



Bacon's College
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Part of United Learning

Year 8 Newsletter

Week 26 - 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 8

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well. It has been an exciting first two weeks of summer term for year 9. On Monday, Pastor Kenney and Ms Newton (Head of History) presented a special assembly to commemorate VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), marking the end of World War II in Europe. We also marked the occasion on Thursday with a short service during breaktime to commemorate the day. It was great to see all students be respectful and proud of their country.

During IST, our students attended an important assembly focused on drugs and vaping awareness and prevention as part of their PSHE programme. The presentation, led by the experts at *Change Grow Live* provided students with information about the health risks associated with vaping and using drugs, the impact of nicotine on developing brains, and strategies for resisting peer pressure. The goal of the assembly was to empower students with knowledge and encourage healthy, informed choices. We encourage parents to continue the conversation at home and remind children that their health and well-being are our top priorities.

This term, during lessons students will beginning to revise key content for their assessment beginning Tuesday 10th June. Topics will be posted on the website and satchel one. These assessments will give both the student and teachers a picture of how they well they have progressed since Year 7. Curriculum leads will be looking at these results to ensure students are in the right classes for Year 9. If you, or your child have any questions regarding the exams please do not hesitate to contact their teachers.

Kind Regards,

Mr Davies
Head of Year 8

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** Sparx Reader	60 minutes 20 minutes
Tuesday	RE - Seneca History – Seneca**	30 minutes 30 minutes
Wednesday	Maths – Sparx Maths	60 minutes
Thursday	Science – Sparx Science	60 minutes
Friday	MFL – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet** Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily vocab revision) 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.**

Sparx Maths

SUPER SPARX MATHEMATICIANS YEAR 8

▪ Sara M
▪ Ehinomhen P

▪ Jesse K
▪ Whitney O



Sparx Completion rates by tutor group:

- 8N 86%
- 8I 86%
- 8C 83%
- 8O 89%
- 8L 93%
- 8A 97%
- 8S 96%

* 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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Shout Out / Rewards

Shout Outs

Melody T - consistently giving her best effort in EVERY lesson
Amanda FB - consistently giving her best effort in EVERY lesson
Yasmin S - consistently giving her best effort in EVERY lesson
Jade N - consistently giving her best effort in EVERY lesson
Zarya A - consistently giving his best effort in EVERY lesson
Hussein H - consistently giving his best effort in EVERY lesson
Elif CP - consistently giving her best effort in EVERY lesson
Joey NG - consistently giving his best effort in EVERY lesson
Afrasiab N - consistently giving his best effort in EVERY lesson
Max S - consistently giving his best effort in EVERY lesson

❖ - Mr Woods

Can I give a shoutout to Joshua M - for consistently following instruction in class and ofr being in the top 3 for the past two assessments.

❖ - Miss Miah

Shoutout to Kevin for great enthusiasm and effort in Spanish and to Aaron for having a very positive week in terms of behaviour.

❖ Thank you,

❖ - Miss Hunter

❖

❖ Yasmin and Amanda – always very helpful in history – Ms Newton

❖ Morgan – very good effort in writing on the utility of a source in history – Ms Newton

❖ Maya – great contributions in history lessons– Ms Newton

❖ Nina – good focus in all history lessons – Ms Newton

❖ Taliyah – excellent content knowledge and contributions to the lesson in history– Ms Newton

❖ All of 8 Central. I just love them! – Ms Newton

❖ Sherif A and Jesse K have been great in Spanish class. They participate and continually show focus, maturity and respect. -Mr Palmer

❖ Ehinomhen and Mimi L are in the library every day and help with returning books to the shelves, tidying up and generally make themselves useful. -Mr Palmer

❖ Enoch for his consistency with homework - Ms Lyons

❖ Aya Y for her contributions in lessons- Ms Lyons

❖ Alvin, Aishat and Mikayla for amazing efforts in English - they are always polite, positive and strive to improve continuously! – Mr Raine

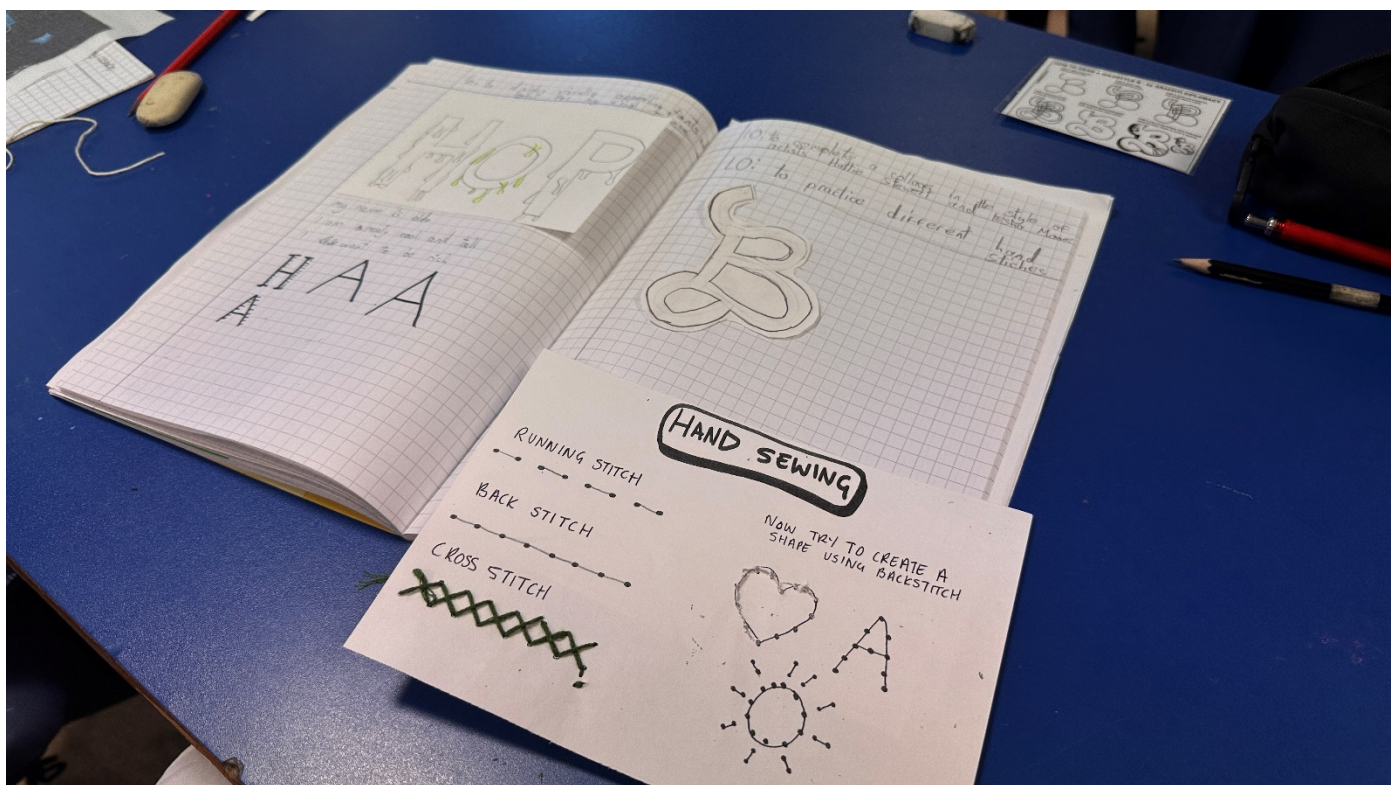
❖ Rose, Naomi, Ehinomhen, Savannah, Jayniah, Faith, Aishani, Elizabeth, Chloe, Ruby, Athena, Eliya, Elene - For their dedication to dance rehearsals – Ms Redfern

❖ Year 8 Elizabeth.

Always ready for learning, with an exemplary work ethic and willingness to put in hard work and effort, to ensure that they get the most out of their learning. – Mr Mathan



Excellent T-Shirt Design from Patrick in his Technology Class.



Excellent Stencil Design by Aldo in his Technology Class.

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 8 – 94.5%

8N – 93.3%

8I – 91.4%

8C – 94.3%

8O – 93.8%

8L – 93.5%

8A – 87.9%

8S – 87.5%

WELL DONE



for having the best attendance as a tutor group this year so far!

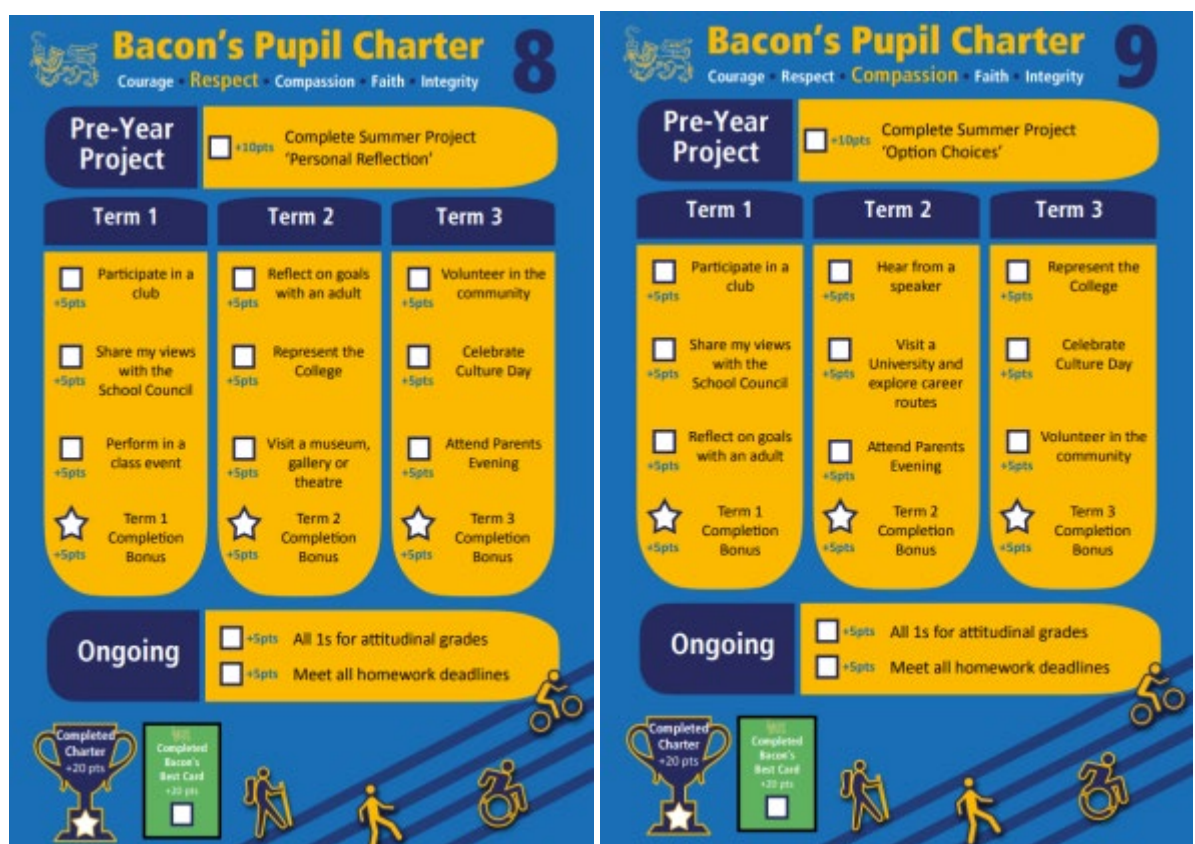
Pupil charter

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 8 Charter are set out below. Year 9's Charter has also been made available so that students can see the opportunities available to them as they go through Key Stage 3.



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.baconcollege.co.uk/parents/uniform-personal-presentation): <https://www.baconcollege.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.

Any student breaching these rules will be sent home on the first day of term to rectify the problem. Parents should be mindful of this before incurring any costs over the holidays.

Forthcoming events

Year 8 Parents Evening – 3rd July 2025