

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 5 - 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 4th October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we enter the last two weeks of this half term, it's a perfect time to reflect on the value of resilience. Just as crops need time and care to grow, so too do our students. Resilience is about pushing through challenges, learning from setbacks, and coming out stronger. On that note, our year 8 boys lost their first football match on Thursday last week and from that, I hope that they and others can regroup and learn some vital lessons from their loss.



"It's your reaction to adversity, not adversity itself that determines how your life's story will develop."

Together, we can nurture these qualities in our young people, helping them reap the rewards of their hard work and perseverance. Let us all continue to support them on this journey to be being the best versions of themselves through our combined and collective efforts.

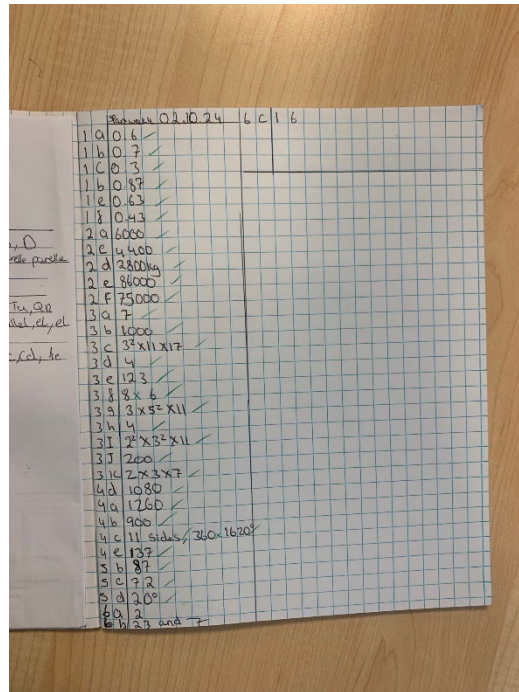
Kindest regards,

Mr R.Davies

Head of Year 8 | Pastoral & Intervention Lead



Classwork Champions & 'Shout outs'

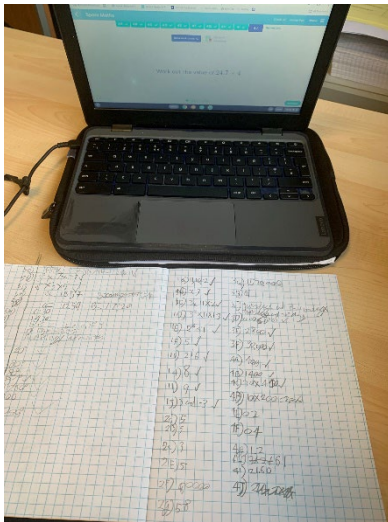


Excellent classwork from Cree H in her Year 8 Maths Lesson.

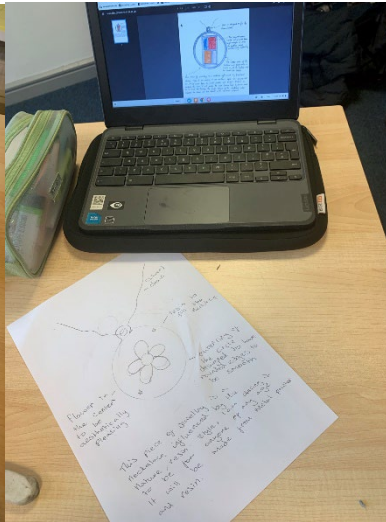


Z, A and J in their African Headwrap workshop led by our very own Ms Coker.

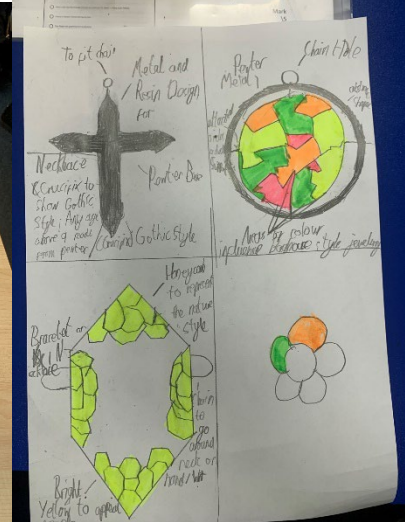
I want to personally thank all the young people who are doing their homework on time, not missing detentions and arriving at school on time or early. The good habits you are forming now will serve you extremely well in later life, keep up the hard work!



Archie K



Ava G



Oscar M

Top 10 Students With The Most Positive Points This Week

Mimi L
Oscar M
Mila S
Cyrus C
Jaida D
Erin L
Lile A
Ava G
Jade N
Melody T

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

5th November 2024 – Year 8 Reading Age Test during IST.

Attendance

Year Group attendance:

94.3% down from 93.5% last week

Tutor group attendance

8N – 89.5%

8I – 96.4%

8C – 96.2%

8O – 90.6%

8L – 95.5%

8A – 94.9%

8S – 94.3%

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.



The Bacon's 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
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Pre-Year Project	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Personal Reflection'	<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	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Meet all homework deadlines		

Completed Charter +20 pts
Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

Illustrations of a person running, a person walking, and a person on a bicycle.

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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