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# Year 9 Newsletter

Week 4 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 9

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well. Year 9 started of week 4 this week with an assembly from Pastor Kenney about having courage.

As we settle into the autumn months we celebrate the harvest festival. Genesis 8:22 says 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.' As a Christian school, the college is always aiming to show our faith in action. To celebrate harvest we are collecting non-perishable food for **PECAN FOOD BANK** based in Southwark. Students can bring in the below list and the sixth form & prefects will gather your kind offerings on **FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**.

If you are able to donate any non-perishable items, please send them in with the students. If students would like to also donate to boxes for those families who maybe struggling within our community please encourage them to speak to their tutor or myself for information.

Kind Regards,  
Ms Ley  
Head of Year 9



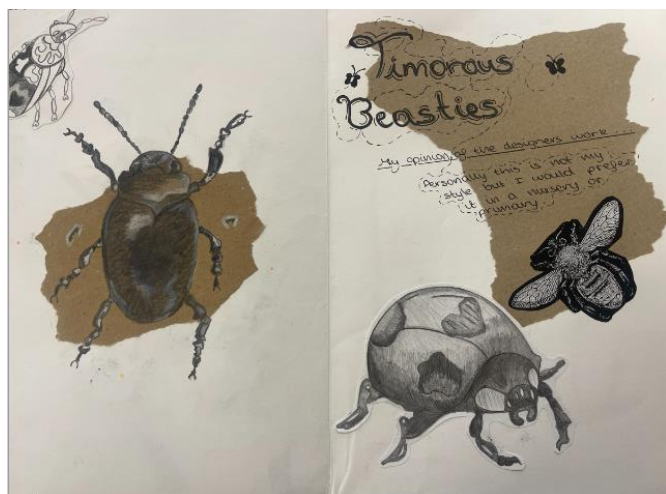
## Homework Champions and Academic Excellence

With our aim of striving for academic excellence, that includes completing homework on time and to a high quality. Our current Seneca champion is:

**Shadrach F!**

Congratulations also to **Beverley A** and **Aaliyah M** who continue to be in the top 3!

This week's example of academic excellence is from Ms Coles-William's class, **9Y-SC1! Abigail O-O** showed academic excellence by completing extra homework to find out what Iodine was. She created and presented a PowerPoint to her class!



Another example of academic excellence is from **Malika LC** in **Mrs Kadar's** art lesson where they focused on tonal shading of insects and animals.

## Staff shout outs this week

- \* **Ms Younge** – **Dania, Eri and Aaliyah MC** for outstanding maths homework this week.
- \* **Mr Farr** - **Kaitlin H** and **Ellie S** for both being awesome ambassadors for the tutor, school and community.
- \* **Ms Qi** - **Jamal M** for his engagement in English lessons and **Sam-James K** for participating in reading both in and out of lessons.
- \* **Ms Ahamed** - **Cornelius D** and **Aaliyah M-H** for really insightful contributions from both students, and both have been working very hard for the past few weeks.
- \* **Ms Parry** - **Eri O** for working hard in lessons this week and going above and beyond with SPARX work!
- \* **Ms O'Leary** - **Isabella L** and **Charlotte H** for work excellent classwork and participation.
- \* **Ms Douglas** - **Leah M** for excellent quality of work and always puts 110 percent into her learning.
- \* **Mr Wilson** - **Chantelle** and **Olivia** for great engagement in lessons and lots of great ideas in RS.
- \* **Ms Newton** - **Jack O** and **Noortj A** in history.
- \* **Dr Patel** - **Joash D-H** for his contributions in lessons and excellent science homework.
- \* **Mr Sagoe** – **Finley W** and **Machi S-J** for excellent progress with Python programming
- \* **Mr Murray** - **Thai** in **9Y1** for excellent work in the 'We Should All Be Feminists' module where he demonstrated an excellent understanding of 'ethos', 'logos' and 'pathos' (the three types of rhetoric Aristotle claims are appealing).

## Attendance

As a school, we are focusing on supporting student's and parents with increasing attendance to school. We know that students who are in school perform better and learn more. This year particularly is important for your child as students in year 9 select their GCSE options in December. Consistent attendance to school shows Curriculum leaders and subject teachers that students are serious about taking their subject and gives the students the best start into GCSE. The year groups **absence this week is 10%**. I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school on time and all efforts to get themselves in as the colder mornings and illness starts to creep in so they can reach their target of 97%

# WELL DONE



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



## Behaviour curriculum

One of the college values is respect. It is a very important component of both personal identity and interpersonal relationships. Respect refers to the ability to value and honour another person, both his or her words and actions, even if we do not approve or share everything he or she does. It is accepting the other person and not trying to change them. Respecting another person is not judging them by their attitudes, behaviours or thoughts.

**RESPECT DOESN'T COST A THING**

Body Language	Smile and make eye contact	Polite Terms	Please, Thank You, Excuse Me, Sorry
Greeting	'Hello' and 'Good Afternoon'	Full Sentences	'Hello ____ , please may I have a book? Thank you'
Addressing Each Other	By Name, Sir or Miss		

small gestures, **BIG IMPACT**

Here is the graphic students see regularly for guidance on how to speak to staff. In Year 9, **first impression count towards GCSE choices!** It is vital students show manners and respect when interacting with staff and peers as we are preparing students for the real world and a successful future.

**AOB – key dates for your diary**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Sixthform open evening

6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Year 9 Parents Evening

27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Year 9 Options Evening