

17th August 2023

Dear all,

**'I came to give life, life in all its fullness'.
John 10:10**

I hope you are enjoying the summer break, managing to get some rest and spending valuable time together with family.

Our A level and Level 3 vocational results came out this week and we were once again delighted with the performance of our students. This was a challenging year for all schools as there has been a national deflation of grades back to pre-pandemic levels. 30% of all our grades were either A* or A and 77% of grades were A*-B. 14 students secured places at Russell Group universities and particular congratulations to Finn Ashworth and Danielle Agiri who both secured places at the University of Oxford.

Return to school arrangements.

The new school year begins on **Wednesday 6th September for all students:**

Years 7 & 12 – 08.25am start and 2.45pm dismissal.

All other years – 11.30am start and 2.45pm dismissal.

Thursday 7th September will be the normal 08.25am start and 3.05pm dismissal for all students.

School day timings

You may recall that during the Covid restrictions we introduced split lunch and break times for different year groups. This had its advantages but could also be problematic, mainly due to noise levels when lessons were going on. We have now decided to revert to the system of all year groups having lunch and break time together. The only change for you to take into account is a slight change to the end of the school day:

Monday	3.05pm
Tuesday	3.50pm (IST)
Wednesday	3.50pm (IST)
Thursday	3.05pm
Friday	2.35pm

Lunch time food service will be unavoidably busier than students are used to. Your child should consider whether they prefer to purchase food during morning break time when the queues are shorter, and they may use their free school meal allowance at this time. A reminder that free breakfast is available for all students from 7.30 to 8.15am every day.



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New staff

Now is a good time to update you on colleagues who will be joining the Bacon's community in September:

Mr M Ejueyitchie	Curriculum Leader - Media Studies
Mr B Tubb	Curriculum Leader - PE
Mr I Jalal	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr A Leport	Deputy CL - PE
Ms H Redfearn	Teacher of Dance
Ms O Cole	Teacher i/c Business Studies
Ms L Green	Teacher of Spanish and Drama
Mr J Mathan	Teacher of Mathematics
Ms T Qi	Teacher of English
Mr G Marsden	Teacher of PE
Mr M Raine	Teacher of English
Ms E Colquhoun	Teacher of English
Ms S Miah	Teacher of English
Ms L Zejnuli	Teacher of Science
Mr N Michael	Teacher of Economics
Ms J Matthews	Attendance Officer
Ms R Wilson	Teacher of RS
Mr M Eselebor	Teacher of Science
Ms Y Okpoh	Learning Support Assistant
Ms A St Hilaire	Learning Support Assistant
Mr P Ewere	Facilities Assistant

Heads of year

Year 7	Mr C Pyke
Year 8	Ms P Ley
Year 9	Mr M Alemu
Year 10	Ms G Galvin
Year 11	Ms T Lijoka

Ms E Small has been promoted to Curriculum Leader for English.

We sadly said goodbye to a number of valued colleagues in July. I would like to give special mention and thanks to Mr Mick Hassett (facilities manager) and Ms Lou Dryden who retired after serving the College for 16 and 32 years respectively.



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Uniform and appearance

We are proud of our distinctive uniform and Bacon's College students take pride in their appearance.

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students at all times, this includes travelling to and from school. Anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing will be sent home to get changed. Details of our uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.baconcollege.co.uk/parents/uniform-personal-presentation>

A particular reminder that unnatural hair colours, false eye lashes, nail extensions, jewellery (other than a single small stud in the ear lobe) and hair beads other than navy blue, black or transparent, are not permitted. Any student breaching these rules will be sent home on the first day of term to rectify the problem. Parents should be mindful of this before incurring any costs over the summer holidays.

Chromebooks

We will be starting independent study time (IST) on **Tuesday 12th September**. Year 7 will be issued with their Chromebooks on Friday 8th September.

The Chromebook is part of a student's basic equipment and must be brought to school every day. They are not heavy and are compact enough to be carried in a school bag. The battery life is sufficient to last a day in school, but they must be charged at home ready for each day. They remain the property of the school so students must take care of them and may be charged if they are lost or damaged.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and very much look forward to seeing all students back on **6th September**.

Yours faithfully,



James Wilson
Principal