



Bacon's College
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Part of United Learning

Year 9 Newsletter

Week 10 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 9

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I hope you and your families are well. This week, Year 9 have had a productive week settling back into good routines and focus on their learning. The week began with the whole college assembly, honouring Remembrance Day with an assembly led by Mr Wilson. The assembly explained the symbolism of the Poppy and why the country has 2 minutes silence at 11am. I was incredibly impressed by the year groups demonstration of respect and compassion during the service the College held and would like to take this moment to say well done.

On Tuesday, the year group attended an assembly by Mr Pyke, Head of Key Stage 4, which focused on Anti-Bullying month. Linked with our College theme of Respect, Mr Pyke explained how, as a year group, Year 9 could stand up and speak out about bullying. The assembly also outlined to students the definition of bullying and who they could contact if they felt they were being bullied.

Every student in the College deserves to be treated with respect and feel safe at school. If any student or yourselves have any concerns or worries please contact their tutor, one of the Year 9 team and I. Alternatively, please see the poster below of the designated safeguarding team who you can contact through their emails or at reception.

This half term is a pivotal time for our students, with mock exams beginning in December. Our priority is to ensure that each student feels well-prepared and supported to achieve their best in these upcoming assessments. To aid in their preparation, we encourage all students to engage with their teachers over the next few weeks. These conversations will be invaluable in understanding what areas they should focus on, which resources will be most beneficial, and how to structure their study time effectively. Our teachers are here to guide and support, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need assistance in planning revision.

Thank you for your continued support,
Kind Regards,
Mrs Dickinson (nee Ley)
Head of Year 9

Let's make a noise about bullying!

Speak up

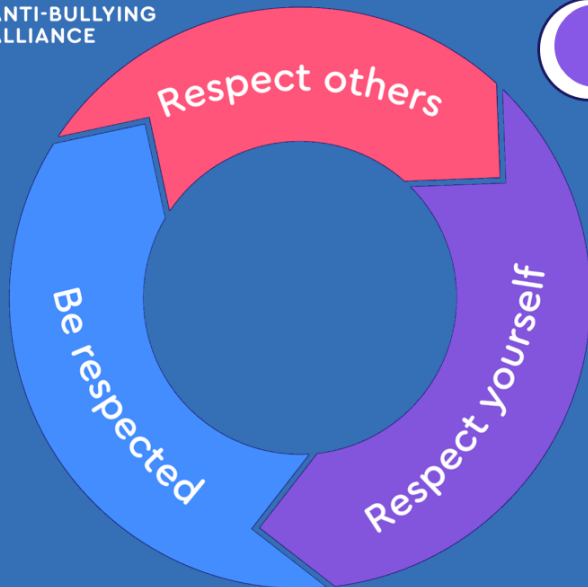
If you see something, say something! Say it's not ok, say stop! As mentioned in the video, it can simply be asking questions.

Tell a trusted adult

It's always important to let an adult know what's going on. Tell them what you've seen or heard. They're here to help!

Be supportive

When you see someone being bullied, let them know they aren't alone. Ask if they're ok, ask if they'd like your help with dealing with it, or tell a trusted adult.



RESPECT IN ACTION

Demonstrating respect for others, self-respect, and being respected are interlinked elements essential for fostering healthy and positive interactions.

Bacon's College Safeguarding Team



**Designated
Safeguarding
Lead**

Tom Sargeant



**Safeguarding Manager &
Child Protection Officer**
Emma Voigt



Jacqueline
Carroll



Juliette
Marshall



Anne
Tejada

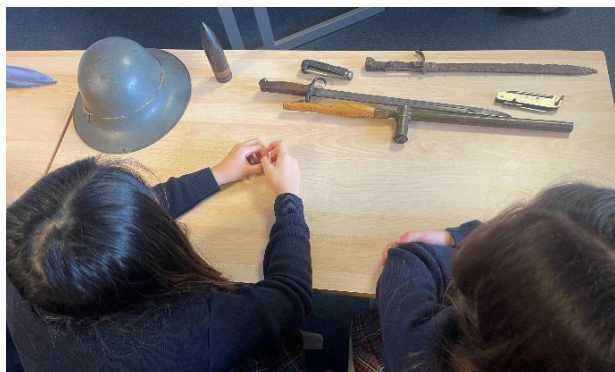
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL)

Reminder – You can speak to any member of staff! Whoever you feel most comfortable talking to.

Academic Excellence and Homework

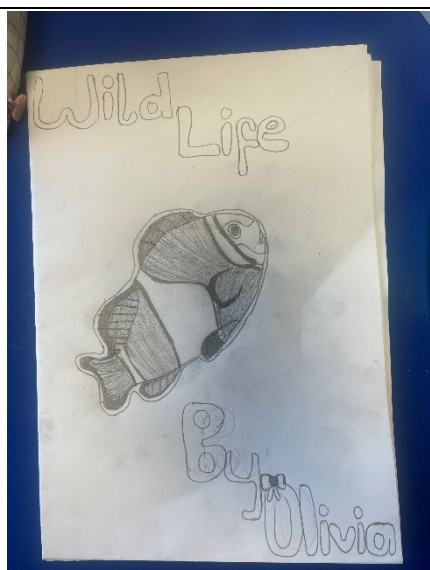
- **Engaging in historical enquiries**

It has been wonderful to see students returning from the half-term break and actively engaging in learning. Last week in History Year 9 students learnt about trench warfare and this week were able to see and hold artefacts from the First World War that Mr Wilson has collected. Students in 9Y1 and 9X1 asked intriguing questions and enjoyed seeing the trench art.



- **Exploring the natural world in art with Ms Kadar**

In Art, Year 9 are using a range of mediums to capture the natural world. Below are some great examples from Olivia E and Lilly G's work.



- Anti-Bullying month – as part of Anti-Bullying month students were encouraged to wear odd socks for the day to show they stand against bullying. We had a year group wide competition for the brightest, funniest pair. Well done **Grace H, Elisabeth, Ellie S, Jessica, Ipek and Aaliyah M.**



- **Mid-Year Exams**

Year 7-10 mid-year assessments and exams will be from **16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025**. Teachers are already focusing on preparing students for their subject assessments. A formal exam timetable for Maths and English only will be sent to parents/guardians in due course.

- **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**	60 minutes
	Sparx Reader	20 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca	30 minutes
	History – Seneca**	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
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 Reader

Well done to **9S** 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 11/11/2024

Elisabeth 9O – 7451 SRP

Kelvin 9C – 1545 SRP

Manny 9I – 1195 SRP

Tutor group completion

9S: 90%

9C: 88%

9A & 9I: 85%

9O: 83%

9L: 82%

9N: 64%

Sparx Maths

Dania B

Jessica M

Nortje A

Aatikah G

Kaitlin H

Thai L

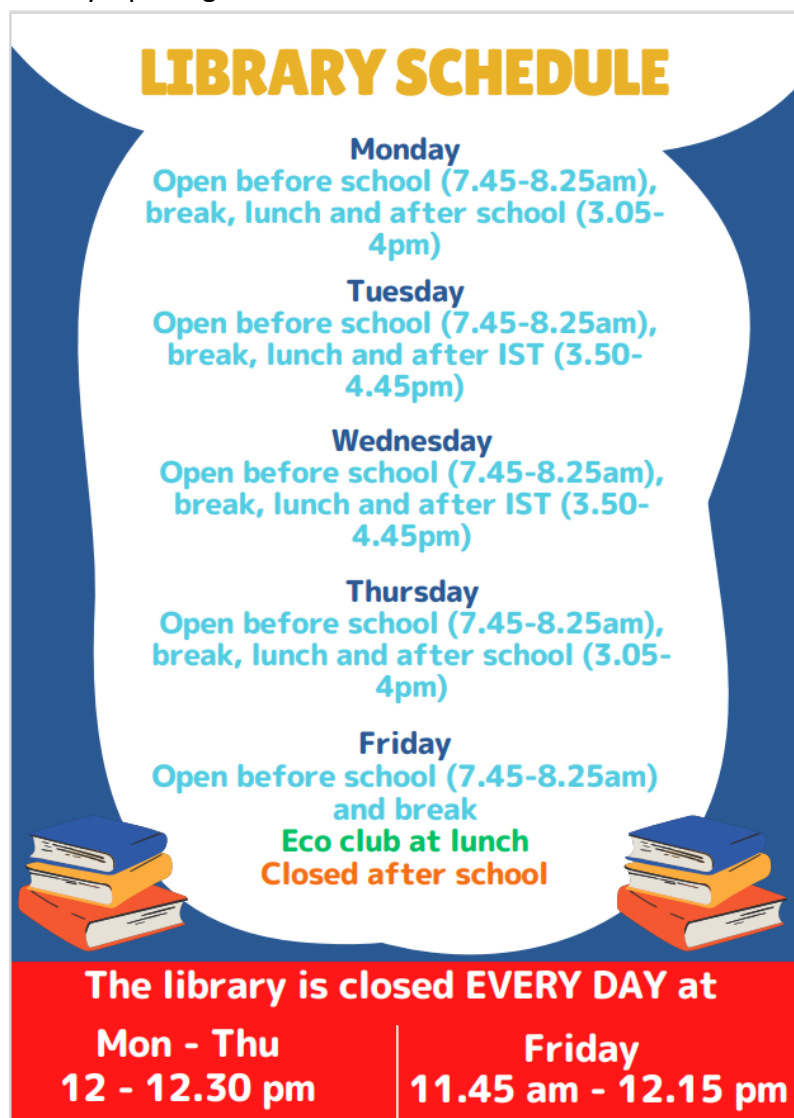
Jack O

Emma Y

Sian Z

Isabella L

* 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

Isabella and Olly – really engaged in the WW1 artefacts lessons – **Ms Newton**

Mostafa, Jeriah, Freddie D, Freddie W, Perez, Deshane, Courteney, Dareck – show excellent curiosity and engagement during history lessons, more recently around trench warfare – **Ms Kristiansen**

Students of 9N helped me to reduce food waste by using left over pancake batter in an impromptu tutor time cooking session – **Ms Fraser**

Andrew S and Hanna M for always doing the right thing in class and having very neat books – **Ms Hunter**

Lilly G – trying really hard in English and completing work to a high standard – **Ms Small**

Rhys B for much improved effort in RS and **Carly E** for great questioning – **Mr Wilson (RS)**

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 9 – 93.3%

9N – 80%

9I – 93.9%

9C – 96.1%

9O – 90.9%

9L – 92.4%

9A – 94.8%

9S – 95.5%

WELL DONE



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

Students with 100% attendance THIS WEEK:

Tiarra	Rhys	Ellie	Eliza
Sami	Robert-Caleb	Joshua	Armani
Beverley	Sonny	Courtney	Daniella
Thomas	Emelia	Emma	Adam
Billy	Ibrahim	Elif Ipek	Shadrach
Dominic	Cornelius	Kye	Sean
Mostafa	Joash	Bobby	Elsie
Ruth-Ann	Rahmatulai	Arthi	Grace
Sydney	Donisha	James	Mahdi
Grace	Nathan	Freddie	Chantelle
Archie	Georgie	Carly	Hassan
Christopher	Lilly	Jude	Malika
Sara	Abdulhaseeb	Charlotte	Jessica
Samuel-James	Winny	Thai	Minh
Janice	Leah	Aaliyah	Abigail
Joshua	Abdul-Jamal	Nevaeh	Jack
Dmitriy	Tyreece	Reggie	Maisie
Nicholas	Hannah Sofia	Elaine	Andrew
Ishmael	Nakai	Imani	Mohamed
Tony	Cherise	Elisabeth	Aidan
Tilly-Rose	Olamide	Elif	Sian
Temitope	Olivia-Rose	Jayan	
Daniel	Manny	Sienna	
Dania	Jonathan	Phoenix	
Rhys	Noortje	Maisie	
Idris	Jaden	Ellie	
Daniel Jesse	Khalil	Jamie	
Perez	Adam	Christina	
Olivia	Ryan	Sophie	
Benjamin	Joshua	Jaime	
Maniche	Deshane	Mattia	
Isabella	Lexie	Olly	
Mohamed	Olivia	Jeriah	
Asare	Lilly	Aaliyah	
Tobiloba	Jayda	Melo	
David-Andrei	Kaitlin	Mateus	
Ernie	Taeja-Nyelle	Peter	
Oliver	David	Henry	
Anas	Benjamin	Alfred	
Laura-Rosa	Oliver	Demilade	

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

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

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

Ongoing

☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades

☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Forthcoming events

Bacon's College Annual Advent Appeal - December

- **Christmas Markets- 9th-13th of December**

All year groups will have a market day in the Main Hall (break and lunch).

Tutors will provide information to tutors regarding fundraising activities.

- **Mufti-Day – Friday 13th December**

Year 7 – 10 Mid Year Exams - 16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025