

# Year 8 Newsletter

Week 8 - 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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

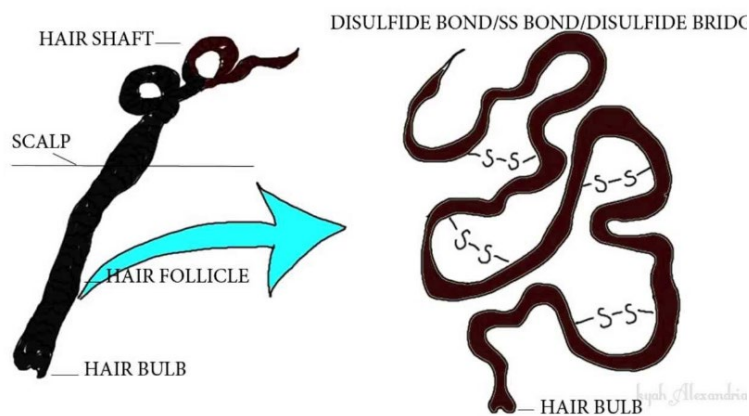
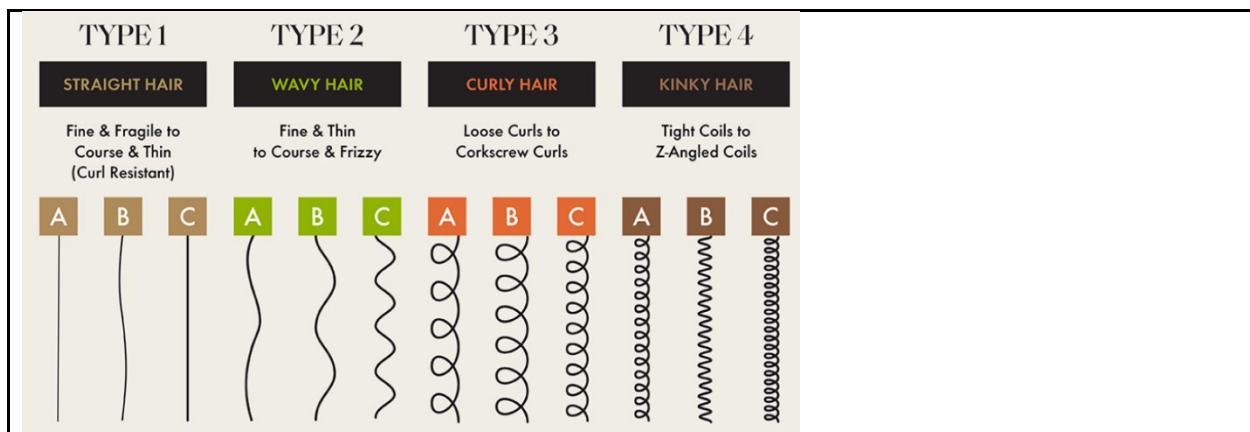
Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we come to the end of an intense first term, we want to express our sincere thanks to all of you for your dedication and effort. Your commitment to getting students into school on time, fostering high standards of work, and encouraging kindness toward one another has not gone unnoticed. It's been inspiring to see such a strong sense of community and excellence in everything we do.

This past month, we celebrated **Black History Month** —a time dedicated to recognising the contributions, achievements, and history of Black people across the UK and around the world. Since its launch in 1987, Black History Month provided an important platform to reflect on the rich cultural heritage and significant impact of the Black community on British society.

At school, students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, including **workshops, assemblies, and plays**, all designed to foster understanding and celebrate the diversity that shapes our community. By learning more about the achievements and struggles of Black people in Britain, we aimed to build a more inclusive and empathetic environment for all.

Students also learnt about the science of afro hair.



Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating Black History Month and reflecting on how we can all contribute to a more equal and just society. Now, as we break for the week, please take the time to rest and recharge. Remember, the hard work has just begun, and we're excited to see what we can achieve together in the coming year.

**Ms. Miah**

**Deputy Head of Year 8 | Teacher of Science**

Well done to the following students and classes who received a certificate/reward during the Year 8 rewards assembly this week!

### Top 20 Points in Year Group

- Enoch A
- Aayat A
- Jaide D
- Blessing B
- Joanie D
- Mimi L
- Maya D
- Oscar M
- Whitney OI
- Raphael K
- Nina B
- Jade N
- Mila S
- Cyrus C
- Levin R P
- Ehinomhen P
- Melody T
- Sarah R
- Rylee C

### Overall Points Leader

**Mouloud A**

### Tutor Group with the Highest Points

8N - 915

8O - 1368

8I - 1360

8L - 1458

8C - 1541

8A - 1239

8S - 1638

### Most Improved Student

**Keith K**

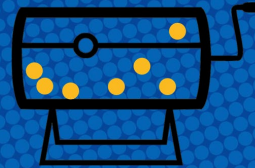
### Attendance Award Raffle

**Daniel M**



### Punctuality Award Raffle

**Susan L**



### Maths Super Star

**Sara M**

### English Super Star

**Afrasiab N**





### Attendance

The graphic below 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.



**WELL DONE**



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

**Year 8 attendance – 94.2%**

**Tutor Group Attendance:**

8N – 91.9%

8I – 90%

8C – 90.7%

8O – 91.1%

8L – 96.1%

8A – 94.7%

8S – 93.3%

**Students with 100% attendance are:**

Thega	Rosianna	Maya	Ramari
Ezekiel	Whitney	Tyler	Melody
Chloe	Talia	Keith	Kamal
Janeila	Jasper	George	Michael
Logan	Adam	Mimi	Mouloud
Hussein	Sara	Angel	Aayat
Albert	Natasha	Faith	Joanie
Marina	Ava	Ehinomhen	Jaida
Sabrina	Oscar	Sarah	Guy
Excel	Susan	Tolu	Sherif
Aya	Kevin	Ahmad	Adam
Edisjana	Katie	Mariam	Lile
Elene	Amari	Aldo	Taliyah
Rylee	Tyler	Aaron	Gracie
Al	Gerald	Maryam	Brad
Erin	Nina	Yunus	Janelle
Jeremy	Lauren	Oscar	Nooh
Torian	Ralph	Sara	
Abdul	Naomi	Ayham	
Oluwanifemi	Jesse	Mazin	

**The 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.

This term the students can add points for the following:

- 5 points for participating in a club
- 5 points for sharing their views with the student council
- 5 points for performing in an event

If they have done all three of these, they can have an extra 5 bonus points for Term 1 Completion Bonus.

If your child continues to receive all 1s for attitudinal grades in their report or if they have met and completed all the homework deadlines, they will get an extra 5 points for each.

The Charter is linked to our well-established rewards system and students will achieve positive points from their tutor 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.



### Dates for the Diary

CPD Day 3: Friday, October 25th (school closed to students)  
 Half-Term holiday: Monday, October 28th – Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Half -Term 2 begins: Monday, November 4th – Friday, December 20th  
 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Year 8 Reading Age Test during IST.  
 Christmas Holiday: Monday December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd

### AOB

#### Homework:

I want to personally thank all the young people who are doing their homework on time, not missing detentions and arriving at school on time or early.

The good habits you are forming now will serve you extremely well in later life, keep up the hard work!

Please see the student's weekly homework schedule below:

<b>Day that homework is set and due</b>	<b>Subject and the learning platform you will use</b>	<b>The approximate time the homework should take you</b>
Monday	<b>English</b> – Seneca/Homework booklet**	60 minutes
	<b>Sparx Reader</b>	30 minutes
Tuesday	<b>RE</b> - Seneca	30 minutes
	<b>History</b> – Seneca**	30 minutes
Wednesday	<b>Maths</b> – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Thursday	<b>Science</b> – Sparx Science	60 minutes
	<b>Mathematics</b> – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Friday	<b>MFL</b> – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet**	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily vocab revision)
	<b>Geography</b> – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30 minutes

Your child will have homework set for the week they return, so students need to ensure this is completed over Half-term break.

**Absence:**

If your child is going to be absent or you feel that you may be late in dropping them off to school, please make sure that you call the school reception to inform them or send an email to: [studentabsence@baconscollege.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@baconscollege.co.uk) before 8am to not receive a late detention.



## Mental Health:

**GETTING HELP IS GOOD**

**Need to talk?**

Free Phone/Chat Support

**SAMARITANS**  
116 123

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY CALM**  
0800 58 58 58

**THE MIX**  
0808 808 4994

**childline**  
0800 1111

**24/7 TEXT**

In a crisis? Free 24/7 text support!

**THE MIX**  
Text THEMIX to 85258

**YOUNG MINDS**  
Text YM to 85258

**HOPELINEUK**  
07860039967

**shout**  
Text 85258

**TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE**  
07507 332150

Try out what works for you. If it works - do it! If it doesn't - stop and try something else!

**Self-Care**

How can I manage my thoughts and feelings better?

**What is anxiety?**  
anxietygroup.com

**MOOD SPARK**  
moodspark.org.uk

**Self-care**  
anxietygroup.com/anxiety-self-care

**kooth**  
www.kooth.com

**THE NEST**  
thetrustoutthere.org.uk

**CALM ZONE**  
children.org.uk/foodbox/calm-zone

**Believe in children**  
Barnardo's  
barnardos.org.uk

**I need support with...**

an eating disorder  
beateatingdisorder.org.uk

**Beat**  
beateatingdisorder.org.uk

I or someone I know is thinking about self-harm  
calmharm.org.uk

**CALM HARM**  
calmharm.org.uk

A loved one has died and I need help  
hopeagain.org.uk

**hopeagain**  
hopeagain.org.uk

**grief encounter**  
griefencounter.org.uk

**St Christopher's**  
stchristophers.org.uk/candis

With winter coming up, moods can drop, and it can be hard to get out of bed. If a student starts to feel overwhelmed or have any shift in mood, the following poster can direct them to the correct people.

Mr Davies, Ms Miah, and Mrs Bennett are also available for students to come and speak to.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year team if you have any questions.

Kindest regards,

Mr Davies (Head of Year 8) and Ms Miah (Deputy Head of Year 8)

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