

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 7 - 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 18th October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Earl G. Graves, Sr. once said, "Hold on to your dreams of a better life and stay committed to striving to realize it." His words remind us that no matter the challenges we face, the pursuit of improvement and growth is always within our reach. In education, this courage to persevere through difficulties is essential. Whether it's overcoming personal setbacks, struggling with a challenging subject, or navigating unexpected changes, true success comes from the determination to keep moving forward. In the classroom, every obstacle presents an opportunity to learn, adapt, and grow. Students who embrace challenges with resilience develop skills that extend far beyond school walls. Courage in the face of adversity isn't just about academic success—it's about building character, learning persistence, and unlocking the potential for future achievements.

When students believe in their ability to improve, even when the road ahead seems tough, they take the first steps toward realizing their dreams. In this spirit, we encourage all students to stay committed to their education and never lose sight of the better life they are striving for. Education is the key that opens doors to a brighter future—so hold on to your dreams, and keep moving forward with courage.

This term, our Year 8 students have been diving into the fascinating world of sound waves in their science lessons. They are learning that sound is produced when particles vibrate, creating waves that travel through the air (or other mediums). These vibrations reach our ears and allow us to hear the sounds around us.

It's an exciting journey into the invisible world of waves, and Year 8 is full of curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore the science behind what we hear every day! Thus science homework is of the utmost importance. The deadline for Sparxscience is Thursday at 9:00am.

Science Competition!!



The Science Waistcoat Design Competition invites **young people to create a waistcoat and share their scientific inspiration behind the design**. They could draw or paint the design on the template.

The closing date is 4 pm 7 November 2024.

The winning design will be made into a waistcoat which will be worn during the Johnstone's Paint Masters at Alexandra Palace. The winner will also be interviewed by national and local media covering the competition, to discuss the science inspiration behind their design.

Entries are welcomed from all educational settings in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, including home-educated children. A child can only be entered into the competition once. All entries should use PPG's colour of the year, [Acai Berry](#) – which can be found on the design template.

Please find the template [here](#)

Ms Miah

Deputy Head of Year 8 | Teacher of Science

Classwork Champions & 'Shout outs'

Each week we will 'shout out' pupils for their hard work which might be in lesson,
around the school, or just being helpful.

This week we shout out:

Hamdi	Stanley
Albert	Sonny
Al	Jasper
Martin	Malachai
Wassim	Ramari
Kamal	Jonny
George	Jordan

Our top ten readers and tutor group completion rates for Sparx Reader this week are below.

8S: 93%

8L: 92%

8A: 90%

8C: 87%

8N: 86%

8I: 83%

8O: 77%

I want to personally thank all the young people who are doing their homework on time, not missing
detentions and arriving at school on time or early.

The good habits you are forming now will serve you extremely well in later life, keep up the hard
work!

Top 10 Students With The Most Positive Points This Week

Reminder: 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 – sparx reader/ 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

CPD Day 3: Friday, October 25th (school closed to students)
 Half-Term holiday: Monday, October 28th – Friday, November 1st
 Half -Term 2 begins: Monday, November 4th – Friday, December 20th
 5th November 2024 – Year 8 Reading Age Test during IST.
 Christmas Holiday: Monday December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd

Attendance

Year Group attendance:

94.3% down from 93.5% last week

Tutor group attendance

8N – 100%

8I – 100%

8C – 93.8 %

8O – 66.7 %

8L – 100%

8A – 100%

8S – 85.7%

Well done to the students below who have achieved 100% attendance so far this term

Sara	Brad	Amari
Rita	Janelle	Oscar
Natasha	Erin	Ramari
Ava	Torian	Melody
Cree	Abdul	Kamal
Oscar	Oluwanifemi	Michael
Susan	Gerald	Mouloud
Kevin	Soumiya	Aayat
Katie	Nina	Darcy
Joanie	Ralph	Jaida
Guy	Naomi	Nooh
Caleb	Jesse	Lile
Sherif	Yunus	Taliyah
Blessing	Oscar	Gracie
Sara	Ayham	Mazin

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.



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**EVERY
DAY
COUNTS!**



ATTENDANCE TODAY, SUCCESS TOMORROW

The Bacon's Pupil Charter & Extra-Curricular

Extra-Curricular clubs:

- Monday lunchtime: KS3 book club
- Monday after school: Sparx Reader homework club
- Wednesday lunchtime: KS4 book club
- Thursday after school: Creative writing club
- Friday lunchtime: Eco club



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DANCE

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

2024-25

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Musical Theatre Year 7 and 8	Jazz and Modern Year 9	Street Dance (All)
3.05-4.05pm DAST	3.50-4.50pm DAST	3.05-4.05pm DAST

**ROYAL
ACADEMY
OF
DANCE**

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 8 Charter are set out below.

Bacon's Pupil Charter 8
Courage · Respect · Compassion · Faith · Integrity

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 Share my views with the School Council <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Perform in a class event <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Reflect on goals with an adult <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening <input type="checkbox"/> +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 +20 pts

AOB

If your child is going to be absent or you feel that you may be late in dropping them off to school, please make sure that you call the school reception to inform them or send an email to: studentabsence@baconscollege.co.uk before 8am to not receive a late detention.

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

Kindest regards,

Mr Davies (Head of Year 8) and Ms Miah (Deputy Head of Year 8)

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