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Year 9 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 9

Dear Parents, Carers.

As we move further into the autumn term, there is plenty to celebrate and look forward to in Year 9!

Harvest Donations – Deadline Next Week

A huge thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Harvest collection. We are still welcoming donations of non-perishable food items, which Pastor Kenny will kindly deliver to local food banks to support those in our wider community who may be experiencing difficult times. Please ensure all donations are sent into school by **next week**. Every contribution, however small, can make a real difference. As a Christian community, we are reminded of the importance of showing kindness, generosity and love to our neighbours.

Remembrance

Next week, we will take time to observe Remembrance and reflect on the courage, sacrifice and service of those who have given so much for others. We encourage our students to approach this important occasion with respect and gratitude, remembering the importance of peace, hope and compassion.

Maths – Celebrating Success!

We are delighted to celebrate a fantastic achievement in Maths, with **97% homework completion**! This is a wonderful reflection of the commitment, responsibility and perseverance shown by our Year 9 students. Well done to everyone for their continued hard work. Let's keep this positive momentum going!

Preparing for Colder Weather

With temperatures beginning to drop, please ensure students come to school prepared for the colder weather. We encourage students to wear suitable warm layers, including thermals where needed. It is

also essential that students bring warmer PE kit so they can participate comfortably and safely in outdoor activities. Please check that they have the appropriate clothing and footwear for the changing conditions.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are proud of the way Year 9 continue to grow, achieve and demonstrate our Christian values through their actions each day.

"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Have a lovely week!

My email address is g.galvin@baconscollege.co.uk and my school ext. 4083.

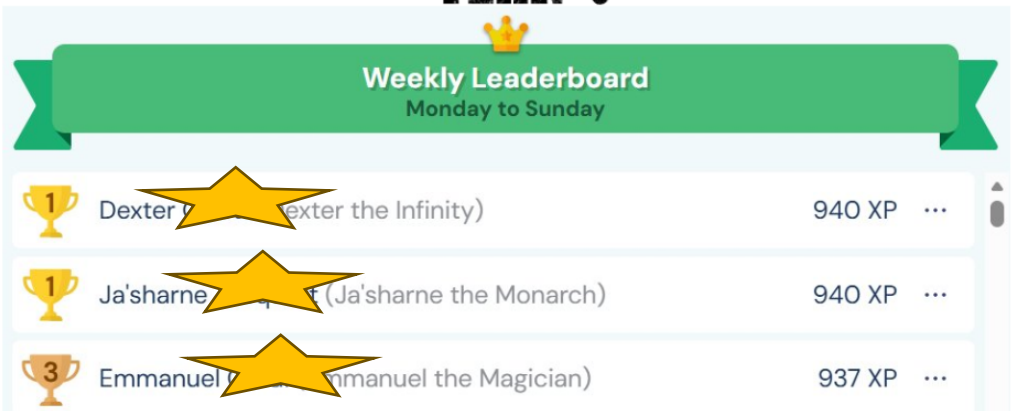
Best wishes,

Ms G Galvin

Academic Excellence and Homework

Sparx Maths News!

SUPER SPARX MATHEMATICIANS YEAR 9





A huge shout out to year 9: best year group with 97% completion rate over all.

Completion Rates by year groups

Year 7	**92%**	**Down 1%**
Year 8	**91%**	**Same**
Year 9	**97%**	**Up 6%**
Year 10	**92%**	**Up 1%**
Year 11	**78%**	**Down 14%**

Continue to encourage students to complete their HW on time.

Duke of Edinburgh- Lionel.bush@baconscollege.co.uk

Duke of Edinburgh sessions have now started.

Please look out for emails regarding sessions Monday and Thursdays with Mr Bush

Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme - Autumn Nominations 2nd-10th November

The **Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme** is the flagship program of the Jack Petchey Foundation, established in 1999 by Sir Jack Petchey CBE to recognize and motivate outstanding young people aged 11-25 across London and Essex.

At Bacon's, we have joined the 'Silver Level' Award Scheme. This

means we will be **awarding two students each term** that we would like to celebrate and acknowledge for an **Achievement Award**. Each award winner will receive a certificate, pin badge, an invitation to the VIP Award Ceremony, and a £300 grant to reward or benefit our school community. Each award winner will choose how this grant is spent!

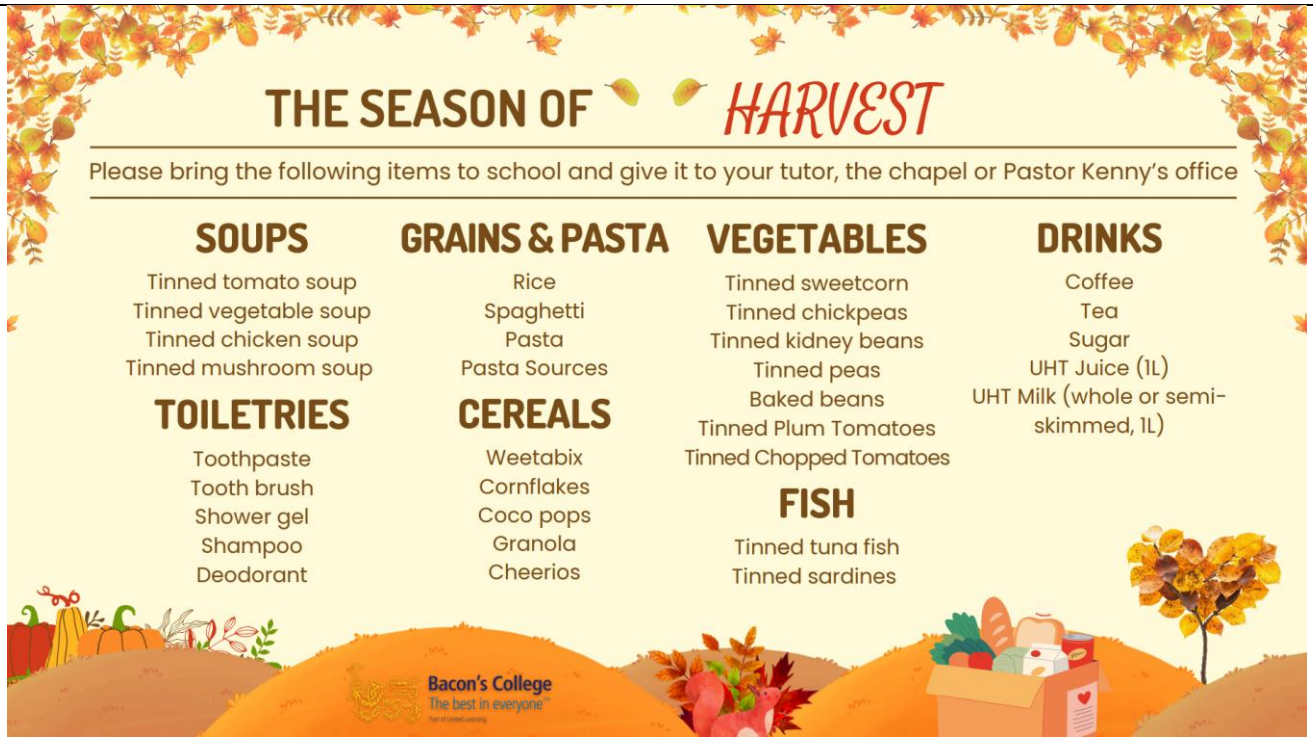
Wednesday IST Offer!!!! Wed love to see more clubs participated in this term

WEDNESDAY IST OFFER
Autumn 2026

Axiom Maths Circle Year 7 MF11 / Mr Mathan	**Coding Club** All Years MU1 / Mr Brown	**Darts Club** Years 9-13 Mellish / Mr Jackson	**Art Club** All Years EF14 / Ms Oke & Ms Diver	**Football** KS3 3G Pitch / PE Team & Mr Dryden
Axiom Maths Circle Year 8 MF07 / Mr Jalal	**Film Club** KS3 MS1 / Mr Ejueyitchie	**Debate Club** All Years EF05 / Ms Osborne	**Astronomy Club** All Years SF16 / Ms Koroma & Ms Solanke	**Volleyball** All Years Main Hall / Coach Karina
Maths Count On Us KS3 CF01 / Mr Arnold	**History Club** KS3 EG18 / Ms Newton, Ms Fisher & Ms Scotting	**Book Club** KS3 Library / Ms Navarro & Mr Rothkell	**Dance Club** All Years Dance Studio / Ms Redfern	**Basketball** All Years Sports Hall / Mr Darbin, Mr Sagoe & Mr El-Baghdadi
French and Spanish Cultural Club All Years MG06 / Ms O'Leary & Ms Hunter	**DofE Award** Years 9-13 EG11 / Mr Bush	**The Composer's Lab** All Years MU2 / Ms Alexander & Ms Savicka	**Smoke Alarm Testers (Cooking Club)** Year 9-10 MG12 / Ms Fraser	**Netball** All Years Single Court / Ms Rayner & Ms Galvin

Harvest Festival donations:

Big push for harvest festival!!!!



- **Homework**

Homework is key to ensuring your child is revising regularly and stretching their learning further. Please continue to support in this being completed any issues let me know! All students are issued with a Chromebook. If for any reason they have been lost or damaged please contact a.quinn@baconscollege.co.uk .

Homework Club

Students who are in this term's homework club need to attend MG11 3:05:4:05. This helps them to gain support from a range of teachers to complete all outstanding work. Homework Club is available to all students during the library's opening hours including before school, break and lunchtime. 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.

Shout Out

Ms Galvin's Stars of this term:

Axel for being excellent in every way in school- fabulous ambassador.

Elsie for trying hard and improving academically and moving up sets. Keep up the hard work.

Nyhemmah's excellent attitude to her PE lessons and getting stuck in!

Ava C for always showing up to support and play for the football team even when she's got training too!

Taja S for being top Sparx reader at present in Year 9. Massive homework improvement!

Ben F after a difficult week has shown up to school with a great attitude and shown excellent resilience!

Robbie S for his hard work and dedication in every lesson observation. Always doing the right thing without any prompting.

PSHE

Kwame, Achmed, Elijah T, Dotty, Critian For making a brilliant effort to contribute to discussions, confidently sharing your ideas and listening to the views of others. Your enthusiasm and willingness to get involved make a real difference to our lessons. – Ms Casey

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

We highly encourage you to download the Arbor app, which provides a fantastic way to stay informed about your child's progress. With the app, you can easily track both positive points and any negative referrals in real time. It's a great tool for keeping the lines of communication open and having meaningful conversations at home about your child's achievements and areas for improvement.

Please refer to the school's website here for information on downloading: Arbor Parent Portal and App allows you to view attendance statistics, behaviour points and notifications from school.

Arbor Parent Portal and App

The Arbor Parent Portal allows you to receive messages from school, view attendance statistics, behaviour points, and update personal information on your child's profile.

The Parent Portal is accessible online and via the app, every parent/carer receives their own unique log in.

Download the Arbor App for iOS (Apple/iPhone)

Click here >

Download the app for Android (Google Play Store)

Click here >

Arbor Help Centre

User guides and troubleshooting for the Parent Portal & App

Click here >

Forthcoming events