



Bacon's College
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Part of United Learning

Year 9 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 9

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I hope you and your families are well.

This week, Year 9 started the week with the commencement of the advent season with Pastor Kenney telling the college the true meaning of Christmas. As a Christian school, Bacon's focuses on the value of faith and compassion throughout December by honouring the season of advent.

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 13th, 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.

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.

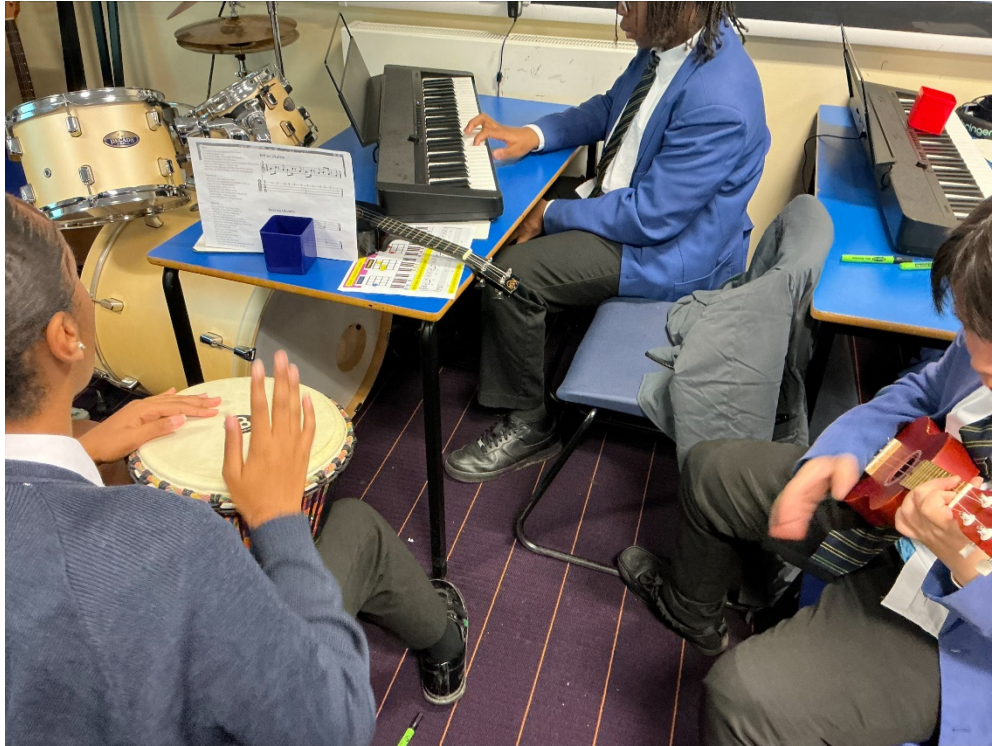
History – Year 9 exams begin in class week commencing 9th December.

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. These assessments will give both the student and teachers a picture of how they well they will achieve at GCSE. Curriculum leads will be looking at these results when students apply for the GCSE course in February, therefore it is vital students try their best and take these exams seriously.

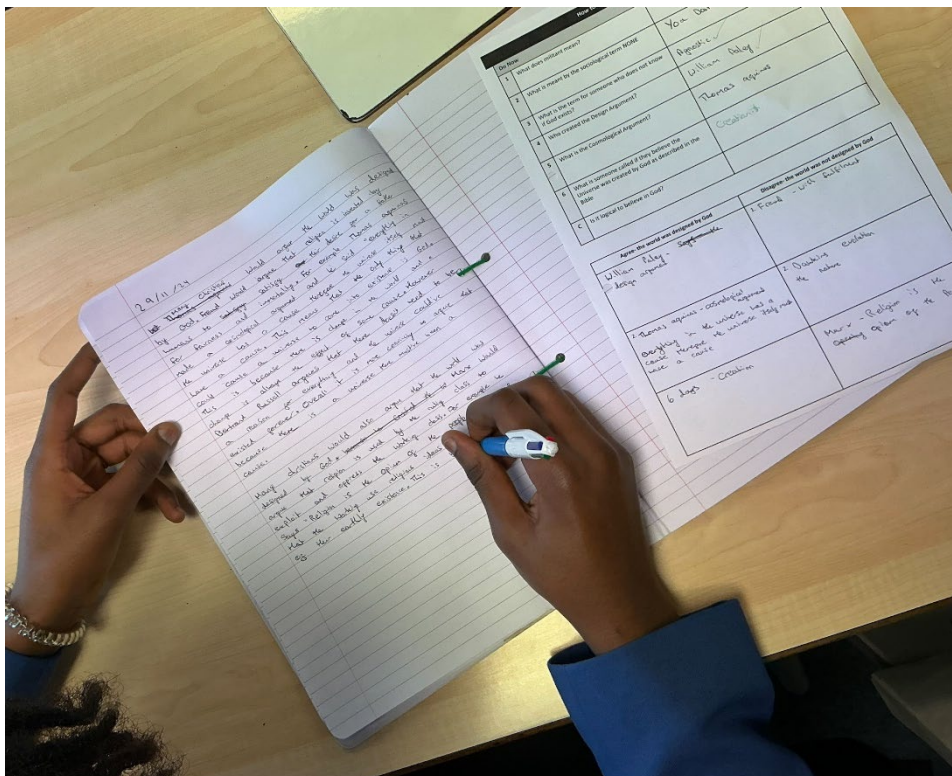
Thank you for your continued support,
Kind Regards,
Mrs Dickinson (nee Ley)
Head of Year 9

Academic Excellence and Homework

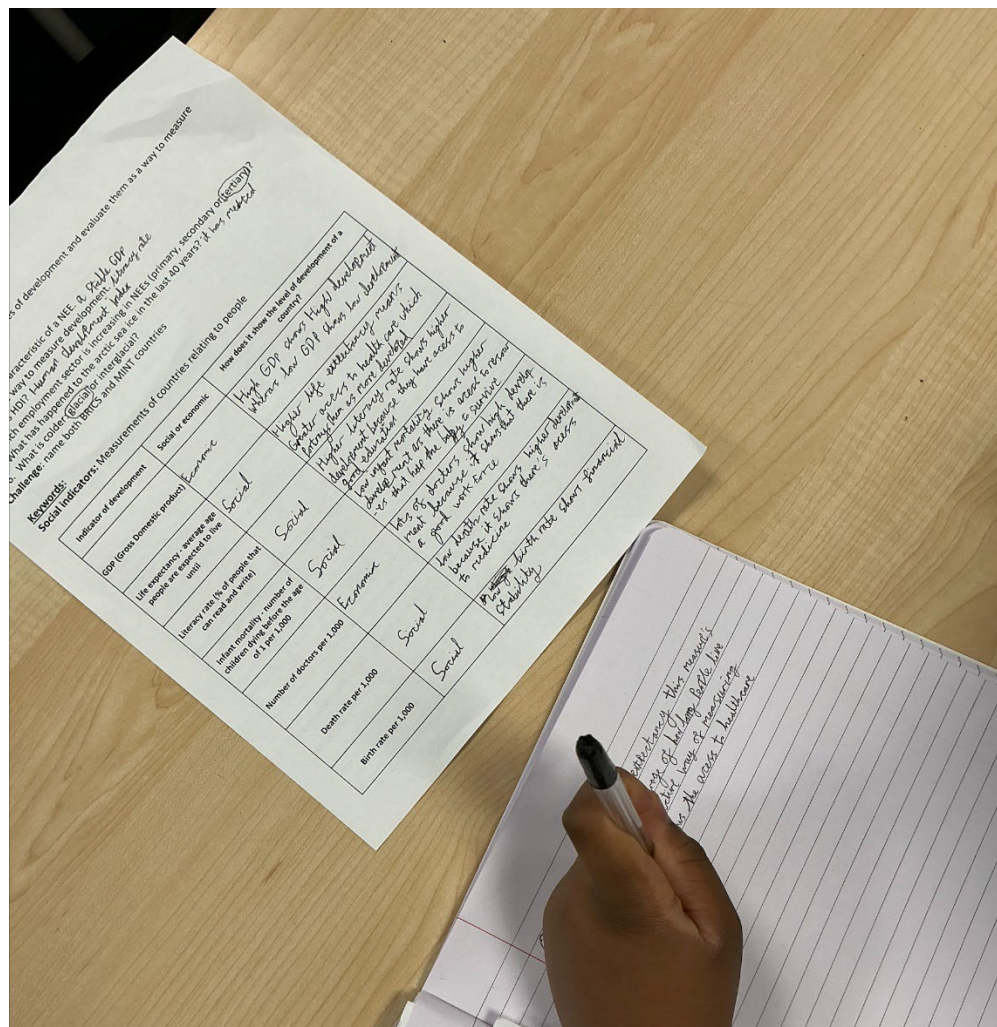
Olivia P, Christopher I and Peter N in music



Mr Wilson's RS class, completing independent essays on the design argument.



Mr Evan's class, explaining social and economic indicators of different countries in Geography.



• 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
	Sparx Reader	20 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca	30 minutes
	History – Seneca**	30 minutes
Wednesday	Maths – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science	60 minutes
Friday	MFL – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet**	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily vocab revision)
	Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30 minutes

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.

****In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check SMHW for more details.**

Homework Champions

Sparx Reader

Well done to **9A** 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 02/12/2024

Kelvin A-R9C – 2029 SRP
 Elisabeth A 9O – 1512 SRP
 Eliza B 9S – 969 SRP
 Sam-James K 9A – 812 SRP

Tutor group completion

9A: 93%
 9L: 89%
 9C & 9N: 86%
 9S: 83%
 9I: 81%
 9O: 78%

Seneca

Top students by study time

Aatikah G

Donisha D

Janice C

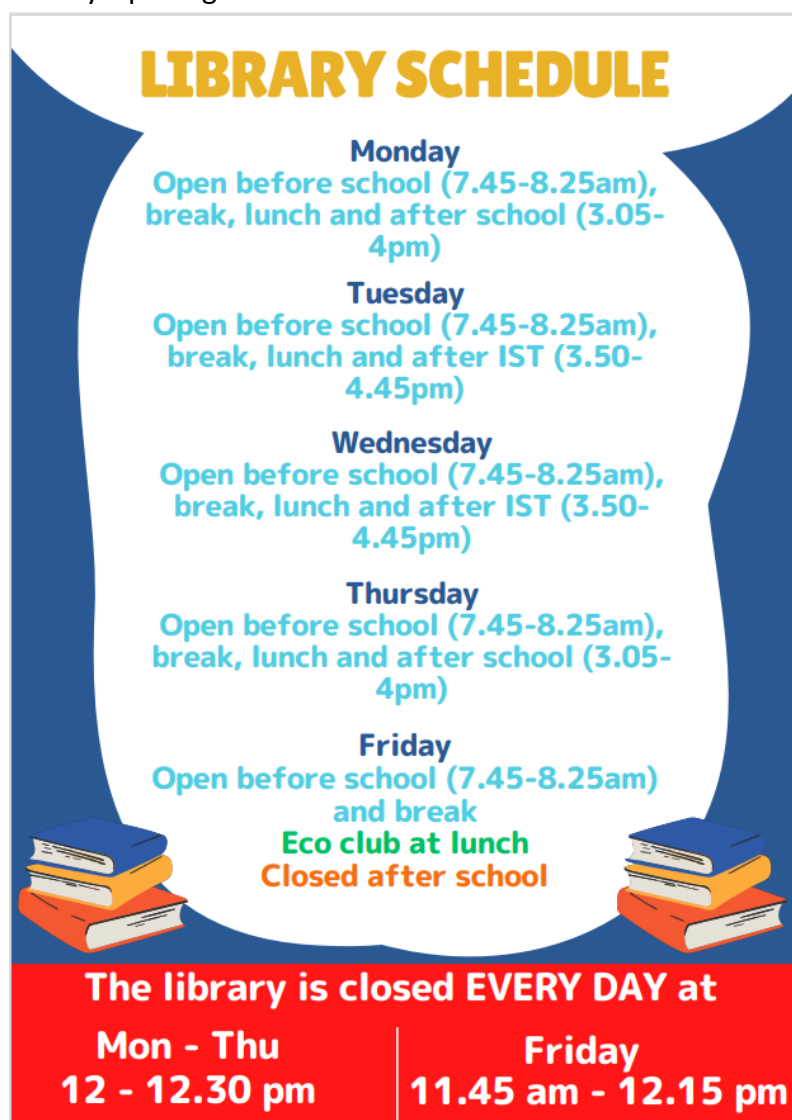
Top students by score

Joash D-H

Henry S

Ellie S

* Library Opening Times

A poster titled 'LIBRARY SCHEDULE' in bold yellow letters. The background is white with a blue border. The schedule is listed for Monday through Friday. 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. At the bottom, a red banner states: 'The library is closed EVERY DAY at Mon - Thu 12 - 12.30 pm | Friday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm'. There are illustrations of book stacks on the left and right sides of the poster.

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Closed after school

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Shout Out

Maisie F – huge improvement in her contributions, attitude to learning, and focus during today's history lesson. Very impressed – **Ms Kristiansan**

Janice C and **Dareck** for completing their Speaking and Listening presentation about mobile phone use in schools – **Ms Kier**

Joshua O, Ellie S, Ishmael, Nathan, Henry S and Phoenix - for their excellent contributions in English lesson – **Ms Qi**

Maisie F - She has been putting in a lot of effort during her lessons this week. And she was an extremely engaged student in lesson today. – **Mr Mathan**

Thai L – excellent preparation for upcoming mid-year assessments – **Ms Newton**

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 9 – 92.3%

9N – 83.2%

9I – 92.7%

9C – 95.2%

9O – 91.9%

9L – 92.4%

9A – 94.9%

9S – 94.9%

WELL DONE



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

Students with 100% attendance THIS WEEK:

Tiarra	Sonny	Jayden
Danielle	Emelia	Elaine
Sami	Ibrahim	Imani
Beverley	Cornelius	Elisabeth
Thomas	Rahmatulai	Elif
Billy	Donisha	Jayan
Wilson	Nathan	Phoenix
Dominic	Mekai	Maisie
Mostafa	Abdulahaseeb	Ellie
Ruth-Ann	Winny	Jamie
Andi	Leah	Christina
Sydney	Abdul-Jamal	Sophie
Grace	Hannah Sofia	Jaime
Archie	Nakai	Mattia
Christopher	Olamide	Olly
Sara	Olivia-Rose	Jeriah
Samuel-James	Dareck	Aaliyah
Janice	Manny	Melo
Ela	Jonathan	Mateus
Olorunjuwon	Noortje	Peter
Charlie	Eve	Henry
Dmitriy	Jaden	Alfred
Nicholas	Khalil	Demilade
Ishmael	Adam	Eliza
Tony	Ryan	Armani
Tilly-Rose	Joshua	Daniella
Temitope	Lexie	Adam
Dania	Olivia	Shadrach
Rhys	Alfie	Joshua O
Idris	Chrystiano	Elsie
Ivey-Belle	Jayda	Grace
Perez	Kaitlin	Vi
Olivia	Nuraiyah	Mahdi
Lavaun	Alfie	Hassan
Lillie	David	Malika

Isaiah	Benjamin	Jessica
Maniche	Oliver	Minh
Isabella	Machi	Abigail
Mohamed	Ellie	Maisie
Asare	Joshua	Andrew
Tobiloba	Courtney	Mohamed
Frankie	Emma	Bobby
David-Andrei	Michael	Jude
Ernie	Kye	Ronald
Seyi	Anas	Charlotte
Elsa	Laura-Rosa	Thai
Nevaeh Adekunle	Rhys B	Aaliyah

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

5pts 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

5pts 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

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Forthcoming events

Bacon's College Annual Advent Appeal - December

- **Christmas Markets- 9th-13th 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 13th December**

Year 7 – 10 Mid Year Exams - 16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025