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KS4 Newsletter

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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

KS4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

This week Year 11 started their exams, with Dance, Art and Design and Graphics all taking place. Well done to the students involved for their fantastic effort and application over the last week.

Some of the information shared in this newsletter relates directly to Year 11, however I feel it is beneficial for Year 10 students and parents of students to start becoming familiar with some of the expectations in preparation for Year 11.

As we start this new term, our focus remains on helping students feel confident and well-prepared for their upcoming exams. To support them, we held an assembly this week introducing a range of effective revision strategies and exam techniques.

Two key methods we shared with students were the "Look, Cover, Write and Check" strategy and the use of flashcards — both powerful tools for active revision.

Here's how they work:

- Look, Cover, Write and Check involves:
 1. Looking at a piece of information they want to learn (e.g. a definition, key date, or formula),
 2. Covering it up,
 3. Writing it from memory, and then
 4. Checking to see if they got it right.

This technique helps students to actively recall information, identify gaps in their knowledge, and improve memory over time through repetition.

- Flashcards are small cards students can use to quiz themselves on key facts. Students write a question or keyword on one side and the answer or explanation on the other. They can use these

independently or with someone else, working through the cards and separating them into “I know this” and “I need to practise this” piles. This makes revision more targeted and manageable.

How You Can Help at Home:

Here are a few ways you can support your child’s exam preparation:

- Help them create and use flashcards for different subjects — they’re especially useful for key terms, vocabulary, formulas, or quick facts.
- Encourage the use of Look, Cover, Write and Check when reviewing notes or key points.
- Set up a quiet, focused study space with minimal distractions.
- Support them in creating a revision timetable, breaking revision into small, manageable chunks. We will be providing students with a copy of revision timetable in the next few weeks for them to complete.
- Test them using their flashcards or encourage them to explain a topic back to you.
- Promote balance — ensure they’re getting enough sleep, eating well, and taking regular breaks.
- Offer encouragement and reassurance — a calm, positive environment can make a big difference.

Both of these revision techniques can be found here on the College website [Key information and links for Year 11 students](#)

We’ll continue supporting students with these techniques in school and will provide opportunities to practise and refine them. If you would like more advice on helping your child prepare for their exams, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another successful half-term.

Kind Regards,

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Academic Excellence – Homework & Exam Top Tips!

Homework

Homework is key to ensuring your child is revising regularly and stretching their learning further. Homework is not set as a punishment. It is set to develop and secure key knowledge needed for exams.

Homework Club and Compulsory 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.

Exam Top Tips

Ask your teachers about what topics to revise for your exams

- * Revise a little every day – don't cram it all just before your exam
- * Make a revision timetable!
- * Take breaks
- * Remove any distractions such as social media and other distractions before exams
- * Ask for and accept support from family, friends and teachers
- * Find activities you can do to help you relax during your breaks
- * Exercise, eat healthily and get enough sleep
- * Speak to someone if you are feeling stressed.

Attendance



The graphic above highlights some key statistics linked to attendance.

We know that students who are in school perform better and learn more. There is now research that also links higher school attendance to increased life time earnings.

Please support us as we aim for the best possible attendance for every single student at Bacon's College.

Well done to the following KS4 tutor groups with the highest attendance to school:

Uniform

We are proud of our distinctive uniform and Bacon's College students take pride in their appearance.

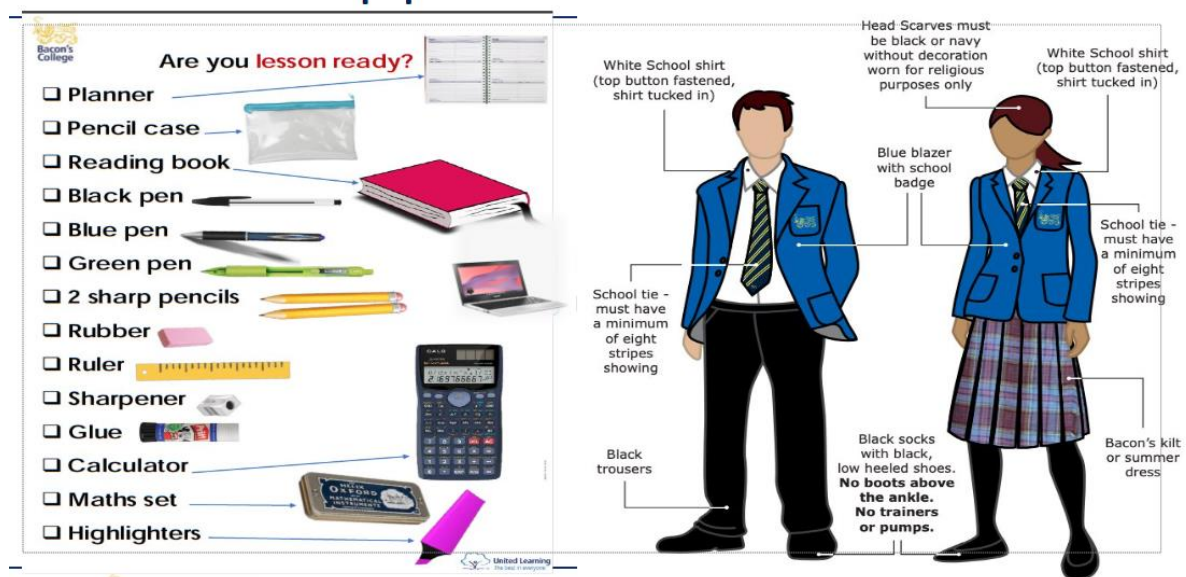
A high standard of personal appearance is always expected of all students, this includes travelling to and from school. Anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing will be sent home to get changed. Details of our uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.baconscollge.co.uk/parents/uniform-personal-presentation>

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 to rectify the problem.

Kilts or summer dresses must be worn to the knee.

Please see below for a full reminder about uniform and equipment.

Equipment and Uniform check



Forthcoming events

- GCSE – starting 22.04.25 - Year 11 have started their exams!
- End of Year exams for Year 10:
2nd June – 16th June

Year 11 Drop Down Timetable is included below: This has also been shared with students via their school email account.

Student Version – Drop Down timetable May-June 2025

Subject	Date and day	Period/time	Location/Teacher (rooms will be put on the noticeboard)	Who needs to attend?
GCSE Art Day 1	Tuesday 22 nd April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Kader and Ms Morson	All Art students
GCSE Art Day 2	Wednesday 23 rd April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Kader and Ms Morson	All Art students
GCSE Graphics Day 1 – 11A	Thursday 24 th April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Walter	11A Graphics only
BTEC Dance Practical exam	Thursday 24 th April	9.00am-3.30pm	Ms Redfern	All dance students
GCSE Graphics Day 2 11A	Friday 25 th April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Walter	11A Graphics only
Saturday school 26 th April				
GCSE Graphics Day 1- 11B	Monday 28 th April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Walter	11B Graphics only
GCSE Graphics Day 2 11B	Tuesday 29 th April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Walter	11B Graphics only
GCSE Textiles and GCSE Product Design day 1	Tuesday 29 th April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Douglas and Mr Farr	All Textiles and Product Design students
GCSE Textiles and GCSE Product Design day 2	Wednesday 30 th April	8.25am-4.00pm	Ms Douglas and Mr Farr	All Textiles and Product Design students
Geog drop down	Thursday 1 st May	9am-3.05pm	Main Hall	All Geog students
History drop down	Thursday 1 st May	9am-3.05pm	Main Hall	All Geog students
Non-Hist/Geog	Thursday 1 st May	Normal lessons – double Eng, Maths and Science	Various rooms	All non Geog/History students
SATURDAY 3 RD MAY				
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 5 TH – SCHOOL CLOSED				
MFL Speaking exams (French and Spanish)	Tuesday 6 TH May	8.30am-4.00pm	Ms Emuan, Ms O'Leary	Selected students – see list
MFL Speaking exams Home Languages	Wednesday 7 th May	8.30am-4.00pm	Various examiners	Selected students – see list
BTEC Dance Exam	Wednesday 7 th May	Periods 5-6	MG10	All dance students
Drop down timetable				
Business	Tuesday 6 th May	Periods 3-4 11A Periods 5-6 11C	Ms Cole MG16 Ms Cole MG16	All Business students

English Lit Paper 1	Friday 9 th May	8.15am-period 2	English classrooms and teachers (LKE)	All students
Geog paper 1	Friday 9 th May	Periods 3-4	Main Hall	All students
Computer Science paper 1	Monday 12 th May	Periods 3-4	Mrs Bennett and Mr Alemu MG10	All Computer Science students
RS paper 1	Monday 12 th May	Periods 3-4 11RS 4-7 (group 8 join group 7) Periods 5-6 11RS 1-3	Ms Austin, Mr Wilson, Ms Fejzulahi and Ms Ahazie—SF10, SF21, SF23	All RS students (Minus Comp Sci students)
Science Bio Paper 1	Tuesday 13 th May	Periods 3-4	Science teachers – rooms and lists will be on the board	All students
Vocational Sport	Wednesday 14 th May	Periods 3-4	Ms Johnson and Mr Leport, Rooms TBC	All Voc Sport students
Media paper 1	Wednesday 14 th May	Periods 3-4	Mr Ejueyitchie, MS01	All Media students
Maths paper 1	Wednesday 14 th May	Periods 3-4 11x6-8 Periods 5-6 11x1-5	Maths teachers – rooms and lists will be on the board	All students
History paper 1	Thursday 15 th May	Periods 5-6	Ms Newton and Mrs Dickinson Eg20 and EG18	All students
Science Chemistry Paper 1	Friday 16 th May	Periods 1-2 11x5-8; Periods 3-4 – 11x1-4	Science teachers – rooms and lists will be on the board	All students
Further Maths	Friday 16 th May	Periods 5-6	Ms Parry, MF12	All students
Sat 17th May Saturday school				
GCSE PE paper 1	Monday 19 th May	Periods 3-4	Mellish, Mr Tubb and Mr Pyke	All GCSE PE students
English Literature paper 2	Monday 19 th May	Periods 3-4 11x5-8, Periods 5-6 11x1-4	English teachers	All students (Minus PE students)
Computer Science paper 2	Tuesday 20 th May	Periods 3-4	Mrs Bennet, MG10	All Comp Sci students
French Read and List	Tuesday 20 th May	Periods 5-6	Ms Emuan MG19	All French students
RS paper 2	Wednesday 21 st May	Periods 3-4 11RS 4-7 (group 8 join group 7) (Sets 1-3 will go to science) Periods 5-6 11RS 1-3	Ms Austin, Ms Fejzulahi, Mr Wilson, Ms Ahazie	All students (Minus French students)

		(Sets 4-8 will go to science)		
Physics paper 1	Wednesday 21 st May	Periods 3-4 students in RS groups 1-3 Periods 5-6 students in RS groups 4-8	Science teachers – rooms and lists will be on the board	All students (minus French students)
Media paper 2	Thursday 22 nd May	Periods 3-4	Mr Ejueyitchie, MS01	All students
English Language paper 1	Thursday 22 nd May	Periods 3-4, 11x 5-8 Periods 5-6 11x1-4	English teachers	All students
Friday 23rd May - Students can leave school after the English Language exam Saturday 24th May/Half term TBC				
Functional Skills IT	Monday 2 nd June	Periods 1-2	Ms Peddie, MG10	All students
Maths Paper 2 Calc	Tuesday 3 rd June	Periods 1-2 11x 5-8 Periods 3-4 – normal Maths lesson	Maths teachers - rooms and lists will be on the board	All students
History paper 2	Wednesday 4 th June	Periods 5-6	Ms Newton and Mrs Dickinson, EG18 and EG20	All students
French Writing	Wednesday 4 th June	Periods 3-4	Ms Emuan MG19	All French students
English Language paper 2	Thursday 5 th June	Periods 3-4 11x1-4 Periods 5-6 11x5-8	English teachers - rooms and lists will be on the board	All students
Geography paper 2	Friday 6 th June	Periods 3-4 Rooms TBC	Geog teachers - rooms and lists will be on the board	All students
Biology paper 2	Friday 6 th June	Periods 3-4	Various teachers- rooms and lists will be on the board	Non-Geog students only
Further Maths	Friday 6 th June	Periods 5-6	Ms Parry, MF12	Non-Geog students only
Students leave after drop down or Geog exam Saturday 7th June – TBC				
GCSE PE paper 2	Monday 9 th June	Periods 3-4	BTU and Mr Pyke, Mellish	All students
Spanish List and Reading	Monday 9 th June	Periods 5-6	Ms O'Leary MG06	All students
History paper 3	Tuesday 10 th June	Periods 3-4	Ms Newton and Mrs Dickinson, EG18 and EG20	All students
Maths paper 3	Tuesday 10 th June	Periods 1-2 11x1-5 Periods 3-4 11x6-8	Maths teachers - rooms and lists will be on the board	All students – minus History and Spanish