparx Reader:

8A: 77%

8C: 79%

8I: 86%

8L: 86%

8N: 93%

8O: 89%

8S: 79%

Sparx Maths:

8C: 93%

8L: 100%

8N: 87%

8A: 83%

8S: 89%

8I: 93%

8O: 81%

Sparx Science

8-Elizabeth 93%

8-Bakerloo 90%

8-Jubilee 90%

8-Central 85%

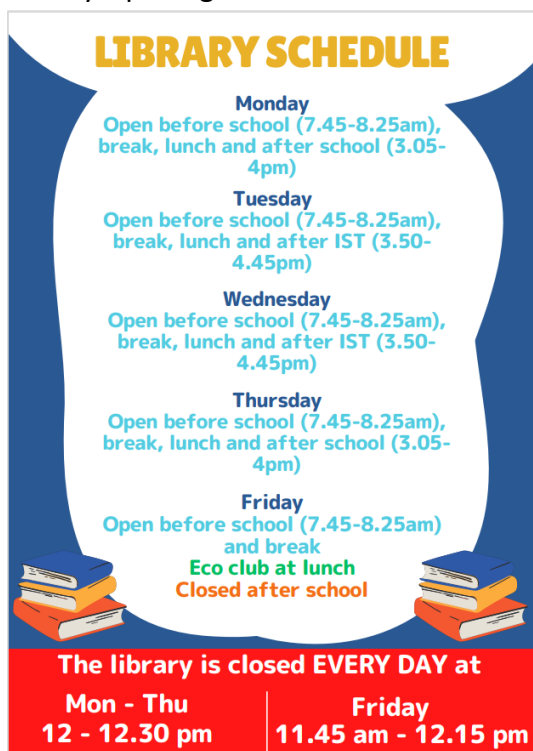
8-Metropolitan 83%

8-District 82%

8-Victoria 71%

8-Piccadilly 57%

* 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 12 - 12.30 pm	Friday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm
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Shout Out

Sabrina, Sonny, Excel, Tayandre, Katie, Gerald, Angel, Sarah, Tyler, Kaden, Rife, Lexie, Natasha, Ramari, Joshua, Jordan working very well for unexpected cover lesson- Ms Newton
Sonny – for being helpful and polite – Ms Newton

Vitoria and Nina - very conscientious catching up in history when they had missed a lesson for an intervention. – Ms Newton – History

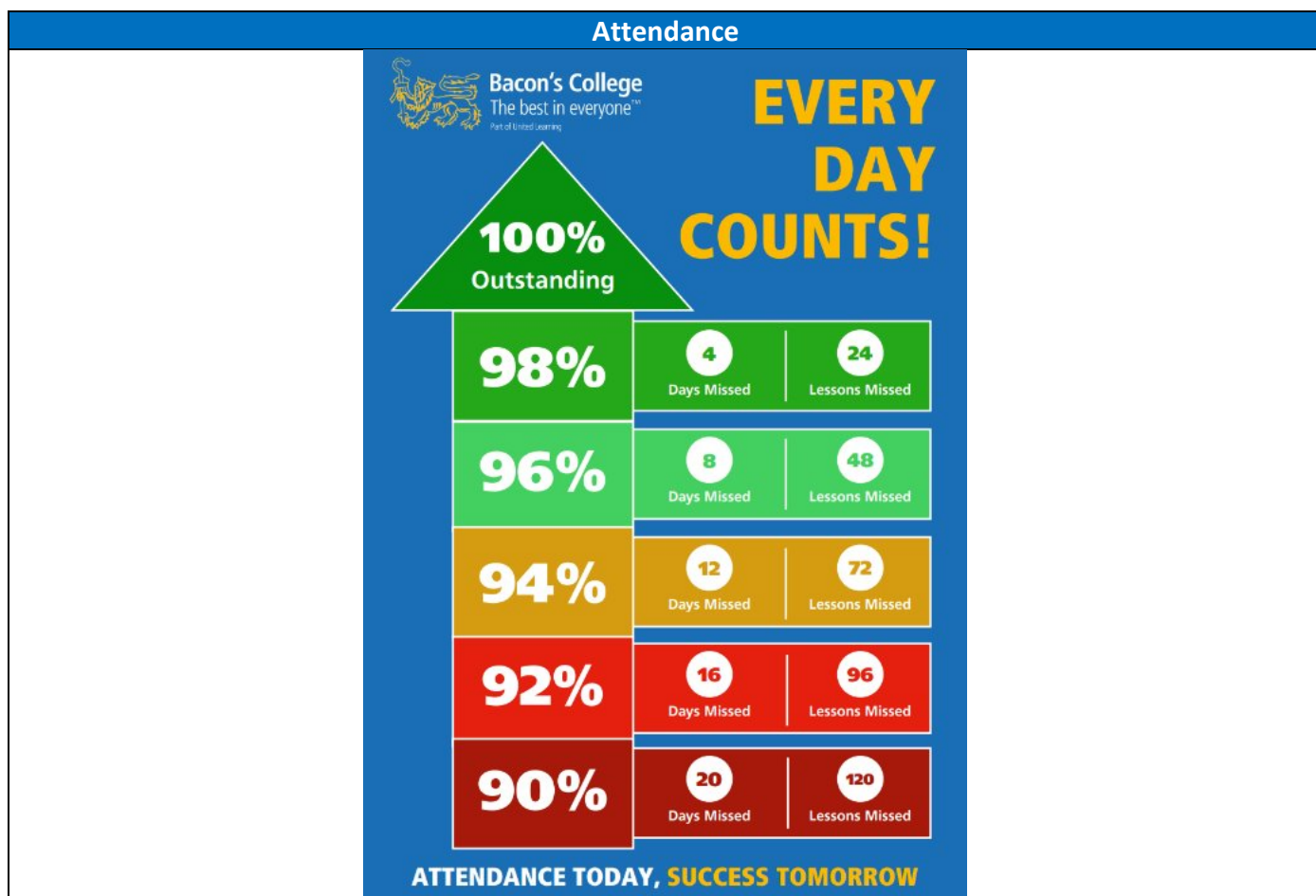
Sabrina, Erin, Nina, Sara, Tiarna, India, Whitney, Vitoria, Lile, Mimi - For their great performance as a team representing Bacon's (And the whole of Southwark) at the London Youth Games in Rugby. - Mr Leport

Aaron and Emil for being focused and engaged in lesson – Ms Miah - Science

Maria, Jewel, Rylee, Na'ilah and Rosey for producing high quality class work. – Ms Miah - Science

Martin for always being joyful and a kind considerate member of our class. – Ms Miah - Science

Aishat, Logan and Olivia for always doing the right thing. – Ms Miah - Science



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 8 – 93.8%

8I - 95%
8A – 94.1%
8O – 90.5%
8S – 92.1%
8L – 95.3%
8N- 95.1%
8C – 94.6%

WELL DONE



for having the best attendance as a tutor group so far this year!

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

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

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Pre-Year Project

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+10pts

Complete Summer Project
'Personal Reflection'

Term 1

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+5pts

Participate in a club

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+5pts

Share my views with the School Council

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+5pts

Perform in a class event

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+5pts

Term 1 Completion Bonus

Term 2

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+5pts

Reflect on goals with an adult

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+5pts

Represent the College

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+5pts

Visit a museum, gallery or theatre

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+5pts

Term 2 Completion Bonus

Term 3

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+5pts

Volunteer in the community

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+5pts

Celebrate Culture Day

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+5pts

Attend Parents Evening

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+5pts

Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing

☐

+5pts

All 1s for attitudinal grades

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+5pts

Meet all homework deadlines

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Pre-Year Project

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+10pts

Complete Summer Project
'Option Choices'

Term 1

☐

+5pts

Participate in a club

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+5pts

Share my views with the School Council

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+5pts

Reflect on goals with an adult

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+5pts

Term 1 Completion Bonus

Term 2

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+5pts

Hear from a speaker

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+5pts

Visit a University and explore career routes

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+5pts

Attend Parents Evening

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+5pts

Term 2 Completion Bonus

Term 3

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+5pts

Represent the College

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+5pts

Celebrate Culture Day

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+5pts

Volunteer in the community

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+5pts

Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing

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All 1s for attitudinal grades

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Meet all homework deadlines

Forthcoming events

Year 8 Parents Evening – 3rd July 2025