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Year 7 Newsletter

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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 KS3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

As we start this new term, our focus shifts to helping students feel confident and well-prepared for their upcoming assessments and exams. To support them, we held an assembly this week introducing a range of effective revision strategies and exam techniques.

Two key methods we shared with students were the "Look, Cover, Write and Check" strategy and the use of flashcards — both powerful tools for active revision.

Here's how they work:

- Look, Cover, Write and Check involves:
 1. Looking at a piece of information they want to learn (e.g. a definition, key date, or formula),
 2. Covering it up,
 3. Writing it from memory, and then
 4. Checking to see if they got it right.

This technique helps students to actively recall information, identify gaps in their knowledge, and improve memory over time through repetition.

- Flashcards are small cards students can use to quiz themselves on key facts. Students write a question or keyword on one side and the answer or explanation on the other. They can use these independently or with someone else, working through the cards and separating them into “I know this” and “I need to practise this” piles. This makes revision more targeted and manageable.

How You Can Help at Home:

Here are a few ways you can support your child’s exam preparation:

- Help them create and use flashcards for different subjects — they’re especially useful for key terms, vocabulary, formulas, or quick facts.
- Encourage the use of Look, Cover, Write and Check when reviewing notes or key points.
- Set up a quiet, focused study space with minimal distractions.
- Support them in creating a revision timetable, breaking revision into small, manageable chunks. We will be providing students with a copy of revision timetable in the next few weeks for them to complete.
- Test them using their flashcards or encourage them to explain a topic back to you.
- Promote balance — ensure they’re getting enough sleep, eating well, and taking regular breaks.
- Offer encouragement and reassurance — a calm, positive environment can make a big difference.

We’ll continue supporting students with these techniques in school and will provide opportunities to practise and refine them. If you would like more advice on helping your child prepare for their exams, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another successful half-term.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bennett

Assistant Principal – Head of Key Stage 3

Academic Excellence and Homework

• Homework

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.**

Library Opening Hours:

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 12 - 12.30 pm	Friday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm
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Shout Outs

- * Thea – for achieving 100% on her Sparx Science homework. This is a fantastic accomplishment, and it reflects her progress and hard work, dedication, and commitment to learning. – Mr Koroma
- * Alexander D for great historical knowledge in English - Ms Colquhan
- * Anton M for winning 7Bakerloo English Star of the week for fantastic knowledge writing and willingness to help the class with his contextual knowledge of WWII – Mr McGarry
- * Anna K, Anastasiya M, Astera S, and Sienna K-B for continued great work in sewing club! – Mr McGarry
- * Y7-Bakerloo-MA1 achieved more than 95% on the Year 7 end-of-term test last term! – Ms Wang

* Joshua H	* 100%
* Adam I	* 100%

* Anna K	* 100%
* Finlay W	* 100%
* Sara D	* 98%
* Cosmo P	* 98%
* Harry J	* 96%
* Heitor S	* 96%

* Y7-Jubilee-MA2: keep improving over time – Ms Wang

* Isaiah D
* Osio S
* Antony A
* Ihsana C
* Lexie H
* Teddy J
* Shyla K
* Emilia M
* Kayvah L
* Taisia O

* Anton M, Adam I, Joshua H, Finlay W, Muhammad J - always thinking before responding and asking pertinent questions - Mr Woods

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.

Attendance this year:

Year 7 – 95.6%

N – 94.3%

I – 97.2%

C – 96.4%

O – 95.6%

L – 96.8%

A – 95.2%

S – 92.7%

WELL DONE



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

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.



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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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing

☐ +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
 ☐ +5pts Meet all homework deadlines









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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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

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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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

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Uniform

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.baconscolllege.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 to rectify the problem.