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Part of United Learning

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 20 - 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 and Guardians,

I hope you're all well and looking forward to the half term break.

The Year 8s have been engaging well with the external agencies who have come in to work with them over the last couple of weeks.

Assembly with Groundworks:

We were fortunate to have Groundworks join us for an insightful assembly focused on mental health awareness. The session provided valuable information about how to recognize and manage emotions, cope with stress, and seek support when needed. Groundworks emphasized the importance of speaking up and taking care of our mental well-being, encouraging students to reach out and support each other. It was a great reminder that mental health is just as important as physical health, and we're grateful for the tools and resources shared to help students thrive.

Careers Fair:

Our Careers Fair was an exciting opportunity for students to explore a variety of future career paths. Students had the chance to meet professionals from different industries as well as from universities, ask questions, and learn about the skills and qualifications needed for a range of careers. It was a great way for them to start thinking about their future aspirations and how to plan for success. We hope this event sparked curiosity and inspired our Year 8s to dream big and aim high!

Following the careers fair, I started to get the Year 8s to think ahead by thinking about what GCSE options they may need for the career options on offer at the fair. Our current Year 9 student will start next half term off having an open event to explore what GCSE options are available. This time next year, your child will be considering which GCSE options to choose. It was great to see and hear so many students having conversations about their career options this week.

I hope you all have a restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 24th February 2025.

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.

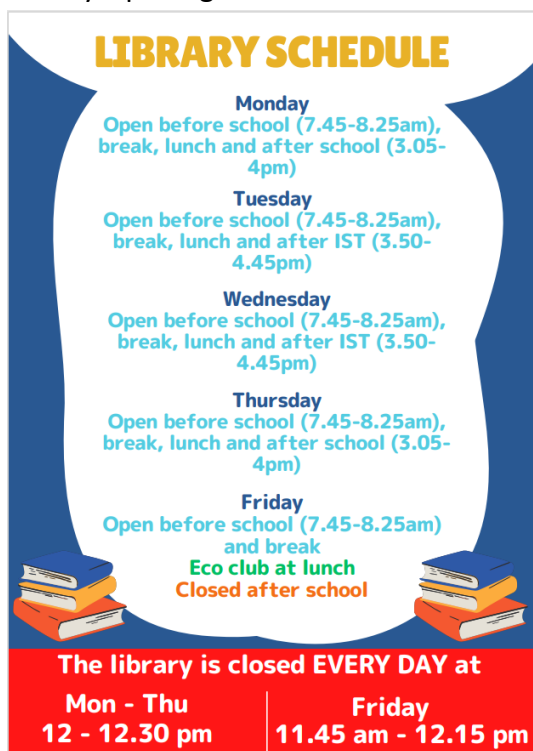
Homework timetable for KS3:

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.**

* 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 / Rewards

Shout Outs

HUGE shoutout to 8 District! Every single one of them were outstanding in Geography today and they were an absolute pleasure to teach! Really proud of the progress they're making, e.g. including plenty of key terms in their speech and writing! An extra shoutout to: Archie, Sarah and Martin for also being extra fantastic that lesson. – Geography – Mr El Ghzal

Madison, Zain, Rita, Stanley and Alvin are always doing the right thing in English! Their manners and determination are outstanding. – English – Mr Raine

Faith – for improved attitude towards learning in English. – Mr Raine

Chelsea for emailing me about a question she found challenging in her homework 2 days before it was due. I was able to help her and she completed her homework early. – Science – Ms Miah

Mazin - great essay on causes of English Civil War - excellent explanation of how power led to the outbreak of war. History – Ms Newton

Bronze Awards Winners

- * Ehinomhen P
- * Jade N
- * Maya D
- * Sarah R
- * Melody T
- * Enoch A
- * Mouloud A
- * Jaída D
- * Aayat A



Top 20 Points in Year Group

- * Ehinomhen P
- * Enoch A
- * Mouloud A
- * Jade N
- * Maya D
- * Jaída D
- * Aayat A
- * Sarah R
- * Melody T
- * Raphael K
- * Oscar M
- * Ava G
- * Mila S
- * Whitney O
- * India A
- * Nina B
- * Tatiana W
- * Amreen J
- * Yacob B

Half Term Points Leader

Ehinomhen P

Overall Points Leader

Mimi L

Tutor Group with most Charter Points

8L

Autumn Term CHARTER Completion Raffle

Tatiana W



Tutor Group with the Highest overall Points

8N - 3016

8O - 4560

8I - 4907

8L - 4703

8C - 5843

8A - 3849

8S - 4422



Tutor Group with the Highest overall Points

8I



Most Improved Student

Sonny-Boy Rowse



Attendance Award Raffle

Amari M



Punctuality Award Raffle

Sherif A



Maths Super Star



Ehinomhen P

English Super Star



Tolu S



Science Super Star



Sara M



Spanish Super Star



Aldo G



Spanish Star

Rugby Super Star



- Albert L
- George C
- Hamdi D
- Al L
- Sonny-Boy R
- Martin S
- Emil D
- Malachai I
- Ramari S
- Levin Rojas P
- Jordan F
- Stanley K
- Jasper S
- Wassim M

- Erin L
- Rylee C
- Nina B
- Tiarna-Marie H
- Mimi L
- Vitoria Palatti C
- Sabrina M
- Darcy B
- Sara T
- India A
- Whitney OI

Rugby Star



Pride of Bacon's Award

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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 8 – 93.5%

8N – 95%

8I – 95.9%

8C – 94.8%

8O – 92.4%

8L – 89.3%

8A – 98%

8S -89%

WELL DONE



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

Students with 100% attendance this week:

Chloe

Janeila

Marina

Excel

Aya

Mimi

Ehinomhen

Sarah

Tolu

Al

Whitney

Talia

Susan

Katie

Amari

Michael

Mouloud

Jaida

Sherif

Gracie

Yousif

Erin

Abdul

Oluwanifemi

Nooh

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

☐

+10pts

Complete Summer Project
'Personal Reflection'

Term 1

☐

+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

☐

+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

☐

+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

☐

+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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Volunteer in the community

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Ongoing

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Meet all homework deadlines

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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.baconscollge.co.uk/parents/uniform-personal-presentation): <https://www.baconscollge.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. Parents should be mindful of this before incurring any costs over the holidays.

Forthcoming events

Year 8 Parents Evening – 3rd July 2025