

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 3 - 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

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Good to catch up with you all again and I hope that everyone is well.

In assembly this week, the focus for Year 8 was "Responsible Leadership and Active Fellowship". We met together as year group on Wednesday morning to see how Bacon's student can live out the College Value of Student Leadership. We looked at 3 Leadership Principles from Archbishop Tutu, namely;

Presence - In many cases the most important gift we can offer others is our presence — not just our physical presence but being fully attentive to the person we are with. The archbishop was attentive to the person in front of him and made that individual his sole focus, even if just for a few moments.

Personhood - When others see us as people of integrity and are respectful of our personhood, they are much more willing to be in relationship with us. They are much more willing to be accountable to us because they trust our intentions are genuine. Treating everyone like a child of God is a spiritual discipline we all need to practice.

Persistence - When the odds are not in our favour and our backs are truly against the wall, we cannot simply give up. This is clear in the archbishop's struggle against apartheid, but he applied it to everyday challenges, as well. Whatever the challenges we face, we need to be persistent.

On that note, this week we have seen some fantastic examples of Bacon's College Year 8 students working really hard and have included some shout outs from teachers and two pupil write ups, summarising their 3rd week in Year 8.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kindest regards,

Mr R.Davies

Head of Year 8 | Pastoral & Intervention Lead



Classwork Champions & 'Shout outs'

“Edisjana Z, for being a joyful interactive member of the class” - Mr Rushworth, Science

“George C, for having a conscientious approach to homework in history.” - Ms Newton, History

“Sophie R, for always doing the right things AND extremely joyful and interactive member of the class” - Ms Coker, Science

“Elene B, for having a willingness to engage and talk to peers during a class discussion and always persevering and being on task” - Ms Green, Spanish

“Aayat, for always coming to lesson with a positive can do attitude, who is always attentive to her work and instructions.” - Ms Kier, Literacy

“Tiarna – M, for consistently being kind and helpful to others” - Ms Coker, Science

“Mahir B, for being very welcoming and helpful” - Ms Majeed, English

“Yousif H, for always doing the right thing” - Mr Rushworth, Science

“Chloe B, for having a willingness to engage and talk to peers during a class discussion” - Mr Rushworth, Science

“Whitney O, Excellent quality of work in Basketball” - Mr Pyke, P.E

“Hamdi D, for having a positive attitude to learning and always endeavoring to do better” - Ms Miah, Science

“Savannah, and Alex OC, for producing brilliant posters about 'why learn languages' - Ms O’Leary, MFL

Jaida D and Zain C for a willingness to engage and talk to peers during a class discussion” - Ms Coker, Science

“Montel P and Rose A for excellent quality classwork and winning star dancers of the lesson” - Ms Redfern, Dance

“Lauren C, for always doing the right thing, persevering when faced with a challenge and working with peers and follows all instructions immediately.” - Ms Green, Drama

“Niko S, for persevering when faced with a challenging concept!” - Ms Coker, Science



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

5th November 2024 – Year 8 Reading Age Test during IST.

3rd July 2024 – Year 8 Parents Evening.

Attendance

Year Group attendance

94.2%

Tutor group attendance

N – 90.1%

I – 96.1%

C – 95.8%

O – 91.8%

L- 95.8%

A- 80%

S- 92%

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 College.



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 8 Charter are set out below. Year 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.



AOB

We have seen a very small minority of students return to school wearing, fake eyelashes, nails or with piercings that are not permitted as well as skirts/kilts that are above knee length. A polite reminder that we have a clear uniform policy for all students that can be found here.

[By being dressed smartly and taking pride in their appearance, students will also be in the right frame of mind to learn. \(baconcollege.co.uk\)](http://baconcollege.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year team if you have any questions.