

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 and Guardians,

Season's Greetings! I know it feels like the New Year was a while ago and that we are already halfway through the month of January, however I'd like us to take a minute to remind ourselves and our students of this opportunity of a fresh start and to look forward to what the rest of the year has to bring us.

Since returning, some students have completed their final mid-term assessments and others are receiving their results, whatever the case may be, I would like for students and parents to take on board the fact that in every situation, there is an opportunity to grow, regardless of mark received – good / bad or indifferent.

Students need to have faith that their lives have purpose and we need to remind them that tomorrow is not something to fear, but something to prepare for with confidence and trust in the processes we have put in place for them.

A reminder that **good attendance and full uniform** remain essential for supporting students' learning and progress. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring Year 9 meet these expectations.

Mr Davies

Head of Year 9



Shout Outs

I am very proud to announce that one of our very own Year 9 Students is currently in the process of applying to become the **Young Mayor of Lewisham!**

The election will take place across Lewisham schools within the borough, however, students who live in Lewisham but attend school outside the borough (Bacon's Students) are still eligible to vote. The election is scheduled to take place on 6 February 2026.

If we could all support Ehinomen P in the coming weeks by requesting a postal vote by emailing Katy.brown@lewisham.gov.uk in order to cast your ballot.

Jaida and Whitney have consistently throughout the year helped with handing books and 'do nows' at every break, they have been a great help.

Mr Jalal – Mathematics

Zain C

Excellent focus and contributions in food tech lessons. Fantastic to see you work with such consideration for lesson progress. It's been great seeing quality of your work and observe your patience and diligence when working with others.

Miss Fraser - Food Technology

Naomi E

Excellent classwork and focus in lesson. Doing the right thing without being asked.

Mrs O. Younge – Mathematics

Excel O, 9X-SC3

Excel has been a joy to teach, she is constantly engaging with the class and is always eager to answer any question with a correct answer. She is driven and determined to learn more, and her admirable spirit encourages the others in her class.

Mr. Cloak - Science

I wanted to praise **9 XY-Ma1** for consistent excellent spark homework, 100% yet again!

Mr Jalal – Mathematics

9Y3 in English have been having amazing conversations about our text we are studying and really contributing their best thoughts in lesson. A great class with brilliant effort!

Mr McGarry – English

Esme P

Really focused in lessons

Ms Newton - History

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 9 – 93.9%

N – 94.7%

I – 95.7%

C – 92.5%

O – 92.1%

L – 92.6%

A – 94.6%

S – 95.1%

WELL DONE 9I 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. Well done to all the students who completed their pupil charter for Year 8. Please check your SMHW for the summer project to get your ready for the Year 9 pupil charter.

Forthcoming events

Year 9 Parents Evening – Thursday 5th February 2026

4pm – 6:30pm in the Main Hall

Thank You