



Bacon's College
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Part of United Learning

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 24 - 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 8

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you're all well and looking forward to the half term break.

We have come to end of a long term with lots of exiting things going on including career talks, trips and fixtures.

One highlight for me was when I accompanied some Year 8 students on a KS3 trip with Outward Bound to Ogwen Cottage in Snowdonia. They participated in lots of outdoor activities challenging them and putting them outside of their comfort zone, this included gorge walking, canoeing, hiking, camping and orienteering. All the students did well and should be proud of their progress throughout the week and the instructors had lots of compliments for their group.



When we return, students will be preparing for their end of year exams.

I hope you all have a restful break, and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Kind Regards,

Mr Davies

Head of Year 8

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	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.***

Sparx Maths

SUPER SPARX MATHEMATICIANS YEAR 8

▪ Sara M

▪ Ehinomhen P

▪ Jesse K

▪ Whitney O



Completion rates by tutor group:

- 8N 86%
- 8I 86%
- 8C 83%
- 8O 89%
- 8L 93%
- 8A 97%
- 8S 96%

* 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

Shout Out / Rewards

Shout Outs

- ❖ Janelle and Alex C - for trying her best in English lessons and for her contribution; -Ms Qi
- Torian and Chloe- for always doing the right thing in lessons-Ms Qi
- ❖ India A and George C for writing really thoughtful and deeply meaningful poems in the topic of social justice. – Ms Colquhoun
- ❖ Mazin – great piece of writing on the utility of a source in history – Ms Newton
- ❖ Yasmin and Amanda – always very helpful in history – Ms Newton
- ❖ Morgan – very good effort in writing on the utility of a source in history – Ms Newton
- ❖ Maya – great contributions in history lessons– Ms Newton
- ❖ Nina – good focus in all history lessons – Ms Newton
- ❖ Taliyah – excellent content knowledge and contributions to the lesson in history– Ms Newton
- ❖ All of 8 Central. I just love them! – Ms Newton
- ❖ Sherif A and Jesse K have been really great in Spanish class. They participate and continually show focus, maturity and respect. -Mr Palmer
- ❖ Ehinomhen and Mimi L are in the library every day and help with returning books to the shelves, tidying up and generally make themselves useful. -Mr Palmer
- ❖ Enoch for his consistency with homework - Ms Lyons
- ❖ Aya Y for her contributions in lessons- Ms Lyons
- ❖ Alvin, Aishat and Mikayla for amazing efforts in English - they are always polite, positive and strive to improve continuously! – Mr Raine
- ❖ Rose, Naomi, Ehinomhen, Savannah, Jayniah, Faith, Aishani, Elizabeth, Chloe, Ruby, Athena, Eliya, Elene - For their dedication to dance rehearsals – Ms Redfern

❖ Year 8 Elizabeth.

Always ready for learning, with an exemplary work ethic and willingness to put in hard work and effort, to ensure that they get the most out of their learning. – Mr Mathan

Rewards

Silver Award Winners

★ Mimi L

500 Points
**Silver
Award**

Bronze Awards Winners

- ★ Albert L
- ★ Janeila C
- ★ Elene B
- ★ Keith K
- ★ Mahir B
- ★ Mason G
- ★ Mikayla F
- ★ Patrick L
- ★ Raphael K
- ★ Rylee C
- ★ Tatiana W

- ★ Yacob B
- ★ James H
- ★ Jasper S
- ★ Maryam K-H
- ★ Max D
- ★ Rosianna M
- ★ Sinai A C
- ★ Whitney O
- ★ Amari M
- ★ Amreen J
- ★ Ava G

250 Points
**Bronze
Award**

Bronze Awards Winners

- ★ Elif C P
- ★ India A
- ★ Alex C
- ★ Joey N V F
- ★ Adam A
- ★ Erin L
- ★ Esme P
- ★ Gracie B
- ★ Lile A
- ★ Max H

- ★ Mila S
- ★ Tallyah B
- ★ Wassim M
- ★ Yasmin S
- ★ Cyrus C C
- ★ Nina B
- ★ Oscar M
- ★ Yunus K

250 Points
**Bronze
Award**

Half Term Points Leader

Joey N V F

Overall Points Leader

Mimi L

Tutor Group with most Charter Points

8N

Tutor Group with the Highest overall Points

8N - 3586

8O - 5743

8I - 6334

8L - 6112

8C - 7729

8A - 4995

8S - 5539

Tutor Group with the Highest overall Points

8C



Attendance Award Raffle

Jaida D



Punctuality Award Raffle

Cyrus C C



Maths Super Star



Aishat A

English Super Star



Ruby R

Science Super Star



Sara M

MFL Super Star



Sophie R

MFL Super Star



Mila S

SPARX Reader Award



Whitney O

French Star

SPARX Reader Award



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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 8 – 93.6%

8N – 95.4%

8I – 94.7%

8C – 94.3%

8O – 93%

8L – 95.1%

8A – 94.1%

8S -92%

WELL DONE



for having the best attendance as a tutor group this year so far!

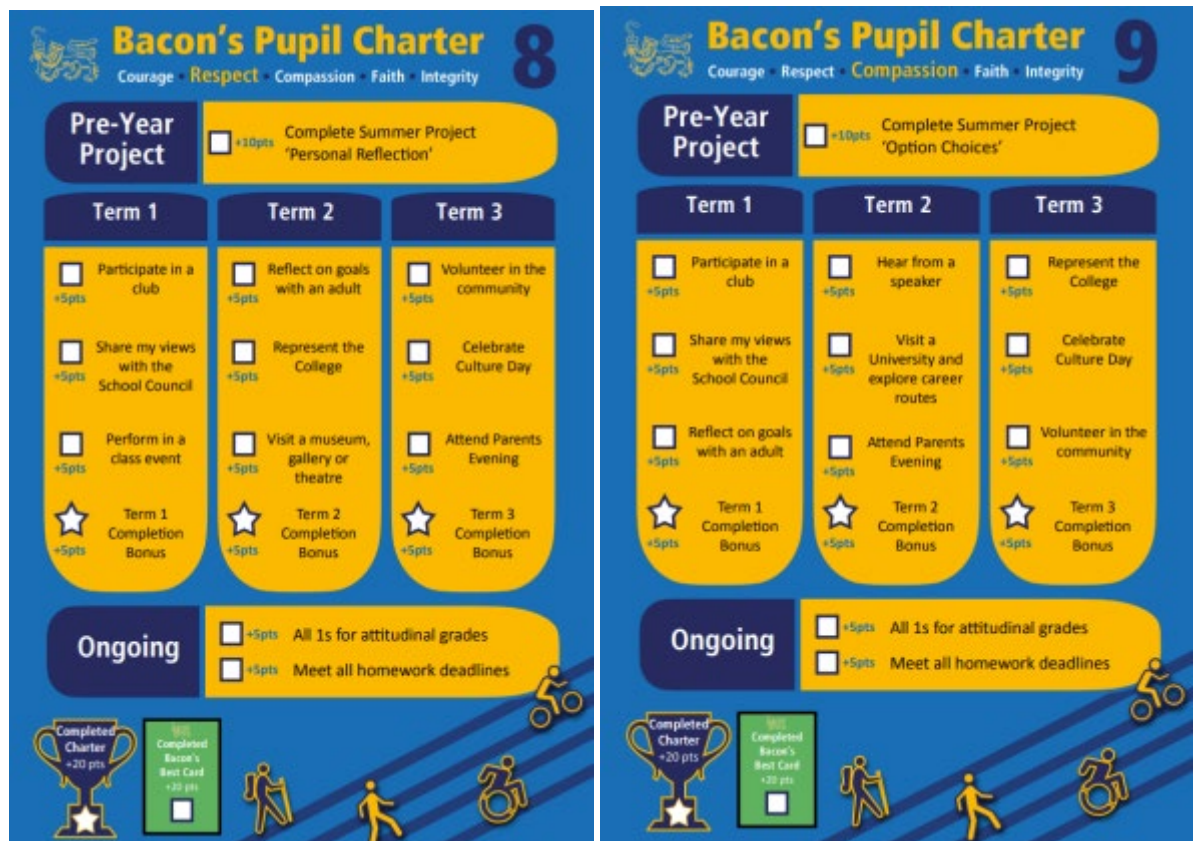
Pupil charter

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. Year 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.



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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 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.baconcollege.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
<p>Return to school – 22nd April 2025</p> <p>Year 8 Parents Evening – 3rd July 2025</p>