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# Year 8 Newsletter

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**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 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have continued to enjoy a positive and purposeful term as we approach the Easter break. As a Christian school, this season is a special time of reflection, reminding us of the hope, renewal, and new life that Easter represents. These values are evident in the daily life of our school, in the kindness shown between pupils, the resilience in their learning, and the strong sense of community we are proud to share.

We are delighted to celebrate a truly outstanding achievement in mathematics: for the first time ever, year 8 have reached 100% completion of their maths homework. This is a remarkable milestone and reflects the commitment, effort, and determination of our students, as well as the support from staff and families. A special mention must also go to Year 8, who have achieved the highest completion rates for both Sparx Maths and Sparx English. This is a fantastic accomplishment and demonstrates excellent consistency, independence, and dedication to their learning.

Attendance across the school is continuing to improve, which is very encouraging. Being present in school every day has a significant impact on progress, confidence, and wellbeing, and we are grateful for the ongoing support from families in ensuring students attend regularly and punctually.

We are also incredibly proud of our students' achievements in PE. Our girls' football team continues to go from strength to strength, having now progressed to the semi-final stages of the London leagues following an impressive 5–0 victory over Deptford Green. Their determination, teamwork, and skill have been outstanding.

We also celebrate the success of our boys' rugby team, who performed brilliantly to finish as runners-up in their recent tournament—an excellent achievement that reflects their hard work and commitment.



As Easter is now upon us, we take time to reflect on its message of hope and renewal. The Easter story reminds us that even in challenging times, there is always the promise of new beginnings. We encourage our school community to take this time to rest, reflect, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Thank you, as always, to our pupils, staff, and families for their continued support in making our school such a positive and thriving community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term.

Best wishes,

Ms G Galvin

### Academic Excellence and Homework

#### School Of Hard Knocks:

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Bacons represented the school at the School of Hard Knocks girls tournament. They faced 6 other schools from London and Hertfordshire and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Although the girls didn't come home with a trophy, they showed amazing team work, resilience and confidence as a group. Faith and Amirat won awards for SOHKs 3c's which are confidence, control and connection.



#### Year 8 Art with Ms Morson:

'Year 8 have just started their self portrait project. This week my class finished their fantastic eye drawings!



Excellent work from Leah k, Franklyn L and Alexander D

Amazing young poet news!

After our cultural visit to Tower Bridge and our workshop with a poet (and a lesson or two of tweaking) 5 of our year 8 students have been published in the 2025/2026 Young City Poets Anthology representing Bacon's College!

Wanted to share this exciting final update to what was a great scheme of engagement and enrichment for these year 8

English students!- Mr McGarry

Students were: Taja, Anton, Finlay, Cosmo and Astera.

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### Witching Hour

12am, the witching hour, the middle of the night,  
Stuck in this never-ending eternal fight.

140 years old, yet my heavy head still rises tall,  
Watching every other building crash and crumble.

Stood high like a proud soldier  
Streetlights hunched over like plants in a puddle of silent  
judgment

When will it be my turn to fall?

12am, the witching hour, the middle of the night,  
Each hour brings a fresh set of pain,  
My bascules are rusty, old, and filled with shame.

Lifting heavy burdens and overwhelming weights,  
Is this the bitter end of my fate?

Astero

### 140 Years the Life of Tower Bridge

I'm 140 years old,  
Horses used to crack my road,  
Now the cars and buses release their fumes,  
140 years of use.

I've seen the great wars  
as they come and go,  
I've seen the people  
when they're low.

140 years of light and dark,  
I wish for dull and stark,  
All I want is a bit less fame,  
140 years of pain.

Finlay

### Another Poem

Boat turning most slipping ship sinking  
Sirens wailing boats rushing  
People pointing shouting screaming

I am 100 years old, the result of cheating  
I love winter lights that twinkle along the river just out of  
reach

I am trapped, a bridge under irons  
A man in prison  
Locked in place, never to be free  
To ride the winds and seas

Anton

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### Tower Bridge

A normal day  
Standing in water  
Some as one hundred years ago  
Tower or bridge  
I still don't know  
Castle is probably a better way to describe me  
I watch the boats on the water  
Each one tells a different story  
I watch the buses  
I still remember when they were drawn by horse

It's funny thinking how long I've been here  
How long the water has flown  
And where it goes  
I've never known

So many things I've never known  
Because I'm just a bridge  
Because I'm just a tower  
Because I'm just a castle

Cosmo

### Tower Bridge

It's Friday night  
Maybe 11,  
I stare down,  
People describe the night as heaven,  
On my face a frown,  
The rush of sonder  
Shines like a light  
I start to wonder  
How lonely I am every night,  
From Victoria to Lizzy from Lizzy to Charles,  
Some days I do ponder  
Am I the strongest knight  
To stand for all this time?

Tajir

Tuesday IST is now finished and instead we now have a healthy introduction of a wide range of clubs to participate in. Ranging from Darts, finance to medical minds and tennis. We hope to see more students taking this up as this also improves their points towards their charter.

## TUESDAY IST OFFER Spring 2026

The Finance Lab Years 9-13 EG16 / Ms Kwafo	Darts Club Years 9-13 Mellish / Mr Jackson	Legal Minds Years 10-13 SF10 / Mr Wilson
MFL Culture & Film KS3 MG08 / Ms O'Leary & Ms Hunter	Gym Club KS4 Gym / Mr Leport	Medical Minds Years 10-13 SF21 / Mr Wilson
Books and Manga Club All Years Library / Ms Agiri	Tennis Club Years 9 & 10 Triple Courts / Mr Marzano	Maths Count On Us Years 7-9 MF05 MF07 / Mr Jalal
Coding Club KS3 MU2 / Mr Sagoe	Basketball Club All Years Sports Hall / Coach Blagrove	Textiles KS3 EF14 / Ms Wilson
Film KS3 MS1 / Mr Ejueyitchie	Volleyball KS3 Main Hall / Ms Pansera	Science Club Year 7 SF19 / Mr Cloak
Clay Club Years 9-12 EG12 / Ms Diver	Football KS3 3G Astro / Mr Tubb	Science Club Year 8 SF15 / Ms Coles
DofE Award Years 10 & 12 EG11 / Mr Bush	Street Dance Year 9 Dance Studio / Ms Redfern	Science Club Year 9 SG10 / Mr Nasim



## Bacon's Pupil Charter

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# 8

### Pre-Year Project

+10pts Complete Summer Project 'Personal Reflection'

### Term 1

+5pts Participate in a club

+5pts Share my views with the School Council

+5pts Perform in a class event

★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus

### Term 2

+5pts Reflect on goals with an adult

+5pts Represent the College

+5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre

★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus

### Term 3

+5pts Volunteer in the community

+5pts Celebrate Culture Day

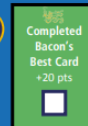
+5pts Attend Parents Evening

★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

### Ongoing

+5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades

+5pts Meet all homework deadlines



## Shout Out

Rewards assembly

**Most improved student this half term : Alnour**

**Top Points scorer: James B**

**Moved points this half term: Finlay W**

**Pride of Bacons Maks M**

### Top 70 Positives

James	890
Talia	869
Anna	859
Darcey	840
George	830
Astera	801
Freya	779
Lady-Renee	778
Itohan	773
Malachi	772
Sid	759

Oliver	753
Wassim	730
Ayah	723
Nathaniel	707
Adam	701
Harry	697
Jae	691
Elliott	684
Haoyu	683
Arthur	682
Bosco	679
Sanet	664
Daisy	663
Liya	660
Anastasiya	654
Sara	645
Priyanshu	644
Cosmo	637
Stefany	629
Finlay	628
Sienna	628
Oba	626
Ruby	623
Sebastian	610
Franklyn	601
Pearl	600
Millie	599
Luca	596
Sarah	586
Rebecca	572
Henry	571
Matthew	562
Evie	561
Keefe	556
Sonny	555
Kaylyn	554
Martha	551
Darya	546
Robbie	542
Kai	538
Evelyn Hei Kiu	536
Shyla	534
Rose	533
Ruby	529
Ja'Sharne	527
Jessie	516
Nathaniel	515
Anton	503

Adham	503
Heitor	503
Maksimilian	499
Mara	494
Josiah	494
Riley	489
Sahand	486
Astrid	483
Thea	477
Leo	470
Joshua	467

### Attendance

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance throughout last academic year. Your commitment to getting students into school—on time and ready to learn—has made a real difference and raised the whole school attendance.

At Bacon’s College, we believe that “Every Minute, Every Lesson, Every Day” truly matters. Every moment in the classroom is an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to move one step closer to success.

As we look ahead to the start of a new year we want to continue this message. Consistent attendance will be key to building on the progress made so far and ensuring that every student is fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities of Year 8.

### AOB

**Year 8 Parents evening April 23rd**

# ENRICHMENT OFFER

## Spring 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gospel Choir 8.25 - 9.00 / MU1 All Years / Ms Chambers	Guitar Club Lunch Time / MU1 All Years / Mr Horn	Guitar Club Lunch Time / MU1 All Years / Ms Alexander	Music Theatre Club Lunch Time / Dance Studio KS3 / Ms Redfern	Samba Band 8.25 - 9.00 / MU1 Brass Students / Ms Alexander
Music Tech (Beatmaking) Lunch Time / MU2 All Years / Mr Johnson	Keyboard Club Lunch Time / MU1 All Years / Mr Summer	Book Club Lunch Time / CG03 Years 9, 10, 11 / Ms Majeed	Documentary Club Lunch Time / EF05 KS3 / Ms Qi & Ms Keir	Sewing Club Lunch Time / EG10 Years 7 & 8 / Mr McGarry
Bacon's Christian Club Lunch Time / Chapel All Years / Pastor Kenny	Bacon's Christian Club Lunch Time / Chapel All Years / Pastor Kenny	Geography Club Lunch Time / SG06 All Years / Ms Hickman		
Homework Club 3.05 - 3.50 / MS03 All Years / LD	Dance Performance Club 3.50 - 4.50 / Dance Studio Year 9 / Ms Redfern	Street & Hip-Hop Dance 3.50 - 4.50 / Dance Studio All Years / Ms Redfern	Science Club Lunch Time / SF15 Year 7 / Ms Coles	
SPARX Reader Club 3.05 - 4.00 / Library All Years / Ms Agiri			Drama Club 3.10 - 4.10 / Drama Studio KS3 / Mr Toller	
			SPARX Maths Club 3.00 - 4.15 / MG10 All Years / Ms Younge	



# ENRICHMENT OFFER - PE

## Spring 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Volleyball Lunch / Main Hall All Years / Coach Karina	Table Tennis 3.50 - 4.30 / Main Hall All Years / Mr Pyke & Mr Eselebor	Volleyball All Years / Coach Karina	Basketball Lunch Time / Sports Hall All Years / Coach Justin	Basketball 7.10 - 8.05 / Sports Hall All Years / Coach Justin
Basketball 3.05 - 4.15 / Sports Hall Years 7 & 8 / Coach Justin		Dance Team Year 9 / Main Hall	Dance Team Lunch Time / Dance Studio Years 7 & 8 / Ms Redfern	Volleyball (Invitational) Lunch Time / Main Hall All Years / Coach Karina
Rugby 3.05 - 4.15 All Years / Mr Leport		Basketball (Girls) 3.50 - 5.00 Coach Justin	Basketball 3.05 - 4.30 / Sports Hall Years 9, 10, 11 / Coach Justin	Basketball 2.30 - 3.30 / Sports Hall Scrimmage / Coach Justin
Football (Girls) 3.15 - 4.30 Year 7 / Mr Tubb & Mr Davies			Football (Boys) 3.05 - 4.30 / 3G Years 8, 9, 10 / Mr Leport	Badminton 2.45 - 4.15 / Gym All Years / Mr Sargeant
Football KS4			Volleyball 3.05 - 4.15 / 3G KS4 / Coach Karina	
			Street Dance 3.05 - 4.15 / Dance Studio All Years / Ms Redfern	

