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# Year 11 Newsletter

## Week 2 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

### Year 11- Week 2

Dear parents/guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Head of Year 11, I look forward to working with you, and your child, throughout this very important academic year.

This week saw the first full week of this academic year. Student's have made an impressive start with high quality praise from all senior leadership lesson drop ins. Form tutor time is well underway with the launch of a new literacy reading booklet. On Tuesday and Thursday this week, tutor and student's have been reading through interesting articles which are a mixture of current discoveries, current events and information that will help students tackle their GCSE year. An impressive number of students came fully equipped to the weekly Wednesday equipment check, we endeavour for this to continue and thank you for helping your child be ready for the activities in lessons.

Students completed YELIS tests this week, these tests will help inform their GCSE target grades which are normally set by KS2 data. Well done to all who completed these with exceptional behaviour. On Wednesday, all students completed a careers questionnaire, this is to understand the students' career interests/needs which will help us plan future careers events in school.

Finally, Thursday evening saw the school's first open evening for prospective year 7 parents. A huge thank you and well done to all year 11's who supported with the running of this evening.

Kind regards,

Miss Hickman

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### Homework Champions & 'Shout outs'

When asked for shout outs for exceptional behaviour and work this week, I was inundated with students' names from teachers, this is a huge testament to the fantastic start that students have made. Below are the students who have received shout outs and a small reason why.

**Miss Ley: Bobby B “Clear revision has occurred over summer!”**

**Miss Keir: Daniel O, Lily S and Mo K “All visibly engaging and contributing positively to learning in their Literature lessons.”**

**Mr Wilson: Frankie P “Excellent effort in physics and gave very thoughtful answers to questions about scientific problems.”**

**Miss Ahazie: Leo L “In RS has been really focused and making every effort to attempt task set” Umar Bah “for his consistency and posing challenging question.”**

**Miss Coles-Williams: Azeez I-A “Excellent engagement in lesson.” Ayomide A “Excellent contribution in lesson, shared some good points in group discussions.”**

**Dr Patel: Ria K “Engaging with all lesson tasks really well and striving for academic excellence.”**

**Mr Sagoe: Isaiah A “contributing well thought out answers in class.” Soraya T “using her initiative in organising her book and folder.”**

**Miss Lyons: Emon C and Keiran M “for going above and beyond with all tasks so far.”**

**Miss Ahamed: Leo B-R “very thoughtful contributions in lessons; he’s made an excellent start to year 11!”**

**Miss Walter: Tina W, Jada C-C and Joshua A “for amazing coursework tasks completed over the holiday break.”**

**Mr Woods: Lily S “has made an excellent start in RS.”**

**Ms Cole: Ameli W and Kim C “for outstanding work in Business.”**

**Mr Raine: Elsie M “has been really motivated in English and answering questions, really impressed with her attitude in y11!”**

**Miss Bennett: Joseph C “improvement in attitude towards learning in class.” Olive Onasanya “good contributions in lessons.”**

**Miss Redfern: Millie V “for her improved attitude and focus in dance.”**

**Miss Fraser: Ria and Emon for being up to date with their btec coursework!**

**Mr Marzano: Amadu D and Adnan B “this week were 100% involved and produced some good independent work.”**

**Miss Parry: May J and Kelly C “showing excellent attitude towards learning and independent revision - scoring 100% on fluency check.”**

**Miss Douglas: Juliet K and Tomas B-R “straight in and working in silence , worked hard whole week with no time wasted.”**

**Miss Majeed: Aaliyah A “every lesson she is on task, fully engaged and completes all work. I have been really impressed by her quality of work and enthusiasm in lesson in general.”**

Miss Kader: Kavya S and Sadie C “for always being up to date with their coursework and going the extra mile visiting Art galleries in their own time to enrich their coursework.” Nerija S “for dedicating time in the art department after school this week to complete tasks for her coursework.”

Miss Hickman: Isaiah A and Tasnim T “for outstanding contribution and curiosity in Geography.”

### **Trips & Events**

This week, 9 history students attended a trip to QEB Hollis barrister’s chambers as part of a mock trial law enrichment programme. Prior to the trip, students had been sent notes on a case to read. They then split into two teams; defence and prosecution and working with barristers from the chambers assigned roles in their teams. They then practised opening speeches, questioning and cross examining witnesses and closing arguments. They will conduct a mock trial with a real judge in two weeks back at the chambers.

Here is what Miss Newton had to say about the students “The students were so fantastic. They engaged so well with the activities and really showed their dramatic flair and legal prowess in their roles as advocates and witnesses. The lawyers, including a KC were very impressed with them and we’re all looking forward to the real trial on 26<sup>th</sup> September.”

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Year 11 Information Evening – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – All Year 11 students and parents to attend. A letter will be sent home with more information about this event.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Mock Exams begin. This equates to 32 school days before the first mock exam begins.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Parents Evening. Results from November mock exams will be shared.

### **Attendance**

The pastoral team will continue to make phone calls to all students who are absent. Thank you for your support in trying to achieve and maintain 100% attendance for your child.

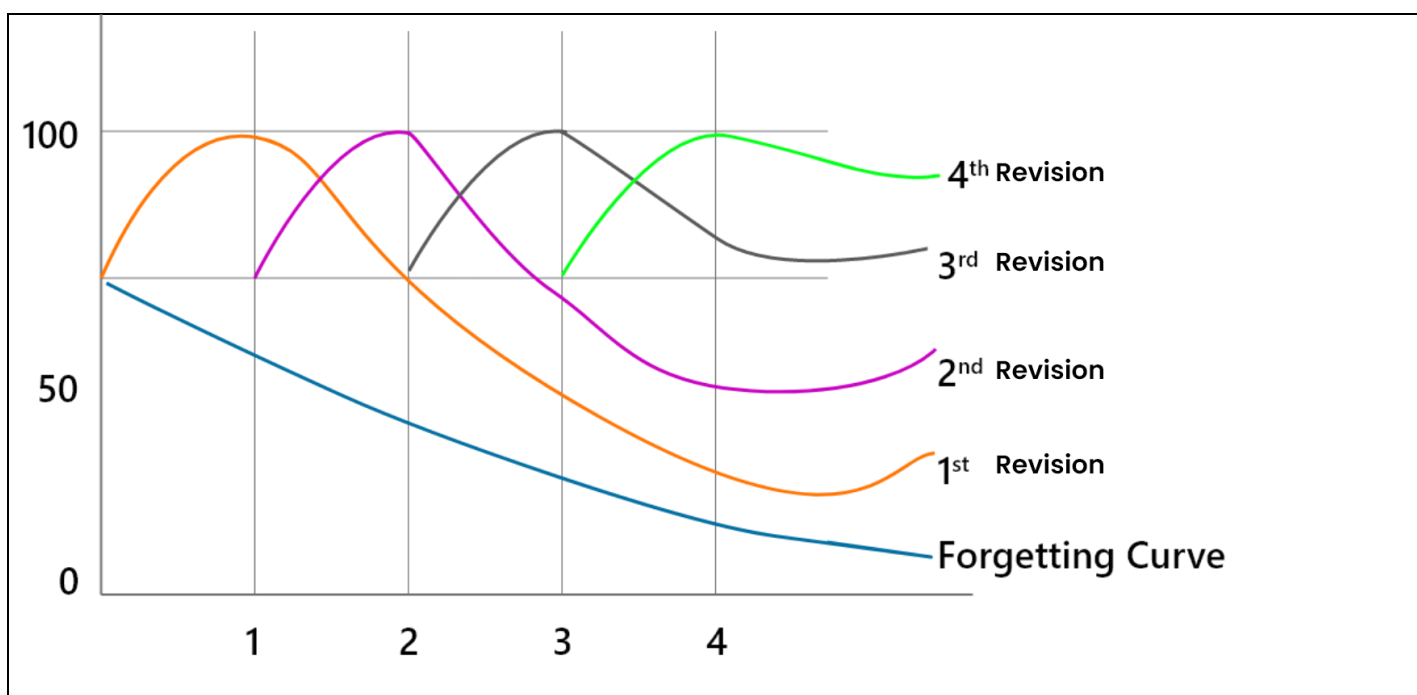
The attendance for the whole year 11 is 94%. As a school we are aiming for 97%. Attendance is key for GCSE success, please encourage your students to attend even if they are feeling slightly under the weather.

Winers for attendance this week are 11A with 97%, huge congratulations!

### **Weekly revision tip**

#### **The forgetting curve**

The forgetting curve, as theorised by psychologist Hermann Ebbinghaus, states that people start to forget the memory of learnt knowledge in a matter of a few days, unless the knowledge is consciously reviewed time and again. Through constant revision and repetition, knowledge can be embedded into the long term memory store, which can hold infinite knowledge!



### Reminders

- Please note that eyelashes, false nails and more than one stud/earring per ear is against Bacon's uniform policy. Please ensure your child does not have any of these prior to leaving for school.
- Chromebooks are an essential part of the equipment at Bacon's, please remind your child to bring these in every day. If there are any issues with chromebooks, please make sure your child takes them to the school office.