

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear parent / guardians,

**'I came to give life, life in all its fullness'**  
**John 10:10**

I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break, spending valuable time together with family. I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and hope 2024 brings you much success, peace, and joy.

We return to school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time** and look forward to welcoming all students back as we begin the Lent term. There is not a moment to lose as we strive for academic excellence. Year 11 and 13 students have just five school weeks until their next round of PPE exams. Year 10 mid-year exams are happening over the next 2 weeks. Please encourage your child to revise thoroughly and seek guidance from their teachers on key topics.

#### **2024/25 Term Dates**

Term dates for next academic year have now been published and can be found here

<https://www.baconscollege.co.uk/college-life/term-dates-key-dates>

Please also note that due to INSET days, this school year will finish for students on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**.

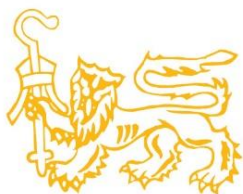
#### **Kitchens**

Unfortunately, the extraction system in our kitchen is still inoperable, which is severely limiting the range of hot food that can be cooked. Our catering staff are really doing the best they can in challenging circumstances using the electric ovens and Food Technology classroom. The system is over 30 years old and investigating the original problem has uncovered more issues. Several specialists are working on solutions, and we hope to commence replacement works in the next few weeks.

#### **Uniform and appearance**

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students, at all times. This includes when travelling to and from school. Anyone arriving at school in non-uniform clothing will be sent home to change. Details of our uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.baconscollege.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.



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## Attendance

Outstanding attendance to school is vital if a student is to realise his or her full potential. Each lesson missed has a significant impact upon student attainment, progress and their outcomes. It is our expectation at Bacon's that every student will attend College for a minimum of 97% of the time. Parents must inform the school either via email [studentabsence@baconcollege.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@baconcollege.co.uk) or call 0207 237 1928 and press 1, every day that their child is absent from school. Please make sure you state clear details in your email or call, including reason for absence and time expected in school if a child has an appointment.

Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours as much as possible. Holidays should not be booked during term time. If your child has a minor ailment, please try and resolve this with over-the-counter medication – most pharmacies can advise you – and send them to school as soon as possible. Requests for all other external activities must be emailed in advance to [studentabsence@baconcollege.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@baconcollege.co.uk). Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school every day.

I look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, at 8.25am.**

Yours faithfully,

James Wilson



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