

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 6 - 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

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians,

In this month's newsletter, we're inspired by the quote, "She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails." As we navigate this school year, we aim for 100% attendance, encouraging our students to embrace challenges and adapt with resilience. Our young scholars have been particularly enjoying their exploration of light in Science, diving into exciting experiments, while also excelling in Geography, deepening their understanding of the world around them. Let's keep up the great momentum as we try to sail smoothly through this journey together!

As we approach almost the middle of the month already, we want to emphasize the incredible power of reading. Completing Sparx Reader homework not only boosts comprehension and empathy but also opens doors to new worlds and ideas. Remember, "reading is the greatest equalizer of our time"—it provides everyone with the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed, regardless of their background. So let's make reading a priority! Set aside some time each day to immerse yourself in a good book and watch your understanding and imagination soar. Happy reading! The deadline for Sparx reader homework is Monday at 5PM.

Kindest regards,

Ms Miah

Deputy Head of Year 8 | Teacher of Science

Classwork Champions & 'Shout outs'

Student Spotlight: Jaida

Jaida is an example of an exemplar student, she has accrued 91 positives this term alone, is a punctual student with 100% attendance. She always hands in her homework on time and has 0 negatives and detentions. Jaida has written an excerpt of her school life.

"The thing about school is that when I am struggling in class, I always get help from my teachers specifically in Science and English. I also went on a History trip last Monday and it was really fun and it helped me learn a lot about Britain's Black History.

My favourite thing in Bacons College is the extra curriculum clubs and interventions. Today I had an intervention, and it was very fun because we were all involved. I also like music, like steel pans because its fun and I learn a lot."

Monday:

From, Ms Kristiansen "Sending a huge well done to students in 8-Bakerloo for their fantastic listening skills, maturity, and participation in yesterday's history trip to London Museum.

Thank you for making the trip easy and enjoyable. "



Sending a huge shout out to all the students for their attitude during today's history fluency test and essay writing. It is the first one for Year 8, and I was mostly impressed with the determination, perseverance and effort put into answering all questions over.

Well done! Keep up the great work, it will pay off! From, Ms Kristiansen"

Tuesday:

80 were extremely well behaved, focused and respectful in their Independent Study Time Period on Tuesday, which Mr Davies oversaw. I was particularly pleased with how much homework was being completed ahead of students going home.

Wednesday:

A shout out to the Boys Rugby team for their excellent team performance in a rugby tournament held at Burgess Park.. They showed great discipline on the pitch and played some really good phases. They represented the school to a high standard showing good sportsmanship.

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| Hamdi | Stanley |
| Albert | Sonny |
| Al | Jasper |
| Martin | Malachai |
| Wassim | Ramari |
| Kamal | Jonny |
| George | Jordan |

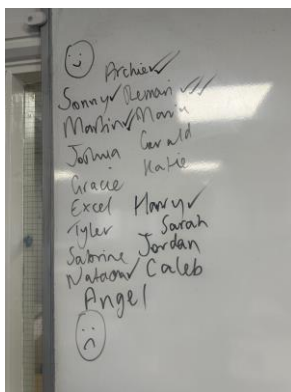
Thursday:

Big Win for the Girls Football Team in their cup match, they won 3-1 against Sydenham High School!

Friday:

8 District were 'fantastic' today in their geography lesson! Mr Ghzal was extremely impressed with how hard they worked and how well each and every one of them contributed to the lesson.

A special shoutout to Ramari who absolutely smashed it!



22 positive points were given with no warnings and it was a genuine pleasure to teach them today, I am extremely impressed with them. Please see attached a photo of all the positive points given in class! Hope you have an amazing weekend!

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

This week we shout out:

"Erin— consistent hard work in Basketball lessons in PE." – Mr Pyke, P.E

"Sabrine, Ahmad and Ahmet – Excellent quality of classwork and great contributions in lesson" – Ms Roy, Science

"Mila for Persevered and not given up when faced with a challenging concept, always doing the right thing, consistently kind and helpful to others; excellent quality of classwork and homework and always A joyful interactive member of the class" – Ms Coloquhoun, English

"Please can I shout out Rylee for excellent classwork in Geography when discussing the importance of protecting the coastline from erosion." – Ms Parrish, Geography

"Mouloud and Enoch for contributing two outstanding metaphors in English and to Blessing for asking good questions" – Ms Kier, English

"Mikayla for excellent programming work in Computer Science" – Mr Sagoe, Computer Technology

"Mouloud and Tamyra For positive engagement, asking pertinent questions and showing progress" –

Mr Woods, RS

"Shout out to Sarah and Ehinomen P for excellent work in Spanish" Ms O'Leary

"Emmanuel and Kevin always polite and engaged in lessons" – Ms Newton, History

"Maths homework superstars, Sara, Chloe, Ehinomhen, Jesse and Aishat" – Ms Younge, Maths

Our top ten readers and tutor group completion rates for Sparx Reader this week are below.

8S: 93%

8L: 92%

8A: 90%

8C: 87%

8N: 86%

8I: 83%

8O: 77%

I want to personally thank all the young people who are doing their homework on time, not missing detentions and arriving at school on time or early.

The good habits you are forming now will serve you extremely well in later life, keep up the hard work!

Top 10 Students With The Most Positive Points This Week

Mimi
Oscar
Mila
Cyrus
Jaida
Erin
Lile
Ava
Jade
Melody

Reminder: 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 – sparx reader/ 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

CPD Day 3: Friday, October 25th (school closed to students)
 Half-Term holiday: Monday, October 28th – Friday, November 1st
 Half -Term 2 begins: Monday, November 4th – Friday, December 20th
 5th November 2024 – Year 8 Reading Age Test during IST.
 Christmas Holiday: Monday December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd

Attendance

Year Group attendance:

94.3% down from 93.5% last week

Tutor group attendance

8N – 100%

8I – 100%

8C – 93.8 %

8O – 66.7 %

8L – 100%

8A – 100%

8S – 85.7%

Well done to the students below who have achieved 100% attendance so far this term

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| Sara | Brad | Amari |
| Rita | Janelle | Oscar |
| Natasha | Erin | Ramari |
| Ava | Torian | Melody |
| Cree | Abdul | Kamal |
| Oscar | Oluwanifemi | Michael |
| Susan | Gerald | Mouloud |
| Kevin | Soumiya | Aayat |
| Katie | Nina | Darcy |
| Joanie | Ralph | Jaida |
| Guy | Naomi | Nooh |
| Caleb | Jesse | Lile |
| Sherif | Yunus | Taliyah |
| Blessing | Oscar | Gracie |
| Sara | Ayham | Mazin |

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 College.



The Bacon's Pupil Charter & Extra-Curricular

Extra-Curricular clubs:

- Monday lunchtime: KS3 book club
- Monday after school: Sparx Reader homework club
- Wednesday lunchtime: KS4 book club
- Thursday after school: Creative writing club
- Friday lunchtime: Eco club



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DANCE

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

2024-25

| Monday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Musical Theatre Year 7 and 8 | Jazz and Modern Year 9 | Street Dance (All) |
| 3.05-4.05pm DAST | 3.50-4.50pm DAST | 3.05-4.05pm DAST |

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ACADEMY
OF
DANCE

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.



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

Completed Charter +20 pts

50% Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

Icons: Running, Walking, Cycling

AOB

If your child is going to be absent or you feel that you may be late in dropping them off to school, please make sure that you call the school reception to inform them or send an email to: studentabsence@baconscollege.co.uk before 8am to not receive a late detention.

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

Kindest regards,

Mr Davies (Head of Year 8) and Ms Miah (Deputy Head of Year 8)

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