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# Year 7 Newsletter

## Week 1 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 7

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to Welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to Bacon's College.

I've had the pleasure of working closely with Year 7 this week.

Students have been given their Chromebooks and I've observed them engaging in lessons, asking curious questions and taking pride in their work.

I am particularly impressed with how quickly 7O have adapted to the school rules and routine.

Your child will see their Tutor at the beginning of the day. Your child's Tutor is your first point of contact should you have any queries.

Your child's progress, behaviour, attendance and well-being will also be supported by Ms Johnson (Head of Year 7), Ms O'Leary (Deputy Head of Year 7) and Mr Phillips (Pastoral Assistant) and I.

This year there will be a big drive on attendance across all year groups, so I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school on time and prepared every day.

I look forward to working with you over the year ahead and beyond.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance and I look forward to seeing you all at the Year 7 Welcome Service on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bennett

Assistant Principal – Head of Key Stage 3

### Homework Champions & 'Shout outs'

Each week we will use this space to celebrate outstanding achievements both in and outside of the classroom.

We will also use this space to celebrate our Homework Champion and those students who consistently excel in completing homework on time and to a high standard.

All students should have a Chromebook. Should your child experience any technical issues with their Chromebook, please ask your child to report it to the IT Helpdesk (Upstairs Yellow Wing).

The table below outlines the homework schedule for Year 7-9.

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
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 vocab revision) 30 minutes

**\*\*In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check the homework guidance for more information.**

### Dates for the Diary

10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Year 7 Reading and Baseline Test – Students do not need to prepare for the tests.

12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Opening Evening for Year 6 parents.

19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Year 7 Welcome Service – All Year 7 Parents/Guardians are invited to join our annual Welcome Service for Year 7. Student's summer work will be presented.

24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Year 7 Gideon's Society Assembly – Students are gifted a bible should they wish to accept one.

8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Year 7 Stubbers Trip (Team building) – Parents/Guardians will receive a letter in due course.

### Attendance

The graphic below 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.



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# EVERY DAY COUNTS!

**100%**  
Outstanding

**98%**

**4**

Days Missed

**24**

Lessons Missed

**96%**

**8**

Days Missed

**48**

Lessons Missed

**94%**

**12**

Days Missed

**72**

Lessons Missed

**92%**

**16**

Days Missed

**96**

Lessons Missed

**90%**

**20**

Days Missed

**120**

Lessons Missed

**ATTENDANCE TODAY, SUCCESS TOMORROW**

## The Bacon's 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

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

# 7

### Pre-Year Project



+10pts

Complete Summer Project  
'Your Journey So Far'

#### Term 1



+5pts

Attend  
Welcome/Carol  
Service



+5pts

Attend Tutor  
Consultation



+5pts

Bond on a trip  
away



+5pts

Term 1  
Completion  
Bonus

#### Term 2



+5pts

Attend Parents  
Evening



+5pts

Share my views  
with the  
School Council



+5pts

Participate in a  
club



+5pts

Term 2  
Completion  
Bonus

#### Term 3



+5pts

Represent the  
College



+5pts

Volunteer in the  
community



+5pts

Celebrate  
Culture Day



+5pts

Term 3  
Completion  
Bonus

### Ongoing



+5pts

All 1s for attitudinal grades



+5pts

Meet all homework deadlines



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# 8

### Pre-Year Project



+10pts

Complete Summer Project  
'Personal Reflection'

#### Term 1



+5pts

Participate in a  
club



+5pts

Share my views  
with the  
School Council



+5pts

Perform in a  
class event



+5pts

Term 1  
Completion  
Bonus

#### Term 2



+5pts

Reflect on goals  
with an adult



+5pts

Represent the  
College



+5pts

Visit a museum,  
gallery or  
theatre



+5pts

Term 2  
Completion  
Bonus

#### Term 3



+5pts

Volunteer in the  
community



+5pts

Celebrate  
Culture Day



+5pts

Attend Parents  
Evening



+5pts

Term 3  
Completion  
Bonus

### Ongoing



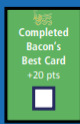
+5pts

All 1s for attitudinal grades



+5pts

Meet all homework deadlines



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# 9

### Pre-Year Project



+10pts

Complete Summer Project  
'Option Choices'

#### Term 1



+5pts

Participate in a  
club



+5pts

Share my views  
with the  
School Council



+5pts

Reflect on goals  
with an adult



+5pts

Term 1  
Completion  
Bonus

#### Term 2



+5pts

Hear from a  
speaker



+5pts

Visit a  
University and  
explore career  
routes



+5pts

Attend Parents  
Evening



+5pts

Term 2  
Completion  
Bonus

#### Term 3



+5pts

Represent the  
College



+5pts

Celebrate  
Culture Day



+5pts

Volunteer in the  
community



+5pts

Term 3  
Completion  
Bonus

### Ongoing



+5pts

All 1s for attitudinal grades



+5pts

Meet all homework deadlines

