



# Year 8 Newsletter

**Edition 6**

**2025-2026**

**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 Parents and Carers,

As we begin the new year, we warmly welcome our Year 8 students back to school and to another exciting stage of their learning journey. A new year brings fresh opportunities, new goals, and the chance to build on the skills and experiences gained last year. We are proud of the progress our students have already made and look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow.

Year 8 is an important year for developing **independence, responsibility, and confidence**. Students will be encouraged to challenge themselves academically, strengthen their organisational skills, and take greater ownership of their learning. Regular attendance is essential for success in Year 8, as every lesson plays an important role in supporting learning and progress. Being in school every day helps students stay on track with their work, build strong routines, and maintain positive relationships with their teachers and peers. We encourage families to support good attendance and punctuality so that students can make the most of all learning opportunities.

Beyond the classroom, Year 8 students will continue to be involved in extracurricular activities. We encourage students to get involved, try new things, and support one another throughout the year.

Celebrations at the end of the term for the year 8 girls through to the next round of the London Cup.

Best wishes, Ms G Galvin



## Academic Excellence and Homework



At Bacons there is always an opportunity for learning. One was at line up when a large rainbow appeared and Mr Wilson used it as an opportunity to discuss Refraction.

In History year 8 Picadilly have been working really hard on their Civil War essays in their lessons with Ms Kritiansen. This work was independently produced and is a testament to their hard work and progress made.

Three student essays on the English Civil War, written in cursive. The first essay is by Usie, the second by Kayla, and the third by Darcey. Each essay begins with a question: 'Explain why the English Civil War broke out in 1642.' The essays discuss various causes, including financial issues, religious differences, and political power struggles between King Charles I and Parliament.

## 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](mailto:a.quinn@baconscollege.co.uk).

# Homework Timetable

KS3 homework timetable 2025-26 – Module 2 onwards					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	English Homework booklet (40 mins)	RS Seneca (30 mins)	Maths SPARX Maths (60 mins)	Science SPARX Science (60 mins)	Geography – Seneca/ Knowledge Organiser (30 mins)
Year 8	SPARX Reader English Homework booklet (20 mins)	MFL Active Learn/ Languagenut/ Seneca/ Fluency booklet (40 mins)			History – Seneca (30 mins)
Year 9					

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.

Useful link:

[Homework is set via the online platform Show My Homework and we use a variety of online platforms for students to use for home and independent learning.](#)



## Home Learning at Bacon's College

Students at Bacon's College are expected to complete homework outside of their timetabled lessons. They are expected to complete this work unsupervised in order to develop their capacity to study independently. Homework is intended to both raise attainment and nurture those independent research and study skills that will be increasingly important to them throughout their education and careers.

**All homework can be viewed - [www.showmyhomework.com](http://www.showmyhomework.com)**

Parents and Carers also have their own log in to Show My Homework so that you can see for yourself what has been set and when it's due. Please ensure that your child completes all their homework.

- Students can login via the orange link with the same username and password that they would use to login to school computers.
- Parents should use the code they received when their child first started at the school.
- Anybody experiencing problems with logging in to the system should contact the school office.

Students needing support and access to computers are very welcome to join our daily homework club, which takes place after school in the library every day.

Students who do not complete their homework will be set an hour detention after school by their teacher.

### Parents

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## Shout Out

*Lots of shoutouts this week:*

**In RS - all for being 100% focussed every lesson: Finlay W, Joshua H, Anton M, Cosmo P, Jessie F, Ayah M- Mr Woods**

**English: Nevaeh K, Axel R-F, Anna K, Finlay W, Elliott T, Freya S-C. All have put in exceptional effort in their work over the past week in their respective classes, and pushed our conversations forward in really meaningful ways.- Mr McGarry**

**Maths: George O - always doing the right thing. Putting excellent effort into his work - Miss Lyons Heitor - improvement on classwork and effort in class -Miss Lyons**

**PE: I would like to acknowledge Khymarni D. for his consistently positive attitude and commitment during PE lessons. He demonstrates the qualities of a true role model, and his influence is felt by both staff and classmates. He willingly helps with setting up and packing away equipment, showing initiative and responsibility and his respectful behaviour and fair play make him a valued teammate.**

**He adapts easily to playing with different groups of students, showing great flexibility and social awareness. When he feels confident in a skill or drill, he takes the initiative to support and teach his peers, contributing to a collaborative and encouraging learning environment. Ms Pansera**

**Maths I would like to give a shout out to Lexi and Thea for always working hard and showing resilience every lesson. Alpha - for improved effort and attention in class. Ms Younge**

**Maths From my 8-Jubilee class I have the following: from Mr Arnold**

**Ella O - Making great strides in mathematics and has consistently improved since the start of the year!!**

**Pearl D - Showing great work and done exceptionally well on her mid year exams!**

**Samih M - Great work ethic and made an amazing start to the new year!**

**Isaiah D - Working harder from the turn of the new year!**

**Oliver C - Always involved in classroom discussions and helps peers when he can!**

**From my 8 – District Maths Class: All from Mr Arnold**

**John E - Amazing improvement and wants to help everywhere in the classroom!**

**Freya S - Always open to answering questions to the class and works very hard!**

**Astrid - Works extremely hard every lesson and is never afraid to explain answers to the class!**

**Mallie - Strives for greatness every lesson and completes independent work to a very high standard!**

**Evie W - Showing amazing improvement and gets on very well with independent work!**

**Elijah W - Made an excellent start to the new year and works very hard in the classroom!**

**Special shoutout to Adam I for helping his peers out during Sparx Club.**

**In all honesty, both classes have made an absolutely amazing start to the new year and will continue to soar.**

**History- Have absolutely loved teaching 8 Met this week. Both lessons they were so great. Really engaged and demonstrating good focus and knowledge. – Ms Newton**

### **Henry O and Khloe L - Great work in PSHE.- Mr Pyke**

**English: Joel A, Hollie W and Rose S H for a visible improvement in attitude in English and better answers in class. Leah K, Evelyn Ti and Franklyn L for brilliant Othello essays, using detailed analysis and context to get super grades and move up a set!- Mr Toller**

**English: Shout outs for 8 Met:Elijah AT for improved effort, behaviour and attainment in lesson, Damari also for great participation and knowledge in class. Ms Colquhoun**

### **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.](#)

### **Forthcoming events**

- The following boys have a rugby fixture next Wednesday 21st Jan at Burgess Park. They need to meet me at 1pm (during lunch) at the changing rooms on the day.
  - Year 8:
  - James B
  - Wassim M
  - Kai J
  - Aziz A
  - Corey W
  - Isaiah D
  - Harry J
  - Dickson F
  - Franklyn L

- Henry O
- Jae T
- Cavay N
- Oba A
- George O