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Year 8 Newsletter

Week 9 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 and Students,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

We're thrilled to welcome everyone back for the second half of the autumn term, an important period as we approach the end of the first term. 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.

Alongside exam preparations, we have several exciting events and initiatives planned for the term, including Anti-Bullying Week, which will help to promote kindness, inclusivity, and respect within our school community. Additionally, our Advent Appeal will begin soon, offering students the chance to give back during this season of giving.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this half term a successful and productive one!

Kind Regards,

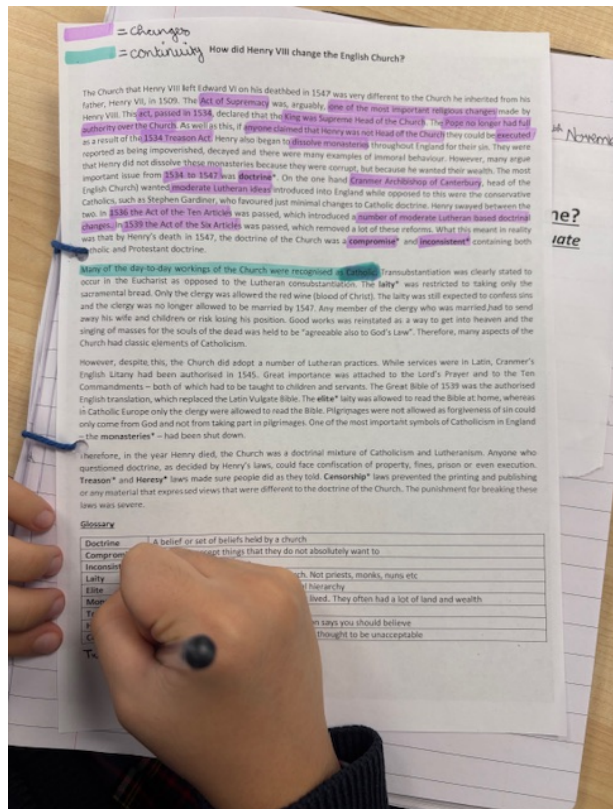
Mrs Bennett

Assistant Principal – Head of Key Stage 3

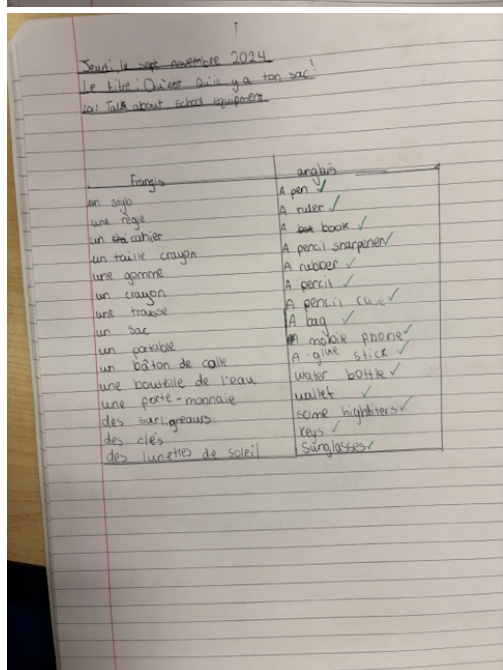
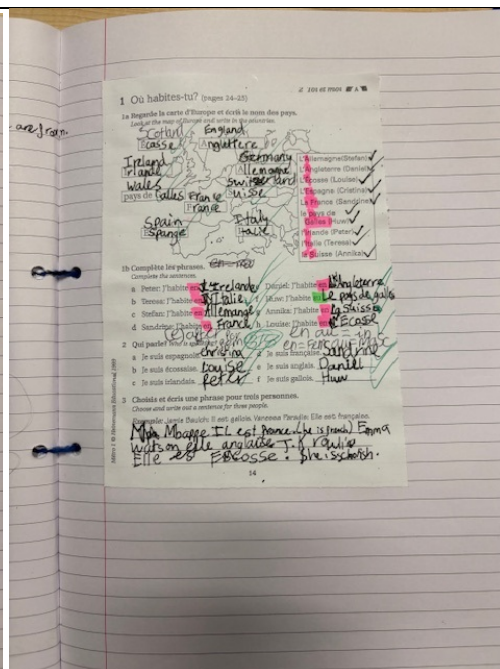
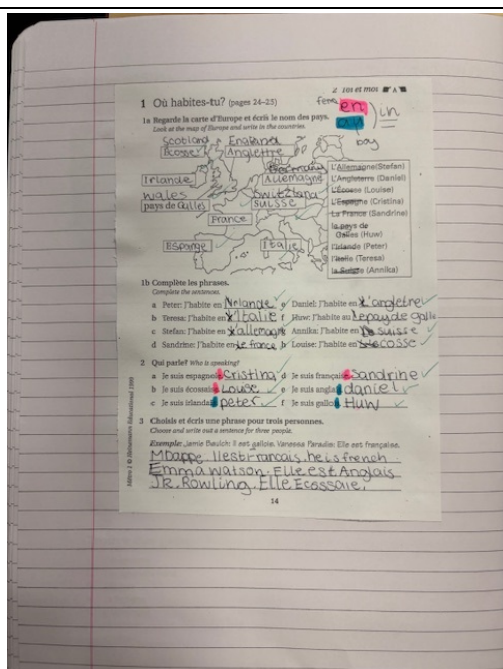
Academic Excellence and Homework

- **Excellent work and attitude towards learning**

It has been wonderful to see students returning from the half-term break and diving back into their lessons with dedication. A highlight of my day is visiting classrooms and seeing students engaged, producing quality work and taking pride in their efforts. I want to give a particular shout out to Marina who was seen taking a lot of pride in her work in History.



Students have also shown how completing homework and revising regularly allows them to do well in short assessments in MFL.



• 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

*****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 **8I** 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 reader 04/11/2024

Aya Y – 1028 SRP

Completion rates

8N: 86%

8I: 93%

8C: 85%

8O: 82%

8L: 89%

8A: 87%

8S: 86%

Sparx Maths

Sherif A

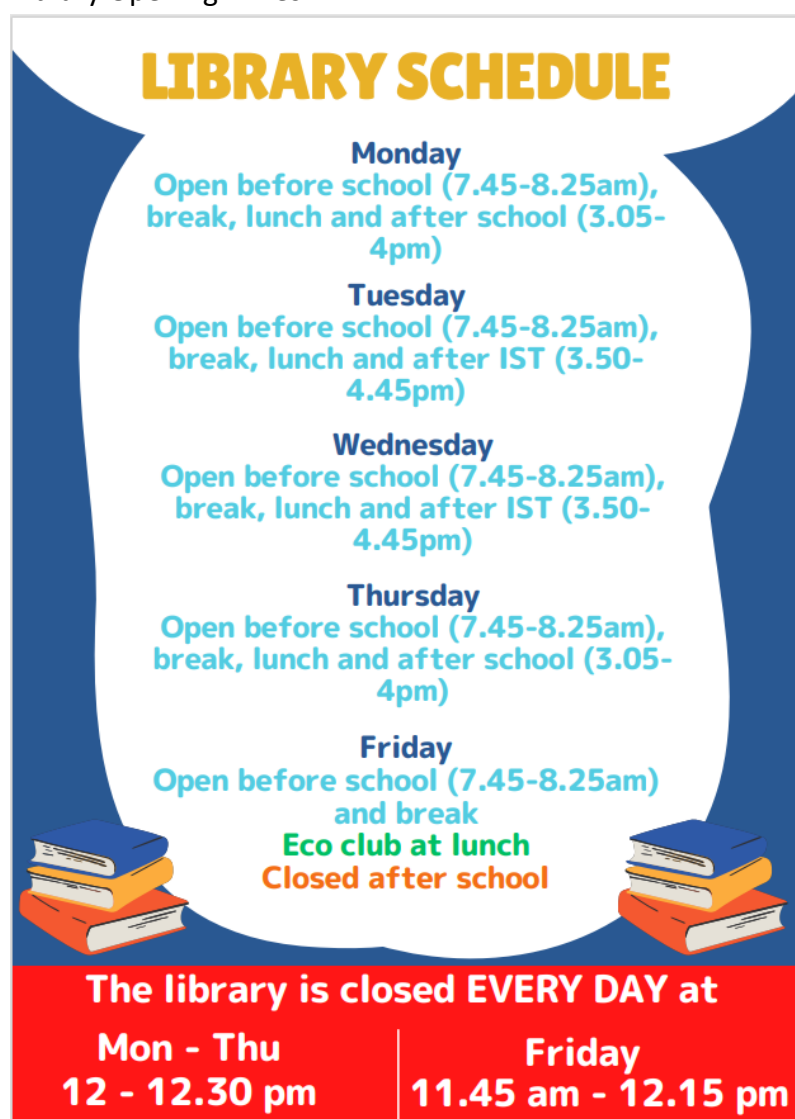
Sara M

Ehinomhen P

Jesse K

Jayniah B

* Library Opening Times



The poster is titled "LIBRARY SCHEDULE" in large, bold, yellow letters. It lists the opening times for each day of the week, from Monday to Friday. The text is in a light blue font. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text stating "The library is closed EVERY DAY at" followed by the closing times for Monday-Thursday (12 - 12.30 pm) and Friday (11.45 am - 12.15 pm). The poster also includes illustrations of stacks of books on the left and right sides.

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

Elizabeth A , Mila S, and Albert L - persistent hard work in lesson and excellent ideas put forward in class conversation. **English - Mr McGarry**

Nina, Vitoria, Maya – always friendly, polite and make excellent contributions in class. **History - Ms Newton**

Rosey S for working hard with her reading. **English - Ms Pollock**

8-Piccadilly - Fantastic effort during our Henry VIII lesson – great contributions, focus and completion of work. Very impressed! **History – Ms Kristiansen**

Mimi L , Adam A , Mila S for helping in the **Library. Ms Cunningham**

Amreen J Y, for always doing the right thing. **Maths - Mr Jalal**

India for her effort in presenting why the Arctic is cold, using light as an explanation. She also gave a good Chemistry joke too! **Science - Ms Coker**

Hamdi D , Albert L, Al L, Sonny-Boy R, Martin S, Emil D, Malachai I, Wassim M, Ramari S, Mansor M, Levin R, George C, Jordan F, Stanley K for their team work for the **Rugby fixture. Mr Leport**

Aayat for her excellent effort. **English. Ms Keir**

Joanie D for her determination to succeed. **English. Ms Keir**

Mouloud A for always completing his homework to the best standard. **Maths – Ms Lyons**



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**EVERY
DAY
COUNTS!**



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 – 94.1%

8N – 92%

8I – 95.8%

8C – 95.4%

8O – 91.0%

8L – 96.1%

8A – 94.4%

8S – 92.8%

WELL DONE



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

Students with 100% attendance:

Thega

Ahmad

Adam

Ezekiel	Mariam	Lile
Chloe	Aldo	Gracie
Janeila	Aaron	Brad
Hussein	Al	Janelle
Marina	Rosianna	Erin
Sabrina	Whitney	Torian
Excel	Talia	Abdul
Aya	Jasper	Oluwanifemi
Edisjana	Adam	Gerald
Mahir	Sara	Soumiya
Elene	Natasha	Nina
Rylee	Oscar	Lauren
Maya	Susan	Ralph
Tyler	Kevin	Luiz Joel
Keith	Katie	Jesse
George	Amari	Yunus
Mimi	Ramari	Oscar
Angel	Melody	Ayham
Faith	Kamal	Mazin
Ehinomhen	Michael	Nooh
Sarah	Mouloud	Jaida
Tolu	Joanie	Guy
Sherif		

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

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

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

Completed Charter
+20 pts

5pts Completed Bacon's Best Card
+10 pts

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

Completed Charter
+20 pts

5pts Completed Bacon's Best Card
+10 pts

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

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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**

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