

Year 10 Newsletter

Week 9 2024-2025

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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 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

We're thrilled to welcome everyone back for the second half of the autumn term, an important period as we approach the end of the first term. This half term is a pivotal time for our students, with mock exams beginning in December. Our priority is to ensure that each student feels well-prepared and supported to achieve their best in these upcoming assessments.

This week every single Year 10 lesson has been visited by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The team have been impressed with how engaged Year 10 students have been with learning in lessons and the quality of the work produced. We are excited about this year group and the huge potential they hold. Year 10 will begin to access much of the same offer that Year 11 currently have as they progress through their GCSE's.

To aid in their preparation, we encourage all students to engage with their teachers over the next few weeks. These conversations will be invaluable in understanding what areas they should focus on, which resources will be most beneficial, and how to structure their study time effectively. Our teachers are here to guide and support, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need assistance in planning revision. On Monday 11th November, Year 10 will receive an assembly from Vice Principal Mr Maybury to help prepare them for upcoming exams, with key information about revision and preparation included.

Alongside exam preparations, we have several exciting events and initiatives planned for the term, including Anti-Bullying Week, which will help to promote kindness, inclusivity, and respect within our school community. Additionally, our Advent Appeal will begin soon, offering students the chance to give back during this season of giving.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this half term a successful and productive one! Kind Regards, Mr C Pyke Assistant Principal – Head of Key Stage 4 c.pyke@baconscollege.co.uk

Academic Excellence and Homework

Excellent work and attitude towards learning

It has been wonderful to see students returning from the half-term break and diving back into their lessons with dedication. A highlight of my day is visiting classrooms and seeing students engaged, producing quality work and taking pride in their efforts. Year 10 have hit the ground running at the start of this half term.

Mid-Year Exams

Year 7-10 mid-year assessments and exams will be from 16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025. Teachers are already focusing on preparing students for the assessments.

A formal exam timetable for Maths and English only will be sent to parents/carers in due course.

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. Please check the homework set by teachers on Show My Homework and feel free to contact subject teacher should you need any more information.



Shout Outs

Top Positive Points Scorer – Year 10

Lenny D -Leman D -Elisha A -Poppy P -Aliyah B -Zeph J - 14 Harvey G -Aiden H -Ethan L -Talia S -

Year 10 – Top SPARX Readers

Kayla X Harley M Andy S

Year 10 – Top SPARX Maths

Moses B

Staff Shout Outs

Sophia C and Miki T for not only achieving the highest scores in their Maths KPI from MA2. But also, for consistently being well behaved and surpassing expectations of working independently when tasks have been assigned.

> Leman D for excellent engagement in class. Archie O also for excellent engagement in class. - Ms Colqhoun - English

> > Arianna Mark B Good contributions in lessons – Ms Newton - History

Jashawn, Abass and Kane for excellent and insightful contributions in chemistry. Ms Roy - Science

Morgan c

Haleemah K

Excellent progress in lessons, keep up the good work! Mr E – Media Studies

Sheba - completing all graphics deadlines on time and to a very high standard. Beautiful work! - Ms Fraser - Graphics

Also, Gabriella B, Lynn E, Nana K and Shekinah P have been helping Ms Cunningham in the library for D of E.

Well done all!



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 10 Attendance per Tutor Group – Year to date:

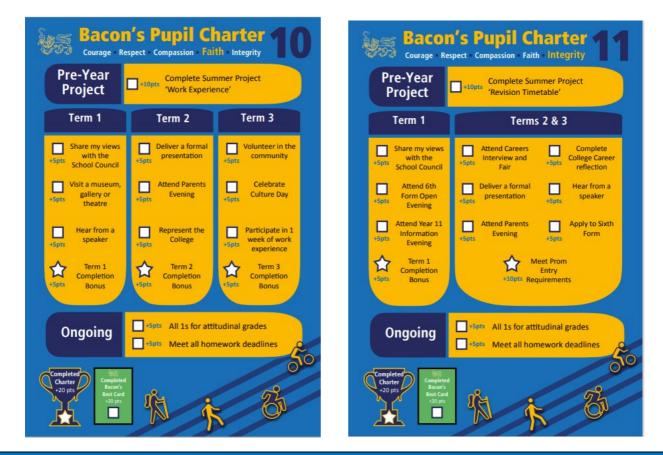
<u>10C</u>	96.2%
<u>101</u>	95.3%
<u>105</u>	95.1%
<u>100</u>	95.0%
<u>10A</u>	94.8%
<u>10L</u>	93.8%
10N	88.8%

WELL DONE



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 10 Charter are set out below. The Year 11 Charter has also been made available so that students can see the opportunities available to them as they progress through KS4.



Forthcoming events

Bacon's College Annual Advent Appeal - December

- Anti-bullying fortnight Monday 11th Friday 29th November
- Jack Petchey Speak out Challenge Thursday 14th November
- 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