



Bacon's College
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Year 10 Newsletter

Edition 9 - 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 Year 10 Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and that you and your family had a restful Easter holiday. It has been wonderful to welcome students back as Year 10 have made a fantastic start. From dropping into lessons, it is clear there is a mature and focused attitude to learning.

This half term is particularly important as students complete their final lessons of curriculum content before transitioning to revision in preparation for their end-of-year assessments. The end-of-year assessments will take place between 8th and 15th June. To support students in preparing effectively, they will take part in dedicated assemblies delivered by Ms Coker, focusing on revision strategies and how to revise successfully. They will also receive guidance from our Groundworks team on managing exam stress and maintaining wellbeing during assessment periods.

In addition to preparing students for their end of year assessments, in the coming weeks, students will also participate in a series of PSHE workshops, covering:

- Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Q&A
- Democracy, Politics and Activism
- Equality and Representation

These sessions are designed to support students' personal development, broaden their understanding of the world around them, and encourage respectful discussion and critical thinking. These will take place during a drop down day and an assembly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please do encourage your child to maintain good routines at home, including regular revision, attendance and punctuality, as we approach this important stage in the academic year.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Dickinson

Head of Year 10

★ Academic and personal excellence ★

★ We are very proud of students who have represented the college beyond the classroom. **Beverley A, Chantelle K and Leah M** recently represented the college in a rugby tournament, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and determination. Well done to all three for being such positive ambassadors for the college.

★ Additionally, the **GCSE PE cohort** have shown great responsibility and leadership by supporting our current Year 11 students with their moderation work. This experience has provided valuable insight into assessment expectations and highlighted the importance of collaboration and professionalism.

Homework

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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 on a Tuesday 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.

* 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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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 Group attendance

Year Group attendance - this year to date

89.7 down from 91.0

Tutor group attendance - year to date

N - 76.0

I - 94

C - 88

O - 91.2

L - 93.3

A - 89

S - 89.0



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. The points for the Year 9 Charter are set out below.

Bacon's Pupil Charter 10
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Pre-Year Project +10pts Complete Summer Project 'Work Experience'

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Share my views with the School Council	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Deliver a formal presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Volunteer in the community
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Attend Parents Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Celebrate Culture Day
<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Hear from a speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Represent the College	<input type="checkbox"/> +5pts Participate in 1 week of work experience
★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus	★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing +5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades
 +5pts Meet all homework deadlines

Completed Charter +20 pts
Completed Bacon's Best Card +20 pts

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.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.

Work experience

Work experience gives students the opportunity to develop valuable transferable skills such as communication, teamwork and professionalism, while also building confidence in interacting with adults in a real workplace environment. It allows them to learn about different careers, roles and workplace structures, and helps bring jobs they may have only read about to life.

For many students, work experience can confirm an interest in a future career pathway or, just as importantly, help them decide that a particular role is not right for them. We encourage students to start by speaking to family, friends or local contacts, and to make a list of companies they would be interested in working with. These can include local businesses as well as larger, well-known organisations.

There will be a compulsory enrichment event from **Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July 2026**. Students will need to arrange their own work experience and log this on Unifrog, they have had the introduction this week. If they missed the session they can watch the video here [Year 10 Unifrog placement tool video](#).

Forthcoming events

- Work experience deadline - 26th April
- Parents evening – 9th July 2026
- End of year assessments -
- Work experience - Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July 2026