



Bacon's College
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Year 8 Newsletter

Week 15 - 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 and Guardians,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed time with family and loved ones. It's been great to welcome our students back after the holiday, and I'm pleased to see how well they have settled back into school life.

As we return, our students have been busy finishing off their mid-year exams, and it's been fantastic to see their hard work and dedication. This half term, they will be focusing on receiving detailed feedback from their teachers to help them understand their strengths and areas for improvement. This process will be essential in helping them continue to make progress and reach their potential.

A key focus for this half term will be ensuring that all students are completing their homework to the best of their ability. Homework is an important part of learning, and developing good homework routines now will set the foundation for future success. To support this, we will be closely monitoring homework completion. If a student accumulates 10 or more detentions for incomplete homework, they will be added to our compulsory Homework Club list. This means they will be required to attend Homework Club every day after school, where they will receive support to complete their homework and establish better routines and habits.

We know that parents and guardians play a vital role in supporting students at home. Here are some ways you can help ensure your child stays on top of their homework:

- **Set a regular homework schedule:** Encourage your child to work at the same time each day in a quiet and distraction-free environment.
- **Check Show my Homework:** Review their assignments and deadlines regularly to help them stay organised.

- **Encourage breaks:** For longer tasks, encourage short breaks to help maintain focus and energy.
- **Praise their efforts:** Recognise and celebrate when they complete their homework on time and to a high standard.
- **Reach out if needed:** If your child is struggling with their workload or specific tasks, don't hesitate to contact their teachers for advice or support.

We are committed to supporting our students in building strong routines and achieving their best, and we greatly appreciate your partnership in this.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a productive and successful half term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bennett

Assistant Principal - Head of Key Stage 3

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** Sparx Reader	60 minutes 20 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca History – Seneca**	30 minutes 30 minutes
Wednesday	Maths – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science	60 minutes
Friday	MFL – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet** Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily revision) 30 minutes

Technology - You will also receive one piece of Technology homework set on the day of your lesson which is 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.**

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

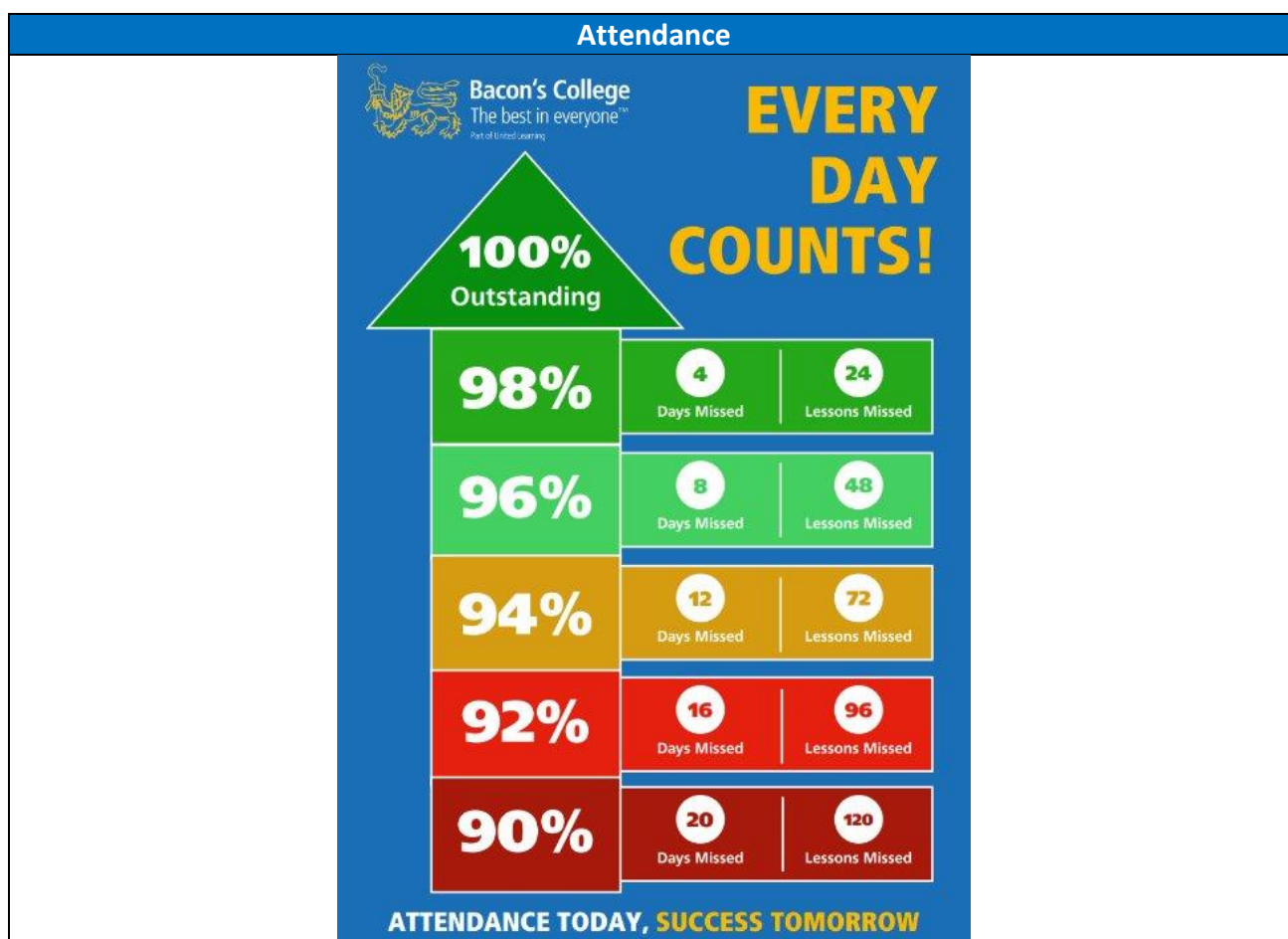
Homework Champions

Well done to the following students who complete all their homework last half term.

Aliyah	Ava	Levin
Michael	Mason	Sophie
Tayandre	Tiarna-Marie	Yasmin
Adam	Cree	Ramari
Zarya	Hussein	Jasper
Daniel	Alex	Tolu
Elizabeth	Amreen	Mila
Ahmet	Aaron	Sara
Lile	Jesse	Raheemah
Thega	Raphael	Melody
Enoch	Yunus	Tatiana
Kalasia	Oscar	Rita
Olivia	Erin	Kamal
Mahir	Guy	Aya
Paria	Al	Max
Gracie	Mimi	Wassim
Yacob	Savannah	Marina
Jayniah	Susan	Sara
Eleni	Ronnie	Joey
Darcy	Albert	Whitney
Cyrus	Kevin	Esme
George	Sameen	Ehinomhen
Zain	Daniel	Vitoria
Janeila	Oscar	Sarah
Elif	Jaida	Daniel
Alex	Aya	Amanda
Brad	Hamdi	
Jewel	Mikayla	

Shout Out

- Joey N always scores 100% on his homework. – Mr Woods
- Chelsea – huge improvement with engagement and contributions in History this week
- Ms Kristiansen
- Aldo – showing a very positive attitude towards his history studies - Ms Kristiansen
- Joanie D and Aayat A for their continued determination to succeed in English. - Ms Keir
- Ruby R and Paria B for producing high quality written work in English class. – Ms Qi
- Sabrina M and Albert L for their good behaviour during form time and IST. – Ms Qi



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 –90.7%
WELL DONE



for having the best attendance as a tutor group last term!

8N – 93.1%
8I– 94.8%
8C – 94.8%
8O – 90.1 %
8L-95.7 %
8A – 92.1%
8S – 92.1%

Students with 100% attendance last term:

Ezekiel	Susan
Chloe	Katie
Janeila	Amari
Marina	Melody
Excel	Michael
Aya	Mouloud
Edisjana	Jaida
Mahir	Sherif
Keith	Adam
Mimi	Lile
Ehinomhen	Gracie
Sarah	Torian Leanne
Tolu	Abdul
Rosianna	Oluwanifemi
Talia	Sohaib
Natasha	Nooh

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> +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
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter +20 pts

Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

Bacon's Pupil Charter 8

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Pre-Year Project	
<input type="checkbox"/> +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
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter +20 pts

Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

Bacon's Pupil Charter 9

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Pre-Year Project	
<input type="checkbox"/> +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
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter +20 pts

Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

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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

- **Year 8 Parents Evening – 3rd July 2025**