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Year 9 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

A week in the life of Year 9

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you are all well! Year 9 started week 5 with their assembly from Pastor Kenny about courage.

JOSHUA 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and COURAGEOUS. do not be afraid, nor be discouraged, for the Lord your God WILL BE WITH YOU wherever you go."

Courage to discover, to love, to encourage and to help others around us and ourselves. Courage is being able to face your fears and challenge yourself. Courage is having the inner strength to be the best you can be. Courage is doing what you know to be the right thing, even when you know it is difficult. Courage is standing up for what we believe in.

Our year group assembly led by Ms Ley followed this theme linking to how we show the value of courage in action.

Values in Action

Courage • Compassion • Respect • Faith • Integrity

- Be honest and, if you are not happy with your behaviour, admit it to yourself.
- Get to know your weaknesses so that you can work on improving them.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help from friends, family members or teachers.

Year 9 student


- Avoid situations and people who have had a bad influence upon you in the past.
- Aim to learn from your mistakes so that you can take advantage of the second chance that is on offer to you.

The students have been collecting in produce for the Pecan Food Bank. All tutors have contributed so much but a shout out to 9L who in a last-minute push brough in more than 4 bags worth of food. Well

done to 9N for their donations and well done to Joshua O for bringing in some amazing items for those in need. As a Cristian school we value when students show faith with actions.

During tutor time students are learning about key figures as part of our Black history month.

Thursday 3rd October



Black History Month

Wilson Samuel Jackson

- Wilston Samuel Jackson, Bill to his friends, was born in the **Jamaican** parish of Portland in 1927.
- At age 17, his 45-year-old father died suddenly, shattering Bill's dreams of being a dentist. **Bill decided to move to England**, the motherland, where workers were needed to help rebuild after the devastation of the Second World War.
- Arriving in London in 1952, **Bill was shocked to be met with blatant racism, something he had never experienced in Jamaica**. Regardless of the hostility, he **determined** to become a train driver.
- In those days, there were no Black train drivers, an unspoken rule that the driver's job was reserved for whites only. Even fellow Black railway workers believed a Black man could never become a driver, many quitting their rail jobs because of the lack of prospects. **Bill remained resolute**. For years, never late or missing a day, Bill endured a fireman's punishing regime, **shovelling** 10 to 12 tons of coal a day in hot and filthy conditions. **He was overjoyed when in 1962** when he **passed his exams with flying colours to become a fully-fledged locomotive driver and the First Black Train Driver**.
- In acknowledgement of Bill's achievement, a commentative **blue plaque was exhibited in the offices at Kings Cross train station the year before his death**. Sadly, through illness he never got to see it. We will now be pressing for a **National Heritage Blue Plaque** as these are only eligible for the deceased.
- **Bill passed away at age 91 on 15th September 2018.**

Why are Black contributions in the transport industry important?

Kind Regards,
Ms Lyons
Deputy Head of Year 9

Homework Champions and Academic Excellence

This week the results from our students with homework has been amazing.

Our top students for Seneca are

Ellie S

Henry S

Adam D

Olorunjuwon O

Sian Z

Our top Maths groups are 9MA1 and 9MA2 for 100% completion

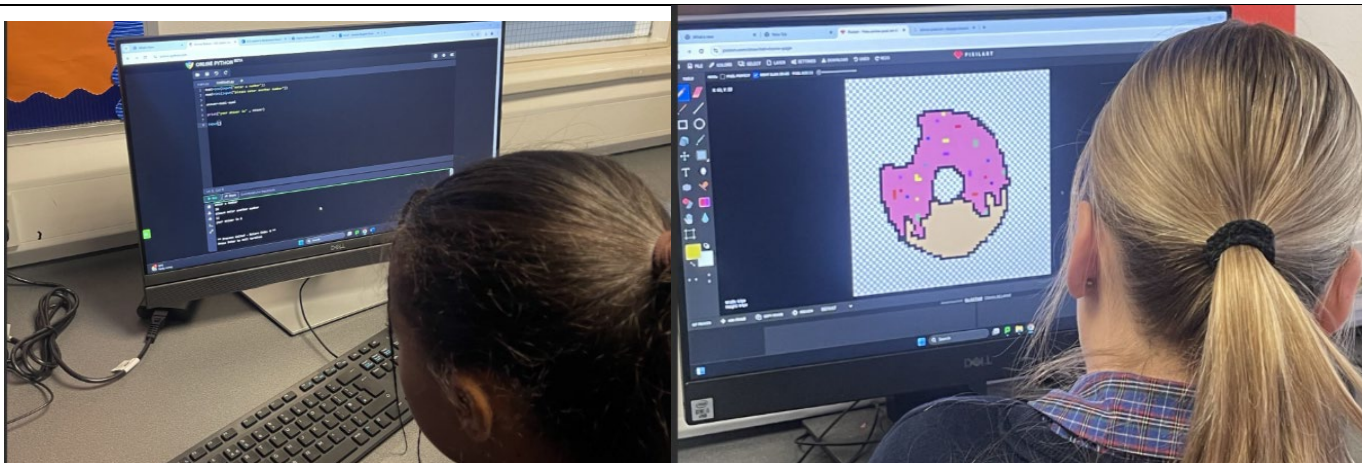
The top tutor group is 9I with 100% completion, followed closely by 9S with 97% completion

Our top Sparx readers are Elisabeth A, Asare N, Ruth-Ann E, Kaitlin H and Noortje A.

Well done to 9s with 89% completion followed closely by 9A with 88% completion.

It was great to see our students participating in Volleyball club as well as lots of hard work being completed in DT classes.





Shouts out

- * **Ms Qi - Joshua O** for always doing the right thing and his participation in the English lessons, **Jude F** for his engagement in reading outside of lessons.
- * **Ms Fejzulahi - Ellie S** - always doing the right thing and producing high quality work every lesson
- * **Ms Redfern – Abigail O** and **Laura-Rosa W**, for their efforts and hard work during dance lessons
- * **Ms Fraser - Joshua C** - Excellent commitment to donating tinned food for Harvest. **Reggie O**- Showing kindness and good manners to peers and teachers
- * **Mr J Mathan – Charlotte H** and **Arthi C**: For always coming to lesson with an attitude to learn, and a willingness to learn from mistakes. Consistently.
- * **Mr Rushworth - Charlotte H**- for excellent knowledge after MUA. **Jamal M**- Engaged and keen to get on with work, whilst always ensuring he is polite during lessons
- * **Ms Parry - Demi A** - Improved focus in maths lessons - excellent quality of classwork and always working towards extension tasks!

Attendance



As a school, we are focusing on supporting student's and parents with increasing attendance to school. We know that students who are in school perform better and learn more. This year particularly is important for your child as students in year 9 select their GCSE options in December. Consistent attendance to school shows Curriculum leaders and subject teachers that students are serious about taking their subject and gives the students the best start into GCSE. The year groups **absence this week has reduced from 10% to 8%**. I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school on time and all efforts to get themselves in as the colder mornings and illness starts to creep in so they can reach their target of 97%.

Students with 100% attendance are:

Danielle	Kelvin	Anas
Sami	Seyi	Jayden
Beverley	Idris	Rhys
Billy	Wafaa	Emelia
Janice	Lillie	Ibrahim
Dominic	Benjamin	Cornelius
Ruth-Ann	Maniche	Rahmatulai

Andi	Isabella	Donisha
Sam-James	Adam	Lilly
Joshua	Asare	Winny
Dmitriy	Eri	Leah
Nicholas	Frankie	Hannah
Ishmael	David	Nakai
Tony	Ernie	Cherise
Nicole	Emma	Henry
Olivia	Ipek	Lilly
Manny	Kye	Demilade
Jonathan	Lexie	Eliza
Noortje	Thai	Armani
Jaden	Aaliyah	Daniella
Khalil	Reggie	Adam
Adam	Jayden	Vi
Jayda	Elaine	Chantelle
Kaitlin	Elisabeth	Junior
Taeja-Nyelle	Jayan	Sylvanus
David	Phoenix	Malika
Benjamin	Jamie	Jessica
Oliver	Jeriah	William
Ellie	Melo	Abigail
Courtney	Peter	Jack
Andrew	Mohamed	Sian

WELL DONE



for having the best attendance as a tutor group this week!

Behaviour curriculum

One of the college values is respect. It is a very important component of both personal identity and interpersonal relationships. Respect refers to the ability to value and honour another person, both his or her words and actions, even if we do not approve or share everything he or she does. It is accepting the other person and not trying to change them. Respecting another person is not judging them by their attitudes, behaviours or thoughts.

Here is the graphic students see regularly for guidance on how to speak to staff. In Year 9, **first impression count towards GCSE choices!** It is vital students show manners and respect when interacting with staff and peers as we are preparing students for the real world and a successful future. RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, DOING THE RIGHT THING!!!



Pupil charter



AOB

6th February – Year 9 Parents evening
27th February – Year 9 options evening