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Year 9 Newsletter

Week 24 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 and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

It has been an exciting time in year 9 these past 2 weeks with lots of extra-curricular trips and opportunities. It has been great to see the students show examples of personal excellence such as the girls dance group - Laura-Rosa, Eri, Jasmine, Maisie F, Beverley A, Olivia P, Nevaeh, Abigail, Lilly S, Donisha, Courtney, Carly, Ellie S, Nuraiyah, Lilly H, Hannah M and Ivey C – performing at the prestigious performance art school, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. Ms Redfern was very impressed with their courage and dedication to the sport.

Equally, last week, a small group of Year 9 students joined students from 8 and 7 on a trip with Outward Bound to Ogwen Cottage in Snowdonia. They participated in lots of outdoor activities challenging them and putting them outside of their comfort zone, this included gorge walking, canoeing, hiking, camping and orienteering. Well done to Joshua T, Bobby C, Elisabeth A, Jaime J, Joshua O and Sian Z who were all commended by the instructors for how well they worked together.

Here back at the college, it has been great to see students rising to the challenge of completing GCSE work in lessons. Both science and maths have begun to focus on KS4 content in order to help students be in the best position possible for next year. A reminder that option forms were due in on 31st March. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Maybury.

As we come to the end of term, we have my favourite assembly – rewards! It is always great to celebrate students in the year group. Please make sure to read and check out the top achievers but also the shout outs from staff. A reminder that after half term, summer uniform commences. Please double check length of summer dresses before returning on 21st April.

I wish you and your family a lovely easter and a good break. I am looking forward to seeing the great things y9 get up to in summer term.

Ms Dickinson (nee Ley)

Bronze Awards Winners

* Christopher I	* Jaden B
* Danielle A	* Jayda G
* Adam M	* Joshua T
* Anas T	* Kaitlin H
* Laura-Rosa	* Khalil B
* Lillie F	* Lexie C
* Maniche K	* Lilly G
* Oliver T	* Machi SJ
* Rhys B	* Olivia D
* Wafaa E	* Aaliyah MH
* Haseeb K	* Charlotte H
* Leah M	* Imani A
* Tyreece M	* Lilly S
* Adam B	* Mattia K
* Alfie D	* Melo M
* Benjamin SB	* Olly K
* Chrystiano G	* Sophie J
* Courtney W	* Aidan W
* David O	* Eliza B
* Deshane CR	* Elsie H
* Ellie S	* Jack O
* Emma Y	* Mahdi H
* Eve BM	* Mohamed U
* Ipek Y	* Sian Z



250 Points
Bronze
Award

Top 20 Points in Year Group

* Benjamin SB	* Thai L
* Isabella L	* Chrystiano G
* Kelvin A-R	* Elisabeth A
* Eri O	* Melo M
* Courtney W	* Wafaa E H
* Kaitlin H	* Deshane CR
* Daniel DA	* Adam M
* Oliver T	* Machi SJ
* Olivia D	
* Eve Bm	



Half Term Points Leader

Chrystiano G



Overall Points Leader

Noortje A



Most Improved Student

Beverley A



Maths Super Star

English Super Star

Science Super Star

MFL Super Stars

Lilly S



Nathan E

Jessica M

Jack O

Ellie S



Pride of Bacon's Award

Thai L



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**	60 minutes
	Sparx Reader	20 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca	30 minutes
	History – Seneca**	30 minutes
Wednesday		
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science	60 minutes
	Maths – Sparx Maths	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. <i>**In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check SMHW for more details.</i>		

Homework Champions

Super Sparx mathematician

- **Bianka U**
- **Janice C**
- **Isabella L**
- **Thai L**
- **Jessica M**
- **Idris C**
- **Eri O**

Sparx tutor completion

9N – 86%

9I – 100%

9C – 86%

9O – 81%

9L – 85%

9A – 96%

9S – 83%

Sparx reader completion:

Year 9

9A: 96%

9C: 81%

9I: 68%

9L: 85%

9N: 67%

9O: 92%

9S: 75%

Shoutout to

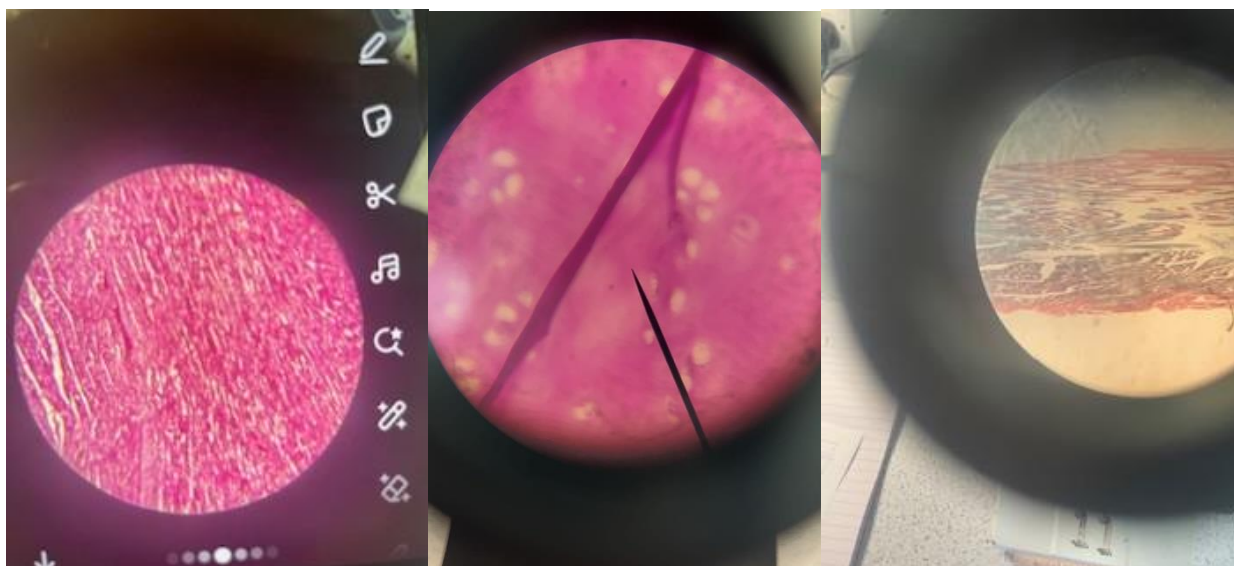
Bianka for the highest sparx reader xp points in the school for this week.

To Thai, and Gbemi for also being in the top 10

Work in lessons

9x3 have been doing really well in our microscope practical for the past couple weeks. Really focused and engaged as a class.

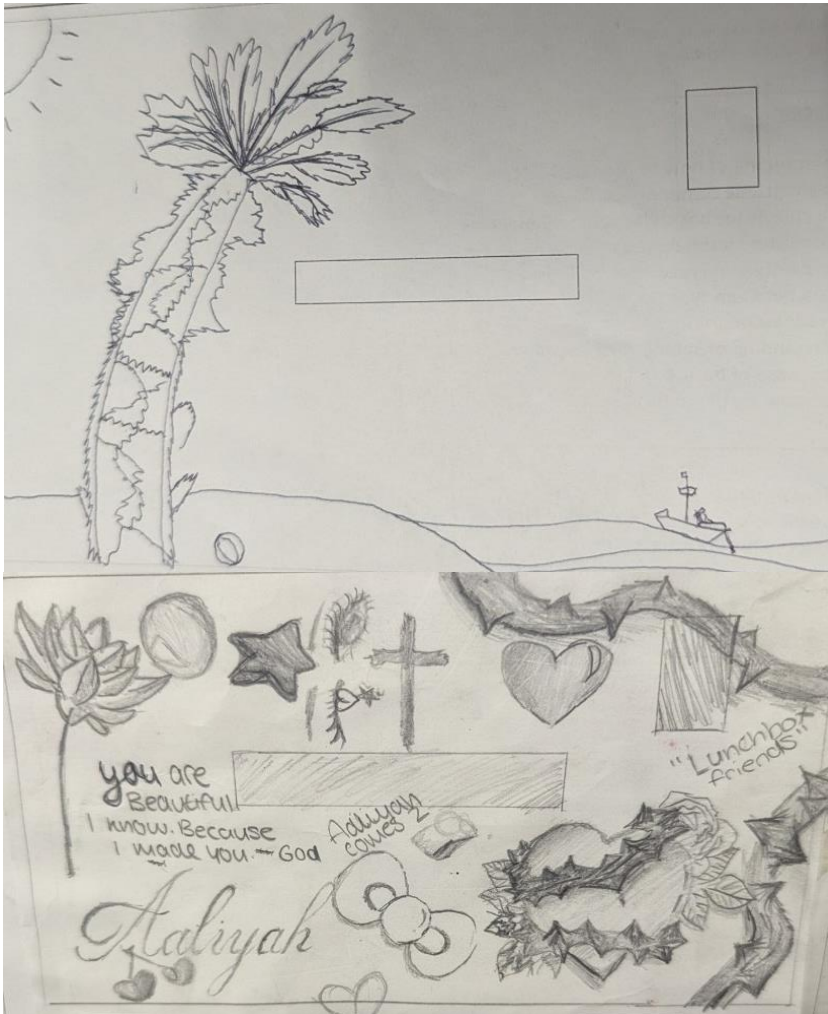
These are some pics of them looking at animal cells through a light microscope as they've just started GCSE content in biology. Well done to Miya, David O, Finley and Grace



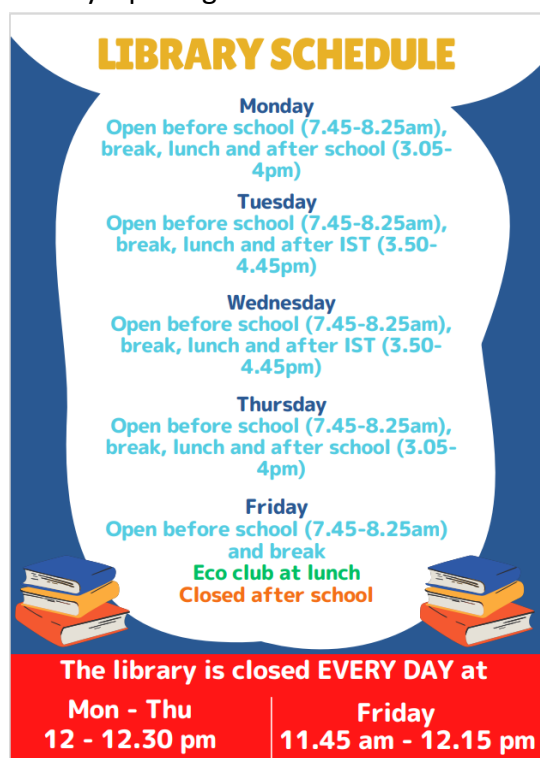
Jude, Freddie and Vi creating their fabric for their bucket hats inspired by a song of their choice. They listened to the music whilst creating their fabric so it could inspire them.



In wood tech the students are planning their engravings for their piece , Mateus and Aaliyah



* 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

- ❖ Lexie – For her dedication and effort with football, well done for scoring in a match – Miss Lyons
- ❖ Carly - for her impeccable manners and engagement in French. Also for her kindness and continuous acts of respect. – Mr Ferrari
- ❖ Elaine - her development in analytical writing and she has done well in her most recent mid-module assessment – Ms Qi
- ❖ Idris - for his positive attitude to learning and always trying his best in English - Ms Qi
- ❖ Robert B - he has done really well in recent terminology quizzes - Ms Qi
- ❖ Perez - for his enthusiasm in English lessons - Ms Qi
- ❖ Beverly A for actively participating in Spanish and Sienna B for always doing the right thing. – Ms Hunter
- ❖ Alfie D - Always hardworking and focussed in lesson. Brilliant work on solving equations.
- ❖ From School of hard Knocks
 Laura Rosa-W got player of the day for showing great resilience. A couple of times she bounced off the ball carrier and she could easily have been discouraged and given up, but she kept going and finished the session smiling.
 Ivey-Belle C got player of the day for her tenacity and desire to get the ball back and be involved in play.
 Lexi C - Lexi was engaged and responded positively to instruction and showed her tremendous athleticism.
 Charlotte H - Charlotte grew in confidence, particularly in contact, as the session went on and we hope to see this continue in the coming weeks.
- ❖ Ms Redfern to the Dance group who went on the trip
 “I was super impressed with all of the year 9s who attended the trip yesterday. Their behaviour was fantastic, and they represented the school well. It was so good for them to sit and watch a professional ballet class in training.”

They will also be performing on the Spring show (dates below)



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 Group attendance this week

92.56%

Tutor group attendance

N – 84.74%

I – 91.69%

C – 95.52%

O – 90.22%

L – 93.72%

A – 95.16%

S – 94.02%

WELL DONE



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

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 9 Charter are set out below.



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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.baconscollege.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

- 31st March 2025 – Deadline for Options sheet – return to Mrs Dickinson or Mr Maybury
- Spring show - 2nd April 2025
- Return to school 22nd April 2025