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Year 10 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 10

Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the February half-term break. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and restorative week together. It has been wonderful to see our Year 10 students return with such positivity and focus.

Year 10 have made a strong and purposeful start to the new term. During lesson visits, students have been working calmly and maturely, demonstrating a clear commitment to their GCSE subjects as well as to their core learning. Their attitude reflects the growing sense of responsibility and independence that is expected at this stage, and it has been a pleasure to see them engage so thoughtfully with their studies.

There is also much to celebrate beyond the classroom. Year 10's participation in the swimming gala was a real highlight. Our girls' team were exceptional, with Noortj winning both her races and the relay team—Hannah, Ipek, Isabella and Noortj—winning all their heats, including those against the boys, and bringing home a gold medal each. This was an inspiring display of personal excellence and a fantastic example of our school value of courage in action.

This week, to mark World Book Day, we enjoyed the return of Battle of the Books, where teachers went head-to-head for students' votes. It has been lovely to see Year 10 engaging so enthusiastically in conversations about reading and bringing real creativity to the competition. A special mention goes to David P, Sam-James, Henry S and Benjamin S-B for their dedication in campaigning for my book entry—I was particularly impressed by the 5-foot poster (even if Ms Austin's may have been slightly bigger!).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for attendance, especially as we move further into the GCSE years. Every lesson matters. Research consistently shows that strong attendance is closely linked to academic progress, confidence in learning and overall wellbeing. When students miss school, even for short periods, it can be challenging for them to keep up with the pace and depth of GCSE content. Your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, on time and ready to learn, makes a significant difference.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership and support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Dickinson

Head of Year 10

★ Shout outs and academic excellence ★

- ★ **Danielle A** for taking time to do extra programming work and **Malika LC** for her improved contributions in lessons – Mr Sagoe
- ★ **Beverly** for her fantastic work ethic in dance – Ms Redfern
- ★ **Dominic, Seyi Thai and Ellie** – good 12 mark answers – Ms Newton
- ★ **Mateus** – good effort to catch up– Ms Newton
- ★ **Sami, Jack, Mattia** – consistent effort and excellent behaviour– Ms Newton
- ★ **Laura-Rosa W** for always striving to achieve and making clear and consistent progress. – Ms Colquhoun
- ★ **Sonny B** for having a particularly strong week and improving his participation in lesson. – Ms Colquhoun
- ★ **Chantelle** - big improvement in GCSE PE - Everlearner and classwork – Mr Pyke
- ★ **Finlay W** - excellent science contributions and very knowledgeable and passionate about the subject. – Ms Salih
- ★ **Alfie D**- very polite and hardworking - always does the right thing. – Ms Salih
- ★ **Nuraiyah I** - very responsible, organised and always contributes to lesson. – Ms Salih
- ★ **Bobby C**- very hard working and extremely polite - always does his best and strives to do better the next time. – Ms Salih





Homework

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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 on a Tuesday 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.

* 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 12 - 12.30 pm	Friday 11.45 am - 12.15 pm
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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.

Year Group attendance

92.65

Tutor group attendance - year to date

N - 87.3

I - 93.2

C - 93.3

O - 93.1

L - 93.3

A - 94.5

S - 92.4



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

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 10
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Pre-Year Project	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Work Experience'	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Deliver a formal presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Hear from a speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in 1 week of work experience
	★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus
Ongoing			
	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades		
	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Meet all homework deadlines		

Completed Charter +20 pts
Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

AOB

Uniform and appearance

We are proud of our distinctive uniform and Bacon's College students take pride in their appearance. A high standard of personal appearance is always expected of all students, this includes travelling to and from school. Anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing will be sent home to get changed. Details of

our uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.baconscollege.co.uk/parents/uniform-personal-presentation>

A particular reminder that unnatural hair colours, fake eye lashes, nail extensions, jewellery (other than a single small stud in the ear lobe) and hair beads other than navy blue, black or transparent, are not permitted.

Work experience

Work experience gives students the opportunity to develop valuable transferable skills such as communication, teamwork and professionalism, while also building confidence in interacting with adults in a real workplace environment. It allows them to learn about different careers, roles and workplace structures, and helps bring jobs they may have only read about to life.

For many students, work experience can confirm an interest in a future career pathway or, just as importantly, help them decide that a particular role is not right for them. We encourage students to start by speaking to family, friends or local contacts, and to make a list of companies they would be interested in working with. These can include local businesses as well as larger, well-known organisations.

There will be a compulsory enrichment event from **Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July 2026**. Students will need to arrange their own work experience and log this on Unifrog, they have had the introduction this week. If they missed the session they can watch the video here [Year 10 Unifrog placement tool video](#).

Forthcoming events

- Parents evening – 9th July 2026
- Work experience - Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July 2026