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# Year 9 Newsletter

Week 3 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 Parent/Guardians,

I hope yourselves and your family have had a great week and been able to take advantage of the sunshine. This week in year 9 we met together as year group for assembly to see how the students can show courage by striving for achieve academic excellence. The assembly explored how the students can set the BAR high for themselves this year. Setting the BAR is broken down into focusing on the following:

**B** is for Balance. Throughout secondary school, it is important students find the right balance between work, play, homework, rest and spending time with friends and family. All of these are important, but at different times, they will need to prioritise them.

**A** is for Attitude. Looking at how having a positive attitude helps us accept mistakes we have made and learn to be better for ourselves and others.

**R** is for Relationships. We recapped how students should be responding to staff and their peers alongside looking at how they can lift each other up in times of need and in celebration.

This week there has been some great examples of the students setting the BAR high and having courage to be the best versions of themselves. I have included some examples of some great work from English and art below. Well done to **9S** for having the best attendance as a tutor group this week!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind Regards,

Ms Ley

Head of Year 9

## Homework Champions

With our aim of striving for academic excellence, that includes completing homework on time and to a high quality. Our current Seneca champion is:

**Aaliyah M-C!**

Congratulations also to **Shadrach F** and **Cornelius D** who are also in the top 3!

## Staff shout outs this week

**Ms Small** congratulates **Lacey S** for her persuasive writing.

**Ms Newton** congratulates **Imani, Wafaa, Rahmatulai, Cherise** for an excellent discussion in history about which of the Great Powers was most powerful at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Ms Green** congratulates **Ellie S** for the excellent drama poster she created for homework - she put in so much effort!

**Mr Sargoe** says well done to **Nevaeh and Eri** for showing outstanding support for their classmates and effort in computer science.

**Ms Kristiansen** congratulates **Alfie D, Chantelle, Perez, Jeriah, Dareck, Aaliyah M-H and Eri** for their hard work in History.

**Mr Eselebor** says well done **Noortje** for excellence in lesson and outstanding contribution in science lesson and **Aaliyah M** for her outstanding presentation.

**Dr Patel** says well done to **Henry S** for excellent focus in lessons and contribution in lessons

## Examples of Academic Excellence

This week's example is from Ms Small's English class 9XEN3 who had to use persuasive techniques in a letter to me to explain the benefits of school trips! Well done Deshane and Nicolas for your hard work.

Dear Mrs K

Firstly I believe ~~our attendance~~ attendance will improve because it will motivate us to come into school everyday ~~which~~ which could help the students in ~~this year~~ this year group ~~that~~ that does not have good ~~attend~~ attendance so they don't miss out on trips. Secondly, it could help are ~~for~~ year become stronger as as a year because we would be able to bond more and that could lead to less fights and people being nice to each other. Third, our ~~educat~~ education would dramatically improve because our ~~brain~~ brains would get a break ~~which~~ which means we would have more energy, concentration and ~~could~~ could possibly improve grades since are brain would be able to take a nice break from school. I can remember when I was in year 7 when we went on our first school trip at the start of the year that was my favourite trip because I was able to bond with a lot of new people   
Everyone

I can remember when we went we went on a school trip at the start of year 7 and it was really fun so it motivated me to get the top of the rest of the year so I can get top 10 and I achieved it in the end.

A poll of students in AX EN3 revealed that 95% of students think it's really good to do school trips and would do anything to go on it.

### Bookmark competition

Last week Ms Pollock and Dr Patel held a competition to design a year group bookmark for our whole school reading programme. All entries were then given to Ms Walter to decide which one would be printed and given a £20 amazon voucher. Here are the top 4! Well done Ellie S for your winning illustration.

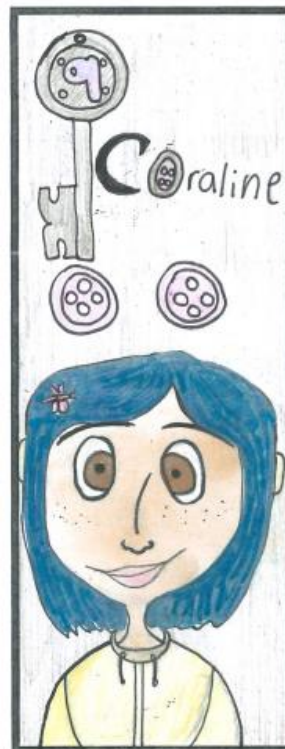
1<sup>st</sup> place – Ellie S



2<sup>nd</sup> place – Noortje



3<sup>rd</sup> place – Hannah M



4<sup>th</sup> place – Danielle A

