

18th September 2023

Dear Parent/ Guardians,

It was lovely to welcome your child on their first day at Bacon's College. Over the first few weeks, I have been impressed with their behaviour and enthusiasm for learning and I am confident that this will continue as they progress not only through Year 7, but across the full five years at this school.

One of the key themes for the first term is for Year 7 students to get organised. This includes ensuring that they have the correct books and equipment in school and making sure that homework is completed on time and to the best of their ability. I would ask that you check with your child daily if they have everything that they need. This repetition will lead to emphasis, resulting in strong habits being formed. We want students to be in the habit of being ready and organised for school. Please resist the urge to pack your child's bag for them as we want to encourage independence and responsibility for their learning from the first day.

Our school website contains lots of information about the school including our school policies, but I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly summarise a few of the key policies to avoid any confusion.

Arbor App and Satchel One

The best way to stay up to date with your child's school day is by downloading the Arbor App. The app will allow you receive up to date information from the school, track your child's attendance and update the information that we hold about both you and your child, including consents. You will also be able to view positive points, detentions, and your child's overall behaviour record.

To access the app for the first time, please use the "forgotten password" link on the homepage. You must use the email address that we hold on to file for you as your username. If you attempt to log in using a different email address, this will not work.

Should you encounter any issues when logging in, please email schooloffice@baconcollege.co.uk and a member of our team will be happy to assist you.

To track and monitor homework set for your child, please also make sure you can log in to Satchel One. All homework is recorded on this website, and it provides the chance for both students and parents to see exactly what has been set for homework, including when the work is due. You will receive an email from school this week with your log in credentials. If you do not receive this email, please contact Ms Cunningham at e.cunningham@baconcollege.co.uk and she will be able to provide the details to you.



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Mobile Phones and contact

Whilst mobile phones are allowed in school, they must remain switched off and placed in the student's bag throughout the school day. If they are seen (including in trouser pockets) or heard, then they will be confiscated in line with our "see it, hear it, lose it" policy. If a student feels unwell during the school day, they must report to the school office: they must not contact you directly. Our medical team will assess the student and contact you if necessary. Parents must also contact the school office if they need to get a message to their child during the school day rather than directly message them.

If a pupil is found to have made direct contact with home using their mobile phone, they will be expected to hand their phone in to reception at the start of each school day and can collect it again at the end of the school day. If a mobile phone is confiscated, you will be notified via SMS and it will be available for collection by a parent or guardian from the main reception, between 8:30am- 4pm Monday- Friday. Devices will not be returned directly to your child.

Attendance

Research has shown that a positive attitude to attendance is a strong indicator of academic success. The school expectation is that students are in every lesson, every day. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact our school attendance officer before school begins to inform us of their absence- studentabsence@baconcollege.co.uk Please note that medical evidence may be requested for extended or repeated periods of absence due to illness.

Behaviour

Our behaviour policy is designed to ensure that all students can learn in an environment that is safe, secure, and rooted in mutual respect. When students occasionally fall short of these expectations, appropriate sanctions will be put in place. In most cases, talking through the issue with the student and agreeing better future choices will be all that is required, but if poor behaviour is persistent or if a student needs to be removed from a lesson, then they will be issued with a same day afterschool detention. If you have any concerns with your child's behaviour, please do not hesitate to get in touch so that we can work together to support them.

Free School Meals

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, this must be done via our website, [here](#)

Once your application has been completed in full, you will be notified of your eligibility whether your application has been successful, or not. The school will also receive notification and will update our records immediately.

Free school meals cover £2.40 per day and can be accessed by your child during their morning break, or at lunch time. Please note that if your child spends part of this allowance in their morning break, they will only have the remaining funds available at lunch i.e if they spend £1 at break, they'll only have £1.40 available at lunch. If they spend more than £2.40 on a purchase, the extra cost will be deducted from the funds available on their ParentPay accounts. Please

remember to top up your ParentPay accounts at least 24 hours in advance as the system does not sync instantly. The FSM allowance is to be taken each day and does not carry over/ accumulate if unused.

Uniform and Appearance

Year 7 are immaculately presented and are proud to be wearing the school uniform correctly and smartly. This is something that we will be seeking to maintain as we move throughout the year. Our school uniform is a way in which our students show their pride at being part of our community. Students will be sanctioned in line with our school behaviour policy for any uniform infringements, more detail can be found in our school policy. Please get in touch if there are any difficulties regarding uniform. Please also ensure that all items are named so that any lost items can swiftly be returned to their rightful owner.

Appointments with staff

We believe communication is the key to building good relationships between school and home and are always keen to meet with parents to resolve matters face to face. We fully understand that urgent issues can arise but please bear in mind that we cannot always see parents who arrive without notice during the school day. Staff are often teaching or in meetings. Please call ahead to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet rather than arrive at school unannounced and risk disappointment if no one is available. Many thanks for your understanding on this matter.

Social Media and Online Activity

We understand the pressures that parents and children can face when using the internet and social media platforms to communicate and socialise. We cover internet safety as part of our PSHE curriculum but would encourage parents to actively monitor their child's online activity. The NSPCC website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>) has lots of useful information to help parents keep their children safe online. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.



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Form Tutors

Year 7 form tutors and their school email addresses are listed below. Please note that emails may not always be responded to immediately, especially if they are sent outside working hours. Form tutors should be your first point of contact for any issues or queries that you may have and as a staff body we endeavour to respond to you within a 36-hour time period.

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| Mr J Mathan & Mr Jalal | 7S | j.mathan@baconcollege.co.uk i.jalal@baconcollege.co.uk |

Key dates

- Wednesday 4th October – Year 7 Welcome Service 5-6pm
- Friday 20th October – Staff training – **School closed to students.**
- Thursday 2nd November – Year 7 Tutor consultation evening – Details to follow.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child over the next five years. If there are any issues, questions, or if you need any support with any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Pyke
Head of Year 7



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