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Year 9 Newsletter

Week 12 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 and Students,

I hope you and your families are well.

The week began with the whole college assembly, focused on the

The sixth form mediation team then presented their service. Mediation is a service run by trained mediators to give students a safe space to discuss problems with peers in access advice. If your child would like to arrange mediation with a peer they can contact the team at mediation baconsmediation@baconscollege.co.uk.

This half term is a pivotal time for our students, with 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. All exam dates and revision materials are on satchel one/ show my homework.

English - Years 7-9 will sit their assessments in class between the 16th of December and the 10th of January.

Maths - Years 7-9 will sit their exams in the Main Hall between the 13th-17th of January.

All other exams will take place in lessons; therefore, it is vital students aim to maintain 100% attendance not only to ensure they are to learn the content of the exams but also are in to take them. These assessments will give both the student and teachers a picture of how they well they will achieve at GCSE. 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.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dickinson (nee Ley)

Head of Year 9

Academic Excellence and Homework

Cupcake Masterclass with Hyatt Hotel

The following students spent Wednesday morning in a workshop where they had a masterclass in making cupcakes

Armani, Perez, Thai, Wafaa, Jessica, Jack, Aidan, Eri, Sienna, Lily S, Mahdi, Andrew





Sparx reader:

Our Sparxiest readers goes to **Elisabeth, Kelvin, Eliza**

Well done to **9I** for the highest completion rate

Year 9

9I: 100%

9C: 88%

9L & 9S: 86%

9A: 85%

9O: 83%

9N: 79%

Sparx Maths: Well done to **9I** for the top completion rate in the year group with 9A in a close second

Well done to the following for their excellent consistency with completing their homework and going above and beyond with target and XP boost.

Jaden, Grace, Eliza, Isabella, Thai, Idris, Jessica, Eri

- **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.

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** Sparx Reader	60 minutes 20 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca History – Seneca**	30 minutes 30 minutes
Wednesday		
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science Maths – Sparx Maths	60 minutes 60 minutes
Friday	MFL – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet** Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily vocab revision) 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 Times

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	Friday
12 - 12.30 pm	11.45 am - 12.15 pm

Shout Outs and positive points

Ka-Wayne & Michael – For helpful actions in the community – Mrs Bennett
School council representatives - For their presentations in Friday tutor time – Ms Lyons
Alfie J – Attendance improvement – Ms Carol/Mr Sargent

Daniel - Always working really hard and producing a fantastic extended writing answer. – Mr El Ghzal
Manny - Being very kind to others and always offering to help out - Mr El Ghzal
Jack O and Daniel D for catching up on work they missed in lessons. **Isabella and Noortje** really conscientious approach to revision – Ms Newton
Oliver for excellent effort and participation in Spanish this week – Ms Hunter

Top 10 positive points this week:

Noortje – 37
Elisabeth – 26
Courtney – 26
Sophie – 25
Mattia – 25
Melo – 25
Thai – 23
Kaitlin – 22
Ellie – 22
Sian - 22

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. Absence across the year group has dropped to 7.12% so thank you for the push this week, it is great to see students in and fully engaged with lessons. Please note between 8:45 and 10 am a member of the pastoral team will be calling if your child is absent or late. Please make sure you communicate any absence by emailing student absence or one of the year 9 team or calling/leaving a voicemail with the school.

Year 9 – 92.88%

9S	95.03%
9C	95.14%
9A	95.05%
9I	93.02%
9L	93%
9O	91.12%
9N	84.04%

WELL DONE



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


Students with 100% attendance THIS WEEK:

**Noortje, Courtney, Idris, Thomas, Adam, William
Eri, Janice, Jonathan, Olorunjuwon, Rhys, Dmitriy
Isabella, Ellie, Eliza, Ibrahim, Winny, Nicole
Kelvin, Emma, Donisha, Henry, Daniella, Hannah
Benjamin, Jaden, Ruth-Ann, Malika, Peter, Rahmatulai
Thai, Melo, Cornelius, Manny, Jayan, Sami
Kaitlin, Maniche, Kye, Demilade, Phoenix, Isaiah
Elisabeth, Anas, Benjamin, Dominic, Asare,
Oliver, Mohamed, Tony, Jessica, and Elaine**

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 9 Charter are set out below.





Bacon's Pupil Charter 7


Courage • Respect • Compassion • Faith • Integrity

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
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

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





Bacon's Pupil Charter 8


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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
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

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




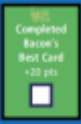
Bacon's Pupil Charter 9

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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
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Forthcoming events

Bacon's College Annual Advent Appeal - December

- **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.

- **Staff CPD – Tuesday 3rd December**

- **Mufti-Day – Friday 13th December**

- **Year 7 – 10 Mid Year Exams - 16th December 2024 – 17th January 2025**