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Year 11 Newsletter

Edition 2 – 2026-2027

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 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 is well under way, and our students have made a positive start. Staff have been sharing plenty of praise, from high-quality homework booklets and early Sparx completion to excellent focus in lessons and real dedication to revision. Thank you for your support at home, which makes a real difference.

As of this week, there are **213 days (118 school days)** until the first GCSE exam. That is still a good amount of time, but none of it should be wasted. We have asked students to approach the year with one idea in mind: *every minute, every lesson, every day.*

Small habits now will pay off in the summer: arriving on time, attending every day, completing homework and making use of the intervention sessions that run throughout the week. Every Friday we will recommend a revision method in assembly, this week is: **Look, Cover, Write, Check**

Using their revision guides or flashcards:

1. **Look:** read a page or topic carefully and take it in.
2. **Cover:** hide the page.
3. **Write:** write down everything you can remember.
4. **Check:** compare your answer with the page, then correct and add anything you missed.

Short, regular sessions on one topic at a time work much better than long, unfocused ones. You can help by asking your child to show you how it works, or to teach you a topic they have just revised. Active recall like this is far more effective than simply re-reading notes.

Rewards at Bacon's: what's the same and what's new

What stays the same: positive points, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, reward ties, charter points and awards, Bacon's Top Ten, and the Top 70 reward trips and Golden Tickets. Our prefects are currently gathering ideas for this year's Top 70 reward, with a bowling trip, a pizza party and money off prom are among the suggestions.

What's new this year:

- **Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme:** this recognises students who consistently go above and beyond in the Bacon's community and beyond. Students, staff and **parents** can nominate and vote. Each term there will be two winners, one from KS3 and one from KS4/5. Winners receive a certificate, a badge and an invitation to a VIP Achievement Award event. They are also awarded a **£300 grant** (in 2026-27) to spend on something of their choice, such as trips, activities, equipment or guest speakers. Voting for our Autumn Term winners opens soon, and we will let you know how to take part: [details/link].

- **Enrichment Club Loyalty Cards:** students get their card signed each time they attend a club. Once it is complete, they post it into one of our new raffle boxes, located near the trophy cabinet, for a chance to win a prize. Students can put achievements into the raffle of their choice (bi-weekly with a small prize, half-termly with a medium prize, or termly with a large prize). They just need to write their name first. Students are responsible for looking after their own cards. A lost or completed card can be replaced, but teachers cannot re-sign lost signatures.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It plays a vital role in your child's success, and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout this important year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dickinson
Head of Year 11

Shout outs

* **Andi and Isaiah** for their dedication to revision to start the year – **Mr Sagoe**.
* **Ishmael** outstanding focus, **Jarai** always making positive contributions in class – **Mr Sagoe**.
* 'Even **11X3** are good' – **Ms Miaah**
* **Perez D** – good source utility in you medicine assessment – **Mrs Dickinson**
* **Charlotte H** – really positive attitude towards learning in History – **Mrs Dickinson**
* **Nevaeh M** - Focused in lessons, completing tasks to a high standard and attempting the challenge tasks. - **Ms Coles Williams**
* **Eri O and Frank P** for a fantastic start to Y11 English. Really in depth analysis an wonderful contributions to the class conversations. - **Mr McGarry**
* **Mateus N** for really improved persuasive writing – **Ms Small**
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* **Arthi** going over and beyond to give it her all – **Ms Ahmed**
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Attendance



Every lesson counts this year, and attendance is the area where Year 11 has the most room to improve. Our year group's attendance is currently 93.3% for the year so far, below the school average of 94.9%. Missing even a few days adds up to a lot of lost learning by the time exams arrive.

You can help by making sure your child is in school every day and on time, and by booking medical and other appointments outside lesson times wherever possible. If something is getting in the way of attendance, please contact [name/email] early so we can work out how to help.

Year Group attendance - this week
92.2% down from 93.1

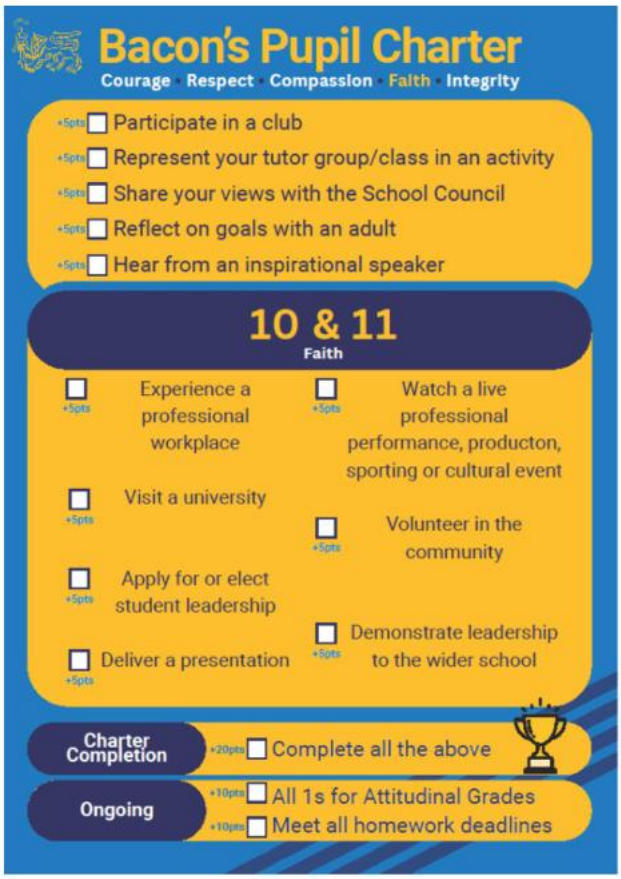
Tutor group attendance - this week
N - 88.6% up from 85.7%
I - 95.9% equal to last week
C - 96.4% up from 95.9%
O - 95% down from 97%
L - 93.3 down from 98.8 up
A - 91.4% down from 93.2%
S - 84.5% down form 90.0%



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.

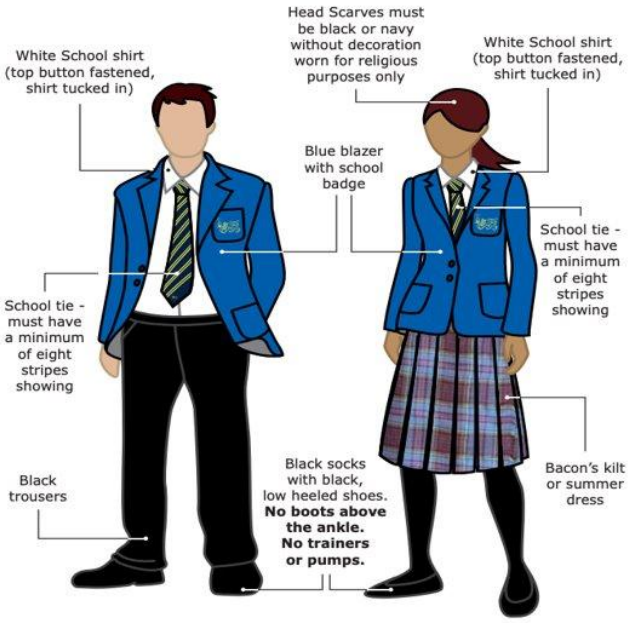


AOB – uniform and equipment

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.





Forthcoming events

- PPEs 1 – 2nd November
- Parents evening – 3rd December