

Year 9 Newsletter

Week 20

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. Thank you to those who came to Y9 parents evening last week. It was great to see and hear all the positive feedback from your child's teachers.

This week we continued the celebration of the year groups positive achievements over this half term with their rewards assembly. As a Head of Year, I look forward to sharing the wonderful achievements of the students in the year group. It has been great to see several students surpassing 250 positive points and gaining their bronze badge. There have also been great opportunities for the boys to represent Football Beyond Borders intervention in a fixture. The team were also really impressed at how the boys conducted themselves on the pitch, especially during difficult moments. The group showed solidarity and care for each other, and respect for their opposition, and it was great to see the FBB community come together like this.

As you are aware, your child will soon be choosing their GCSE course options for the courses they will be taking during Year 10 and 11. After half term, there will be the launch of the GCSE Options Process on Thursday, February 27th. Please note that we will commence with a presentation that will begin promptly at 4.30pm so please arrive a few minutes early if you can. During this presentation, you will be informed about the structure of the Key Stage 4 curriculum for next year and we will be explaining how best to select the options most appropriate for your child, including how to complete their options form. There will also be a presence from the Curriculum Leaders for all subjects and members of the Senior Leadership Team to answer questions and provide advice.

As this half term comes to a close, I'd like to wish you a lovely holiday and thank you for all your support. I hope students are able to rest and enjoy their time off, coming back to school on Monday 24th February ready to explore the next steps of their education

Kind Regards, Mrs Dickinson (nee Ley) Head of Year 9

Academic Excellence and Homework

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**	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.

Homework Champions Sparx reader

Top readers 10/02/2025

Isabella L 9C

Robert B 9I

Tutor completion

9A: 88%

9C: 93%

91: 85%

9L: 86%

9N: 79%

90: 72%

9S: 90%

Seneca

Top students by study time

Eri O

Elif B

Perez D

Top students by score

Oliver T

Ellie S

Oliver S

* Library Opening Times



Shout Outs - rewards assembly



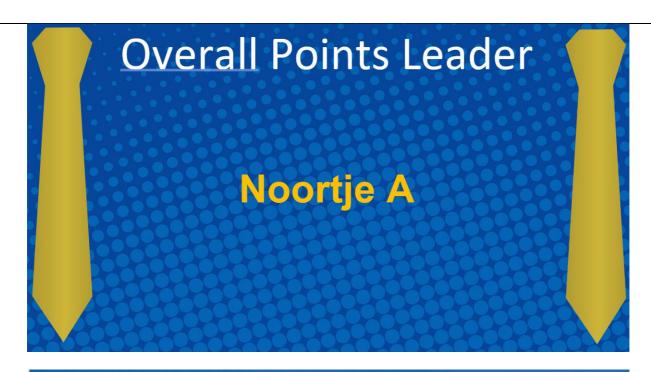
Top 20 Points in Year Group

- ⋆ Isabella L
- * Kelvin A-R
- * Daniel D-A
- * Elisabeth A
- * Eri O
- * Thai L
- * OliverT
- * Aaliyah M-H
- * Melo M
- * Wafaa E H

- * Benjamin S B
- * Sophie J
- * Jack O
- ⋆ Mattia K
- * Sian Z
- ★ Courtney W
- ⋆ Olly K
- * Adam M
- * Mohamed U

Half Term Points Leader

Isabella L



Tutor Group with the Highest overall Points

9N - 2155 9O - 4371

9I - 3874 9L - 5226

9C - 5179 9A - 3754













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.

Year Group attendance

92%

Tutor group attendance

<u>N –87.1</u>

I-90.6

C - 97.0

0 - 87.3

L- 90.5

<u>A - 94.1</u>

S-96.4

WELL DONE



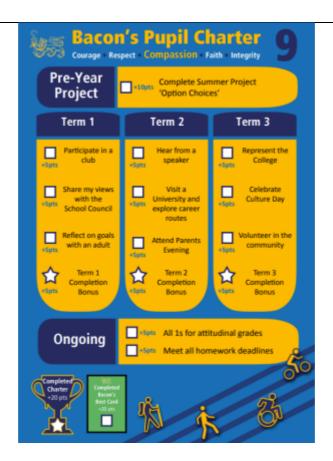
for having the best attendance as a tutor group this week!

Students with 100% attendance:

Daniel Jesse Donisha Ellie Noortje Tiarra Adam Miya Eve Perez Danielle Christina Aatikah Jaden Olivia Mekai Sophie Sami Eri Khalil Wafaa Georgie Jaime **Thomas** Elsie Ryan Lavaun Lilly Mattia Jasmine Abdulhaseeb Grace Joshua Isaiah Billy Olly Deshane Winnv Cameron Vi Jeriah Dominic Lexie Lillie Abdul-Jamal Mahdi Aaliyah Ruth-Ann Olivia Maniche Tyreece Chantelle Melo Andi Hannah Sofia Alfie Isabella Hassan Grace Henry Lilly Mohamed Nakai Sylvanus Lilly Chrystiano Asare Archie Cherise Kaitlin Tobiloba Olivia-Rose Alfred Samuel-James Malika Taeja-Nyelle Frankie Dareck Demilade Janice Jessica David David-Andrei Manny Eliza Ela Minh Benjamin Frnie Jonathan Armani Joshua Abigail Oliver Seyi Jude Daniella **Dmitriy** Jack Ellie Elsa Ronald Elisabeth Nicholas Courtney Anas Charlotte Maisie Beverley Ishmael Emma Laura-Rosa Thai Ashanti Elif Tilly-Rose Elif Ipek Rhys Aaliyah Mohamed Jayan Temitope Bobby Sonny Reggie Finley Sienna Rhys Arthi Emelia Jayden Aidan Phoenix Freddie Cornelius Idris Elaine Maisie Carly Rahmatulai Imani Sian Ivey-Belle

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.



Forthcoming events

27th February 2025 – Year 9 Options Evening