



Bacon's College
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Part of United Learning

Year 9 Newsletter

Week 15 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 and Guardians,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed time with family and loved ones. It's been great to welcome our students back after the holiday, and I'm pleased to see how well they have settled back into school life.

As we return, our students have been busy finishing off their mid-year exams, and it's been fantastic to see their hard work and dedication. This half term, they will be focusing on receiving detailed feedback from their teachers to help them understand their strengths and areas for improvement. This process will be essential in helping them continue to make progress and reach their potential.

A key focus for this half term will be ensuring that all students are completing their homework to the best of their ability. Homework is an important part of learning, and developing good homework routines now will set the foundation for future success. To support this, we will be closely monitoring homework completion. If a student accumulates 10 or more detentions for incomplete homework, they will be added to our compulsory Homework Club list. This means they will be required to attend Homework Club every day after school, where they will receive support to complete their homework and establish better routines and habits.

We know that parents and guardians play a vital role in supporting students at home. Here are some ways you can help ensure your child stays on top of their homework:

- **Set a regular homework schedule:** Encourage your child to work at the same time each day in a quiet and distraction-free environment.
- **Check Show my Homework:** Review their assignments and deadlines regularly to help them stay organised.
- **Encourage breaks:** For longer tasks, encourage short breaks to help maintain focus and energy.
- **Praise their efforts:** Recognise and celebrate when they complete their homework on time and to a high standard.

- **Reach out if needed:** If your child is struggling with their workload or specific tasks, don't hesitate to contact their teachers for advice or support.

We are committed to supporting our students in building strong routines and achieving their best, and we greatly appreciate your partnership in this.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a productive and successful half term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bennett

Assistant Principal - Head of Key Stage 3

Academic Excellence and Homework

- **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		
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science	60 minutes
	Maths – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Friday	MFL – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet**	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily vocab revision)
		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.***

Library Opening Times

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

Mon - Thu	Friday
12 - 12.30 pm	11.45 am - 12.15 pm

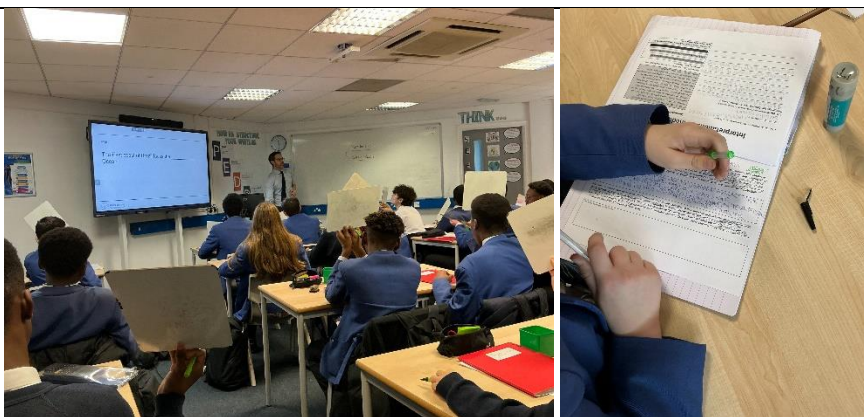
Homework Champions

Well done to the following students who complete all their homework last half term.

Kelvin	Ronnie	Andrew
Tiarra	Aatikah	Ellie
Elaine	Sean	Dmitriy
Rhys	Lilly	Nicholas
Elisabeth	Ellie	Tony
Beverley	Elsie	Courtney
Noortje	Grace	Aidan
Thomas	Vi	Tilly-Rose
Jaden	Grace	Emma
Eliza	Sophie	Sian
Elif	Sara	Sarah
Khalil	Mattia	Olorunjuwon
Lilly-May	Olly	Eri
Denny	Thai	Nicole
Billy	Isabella	Jack
Janice	Leah	Olivia
Bobby	Melo	David
Arthi	Adam	Benjamin
Idris	Jessica	Ruth-Ann
Emelia	Daniel	Jude
Cornelius	Nathan	
Wilson	Wafaa	

Shout Out

- Noortje, Eliza and Jaime for their effort in textiles – Ms Douglas
- Ruth – great work ethic – Ms Kristiansen
- Cameron E – vast improvement in completion of work - Ms Kristiansen
- Finley working hard correcting his work with a green pen in History with Ms Kristiansen- Mrs Dickinson
- Melo M, Ellie S, Tony W for excelling in their Computer Science programming this week! – Mr Sagoe
- Elaine A and Carly E for always doing the right thing and concentrating in lessons. -Ms Qi
- David O and Ishmael T for always trying their best and Ellie S for producing high quality written work. -Ms Qi
- Excellent attitude towards learning from Year 9s in Geography and History lessons– Mrs Dickinson



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 – 91.6%

9N - 82.9%
 9I- 91.4%
 9C- 95.3%
 9O- 91.3%
 9L- 93.6%

9A- 94.5%

9S- 93.9%

WELL DONE



for having the best attendance as a tutor group last term!

Students with 100% attendance last term:

Sami	Rahmatulai
Thomas	Hannah
Dominic	Nicole
Olorunjuwon	Jonathan
Dmitriy	Noortje
Kelvin	Kaitlin
Maniche	Oliver
Isabella	Ellie
Asare	Courtney
Eri	Emma
Anas	Thai
Rhys	Elaine
Eliza	Jayan
Jessica	Melo
William	Peter
Mohamed	Demilade

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
+20 pts

5pts

5pts

5pts

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
+20 pts

5pts

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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
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AOB

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 always expected of all students, 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.baconscollege.co.uk/parents/uniform-personal-presentation>

A particular reminder that unnatural hair colours, fake 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 holidays.

Forthcoming events

- **6th February 2025 – Year 9 Parents Evening**
- **27th February 2025 – Year 9 Options Evening**