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# Year 8 Newsletter

Week 13 - 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

Greetings Parents, Guardians and Students,

As we come closer to the end of the year, we're thrilled to celebrate the incredible progress we've made together. Every milestone represents your dedication, and resilience. Let's take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished and look ahead to what's next!

This half term is a pivotal time for our students, with **exams beginning next week**. Our priority is to ensure that each student feels well-prepared and supported to achieve their best in these upcoming assessments.

**All exam dates and revision materials are on satchel one/ show my homework.**

**English** - Years 7-9 will sit their assessments in class between the 16th of December and the 10th of January.

**Maths** - Years 7-9 will sit their exams in the Main Hall between the 13th-17th of January.

**History** – Year 9 exams begin in class week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**All other exams will take place in lessons;** therefore, it is vital students aim to maintain 100% attendance not only to ensure they are to learn the content of the exams but also are in to take them.

In order to best prepare them to revise and complete homework, you can do the following;

### Creating a Study-Friendly Environment

- **Quiet, Distraction-Free Space:** Set up a specific place for studying that's free from distractions like TV's or phones. Wearing headphones is helpful if that is not possible.
- **Organized Supplies:** Keep everything they need (notebooks, pencils, highlighters, etc.) within reach.
- **Good Lighting and Comfort:** Ensure the area is well-lit and comfortable for sitting long periods.

Students will be getting exam revision material from their teacher to aid in this.

Lastly, our Advent annual appeal has started and the college is coming together to raise money to support a handful of charities; Jesuit Refugee Service, the Robes Project and Rotherhithe Community Kitchen.

Students will be able to participate in a range of stalls and activities including a Christmas Market and Mufti Day. Therefore, if possible, please do allow your child to bring in a small amount of money to take part.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, the annual mufti day takes place. We encourage all students to come in dressed in their own clothes but with a festive twist. It will be £1 to take part.

Kind Regards,

**Ms Miah**

**Deputy Head of Year 8 | Teacher of Science**

#### Academic Excellence and Homework

- **Mid-Year Exams**

Year 7-10 mid-year assessments and exams will be from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Teachers are already focusing on preparing students for their subject assessments.

A formal exam timetable for Maths and English has been sent. Other subjects will be conducting assessments in classrooms. Teachers will be posting the dates for class assessments on SMHW.

- **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**	60 minutes

	<b>Sparx Reader</b>	20 minutes
Tuesday	<b>RE - Seneca</b> <b>History – Seneca**</b>	30 minutes 30 minutes
Wednesday	<b>Maths – Sparx Maths</b>	60 minutes
Thursday	<b>Science – Sparx Science</b>	60 minutes
Friday	<b>MFL – Active</b> Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet** <b>Geography – Seneca/Knowledge</b> Organiser	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily vocab revision)  30 minutes
<b>Technology - You will also receive one piece of Technology homework set on the day of your lesson which will be due for the next lesson.</b> <b>**In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check SMHW for more details.</b>		

### Homework Champions

#### **Sparx Reader**

Well done to **8I** for having the highest completion rates in their year groups.

Sparx Reader catch-up sessions after school on Mondays, which are available to any students who are struggling with the homework or would just like the opportunity to read aloud to someone.

#### *Top Readers*

*Amreen Jannat – 820 SRP*

*Esme Parsons – 614 SRP*

#### **Sparx Maths**

A special shoutout to 8C completion of their Sparx.

Sparx Club continues every Thursday 3-4pm in MG16 for anyone who needs assistance or cannot keep up with their homework.

#### *Super Sparx Mathematicians*

- Sara
- Ehinomhen
- Chloe
- Jesse

#### Completion rates

##### **Sparx Reader:**

8I: 97%

8N: 93%

8S: 88%

8A: 86%

##### **Sparx Maths:**

8C: 93%

8L: 93%

8N: 93%

8A:90%

##### **Sparx Science**

8N: 93%

8L:90%

8I:87%

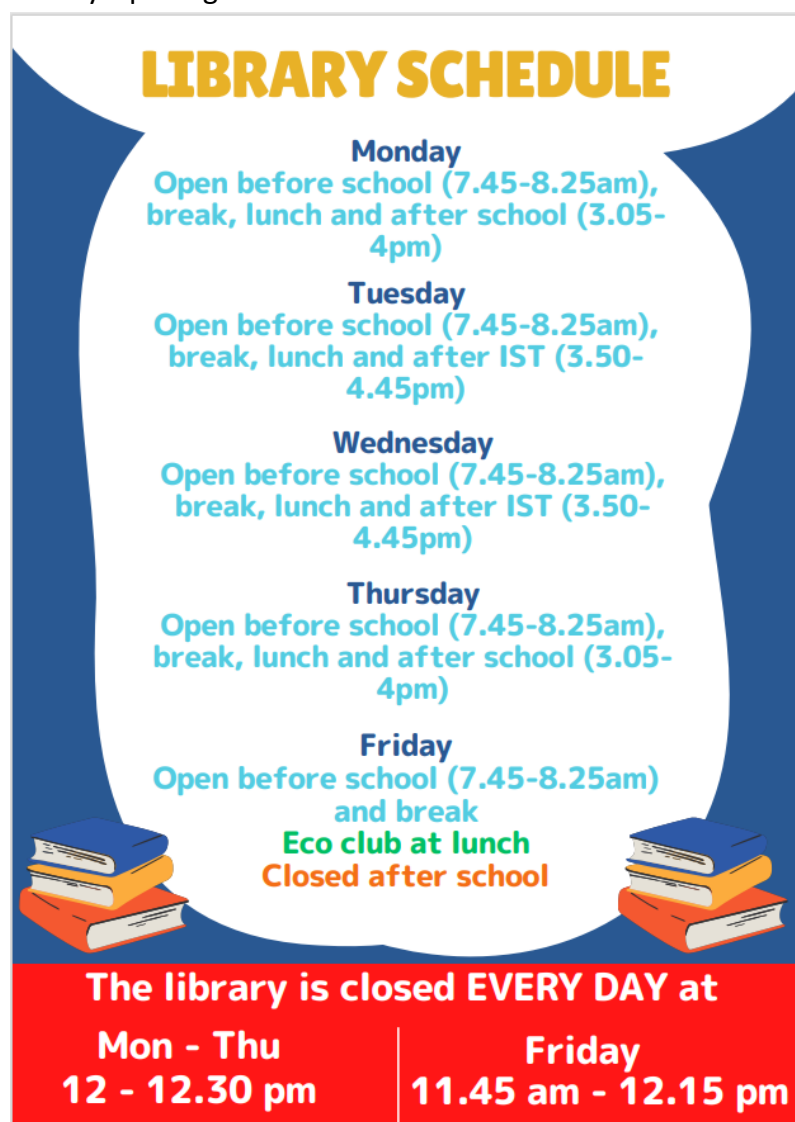
8A:77%

8L: 86%  
8C: 81%  
8O: 78%

8S: 89%  
8I: 87%  
8O: 79%

8O:76%  
8S:75%  
8C:72%

\* Library Opening Times

A poster titled 'LIBRARY SCHEDULE' in bold yellow letters. It lists the opening times for Monday through Friday. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are open before school (7.45-8.25am), during break, lunch, and after school (3.05-4pm). Wednesday is open before school (7.45-8.25am), during break, lunch, and after IST (3.50-4.45pm). Friday is open before school (7.45-8.25am) and during break, with an 'Eco club at lunch' and 'Closed after school'. At the bottom, a red banner states 'The library is closed EVERY DAY at Mon - Thu 12 - 12.30 pm and Friday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm'. There are illustrations of book stacks on the left and right sides of the poster.

**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**

<b>Mon - Thu</b> <b>12 - 12.30 pm</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>11.45 am - 12.15 pm</b>
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**Shout Out**

“For always being kind and doing the right thing; Yasmin, Mason, Albert, Whitney as well as being outstanding writers”- **Ms Colquhoun, English**

“Yousif, Paria and Jasper for always doing the right thing.

Yousif , Al , Oluwanifemi and Ruby for their continuous contribution in lesson” - **Ms Qi, English**

“Consistently positive and kind to others: Amanda , Hussein, Max and Sherif ”

**- Mr Woods, RS**

“Ezekiel for outstanding behaviour and attitude” - **Ms Fejzulahi, RS**

“Aayat for always having a positive can-do approach to English- **Ms Keir, Literacy**

“ To Aaron for having a postive attitude to learning in science” - **Ms Miah, Science**

Here is our top 20 students with the most positive points:

Well done to MIMI for 232 points!

Mimi	232
Mouloud	195
Enoch	188
Jaida	180
Ehinomhen	174
Nina	173
Aayat	171
Melody	170
Oscar	170
Jade	170
Maya	168
Adam	166
Mila	166
Whitney	155
Raphael	155
India	155
Joanie	151
Yasmin	150
Amreen	144
Amari	143

**Attendance**



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 – 92.6%**

**WELL DONE**



**for having the best attendance as a tutor group this week!**

8C – 100%

8I – 96.7%

8N & 8L – 96.6%

8S – 87.5%

8A – 86.7%

8O – 86.2 %

### Students with 100% attendance:

Ezekiel	Talia	Lile
Chloe	Adam	Gracie
Janeila	Sara	Janelle
Hussein	Natasha	Erin
Marina	Susan	Torian Leanne
Sabrina	Katie	Abdul
Excel	Amari	Oluwanifemi
Lyna	Melody	Nina
Edisjana	Kamal	Ralph
Mahir	Michael	Oscar
Maya	Mouloud	Ayham
Keith	Jaida	Nooh
Mimi	Guy	
Faith	Sherif	
Ehinomhen	Adam	
Sarah	Lile	
Tolu	Gracie	
Mariam	Janelle	
Aaron	Erin	
Rosianna	Talia	
Whitney	Adam	

### 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

Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

**Pre-Year Project** ☐ +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** ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades  
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter  
+20 pts

100% Completed Bacon's Best Card  
+10 pts

## Bacon's Pupil Charter 8

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**Pre-Year Project** ☐ +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** ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades  
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter  
+20 pts

100% Completed Bacon's Best Card  
+10 pts

## Bacon's Pupil Charter 9

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**Pre-Year Project** ☐ +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** ☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades  
☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter  
+20 pts

100% Completed Bacon's Best Card  
+10 pts

### Forthcoming events

- **Bacon's College Annual Advent Appeal - December**
- **Christmas Markets- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of December**  
All year groups will have a market day in the Main Hall (break and lunch).  
Tutors will provide information to tutors regarding fundraising activities.
- **Mufti-Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Year 7 – 10 Mid Year Exams - 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**