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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,

As we head into the final weeks of the academic year, I would like to thank all students for their continued hard work and positive attitude. A reminder that reward points are still being collected right up until the end of term, so please continue to demonstrate our school values, work hard in lessons, and make positive choices every day. Good luck to all Year 8 students as they prepare for their end-of-year examinations. The examination timetable is attached, and we encourage students to prepare well and do their best.

Congratulations to all students who have represented the school in sporting fixtures this term. Your commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship have been excellent, and we are proud of your efforts. Well done Darya and Elliott on their debut performance at our first Padel competition.

There is still plenty to look forward to as we approach the summer break, including Sports Day and our rewards trips. With hopefully some good weather on the way, we are looking forward to celebrating a successful year together.

Let's finish the year strongly and make the most of the exciting opportunities ahead.

Best wishes, Ms G Galvin



Academic Excellence and Homework

Below is the KS3 exam timetable.
Please see for all year 8 students so they can be prepared for their exams.

2026		KS3		Bacon's College The best in everyone™ <small>Part of Good Learning</small>	
Exam calendar					
MON 08 JUNE	TUE 09 JUNE	WED 10 JUNE	THU 11 JUNE	FRI 12 JUNE	
		Year 9 NGRT During 1ST			
MON 15 JUNE	TUE 16 JUNE	WED 17 JUNE	THU 18 JUNE	FRI 19 JUNE	
Reading & Writing	Geography	Maths Paper 2	PSHE	Year 7 & 8 NGRT	
Maths Paths 1	History	French/Spanish Reading & Writing	Physics	Year 7 Confirmation / Baptism Catch-Up Physics	
Biology & Chemistry	Religious Studies			Year 7 Confirmation / Baptism Catch- Up PSHE	
Exam Periods 1 & 2	Year 7, 8 and 9 exams will take place in classrooms. Please ensure you have revision materials for times when not completing an exam.				
Exam Periods 3 & 4					
Exam Periods 5 & 6					

Information on NGRT testing.

I am writing to inform you that your child will be taking a New Group Reading Test (NGRT) on Thursday 18th June (PM), as part of their end of year exams.

The NGRT is a standardised assessment used in schools across the UK to measure students' reading abilities, including their decoding skills, comprehension, vocabulary, and reading fluency. It provides us with valuable information about each student's current reading level.

The purpose of this test is to:

- Identify strengths and areas for development in reading
- Track progress over time and measure improvement
- Ensure appropriate support and challenge is in place for every student
- Help us tailor teaching strategies to better meet your child's needs

Please be assured that this is not something students need to revise for, nor is it intended to cause stress. The test is designed to reflect their natural reading ability. As with any assessment, we encourage students to get a good night's sleep before the test and do their best.

Students will be required to bring their chromebooks and chargers in to complete the test.

The results will be used internally by the school to support learning will also be shared with you with the end of year reports.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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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

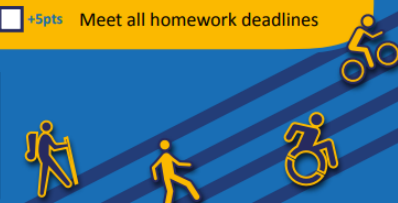
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Bacon's Pupil Charter 8

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Pre-Year Project	<input type="checkbox"/> +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Personal Reflection'	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in a club <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Perform in a class event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Reflect on goals with an adult <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day <input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +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



Shout Out

Mallie - adapted very well to changing class and has been a wonderful part of classroom discussions!

Elijah T - a massive improvement in all aspects, often finishing work to a very high standard and asking the right questions!

Khloe L - rises to the challenge when called upon and does so extremely well, answering hard questions meant to test the best of students!

Erik - for getting 20/20 on a recent test!

Jayden L - Considerable improvement with work and gets the job done every lesson.

Teddi - Outstanding improvement in both confidence and ability, while also keeping a beautifully presented book.

On the topic of bookwork, Astrid, Yusra, Kaylyn, Ella O, Evie W and Evie B keep their books to the highest standard and are exemplars for how work should be presented, with working out and answers that are easy to follow and show a clear mental process!

Can I also add on Kiara M - absolutely fantastic effort for revision in Maths, constantly looking to do better and grow her mathematical ability! – Mr Arnold- Maths

Andrew and Siyana deserve shoutouts from my geography lessons. Their effort and contributions have been very good recently.- Mr Devonshire- Geography

I'd like to nominate the following students who always show up with a great, positive attitude, contribute really well to class and always have excellent behaviour (English 8 Elizabeth):

Nevaeh K

Sahand R

Insana C

Ovbiye I

Tony P

Keefe W

Emilia M

Hannah A

Antony A

Maks M

Roan C

Amira M

Henry O

Axel R

Aziz B

Robbie S

Denise O

Rodiyah K
Bersabel T
Bianca N
Anastasiya M
Sienna K
Nicolas M
Oba A
Maths- Mr Raynor

Darcey Harker - PSHE - For consistently staying focused, contributing more confidently to discussions, and showing kindness and respect to others in class. - Ms Casey- PSHE

Anna K - dedication to history revision, George - maturity in lessons, Cosmo - high quality work in history- Ms Dickinson- History

For 8 Met English, the following people have acted and performed well in the play Pygmalion which we are studying in English:

Elsie W
Ballay C
Elijah T
Cristian V
Ben F
Mattice M
Itohan P
Darcey H

**I am aware and appreciate that the list is long but there are a lot of roles in the play!
They've made the lessons really enjoyable with their participation.**

Plus, for perfect behaviour and politeness in a cover lesson this week:

Lexi W
Thea P
Jayson K

Ms Colquhoun- English

**Students who have highest attendance, no negatives, no detentions or referrals.
Close to achieving golden tickets and a fabulous year for year 8.**

Adam	Im
Anastasiya	M
Keefe	W
Khloe	L
Denise	O
Ovbiye	I
Aziz	B
Ayah	M
Anna	K

<i>Finlay</i>	<i>W</i>
<i>Priyanshu</i>	<i>S</i>
<i>Axel</i>	<i>R</i>
<i>Darcey</i>	<i>L</i>
<i>Arwa</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Evelyn Hei Kiu</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>Antony</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>Rebecca</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Freya</i>	<i>S</i>
<i>Henry</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>Pearl</i>	<i>D</i>

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.

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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

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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	

