



**Bacon's College**  
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## Year 8 Newsletter

### Week 30 - 2024-2025

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 8

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

Greetings and warm wishes, hoping everyone is as well as can be and getting to enjoy some of this fabulous warm weather? On that note, if we could remind students to remain presentable at all times, as sanctions still remain and uniform reminders are given on a daily basis at line up in the morning.

Big congratulations to the year group, for completing their end of year exams so smoothly. I've had some great feedback from several teachers about the way in which classes have handled themselves during exam week - with high levels of work, next to perfect behaviour and quick / swift set up routines. Teachers mentioned that there were no issues at all, and students held themselves to a high standard, which made it easier for those who had to cover an exam. 😊

There are several exciting dates coming up, including Founder's Day, Sports Day, Parents Evening and more. Could I ask you to remind students that although the end is nigh, now is not the time to not uphold the high expectations – like a marathon, it is now more than ever that students need to employ sustained effort and focus, if they are to achieve their long-term goals.

Kindest regards,

Mr Davies

Head of Year 8

## Academic Excellence and Homework

- Improved Attitudes to Learning and Classroom Environments**

As a Head of Year, it gives me great pleasure to walk into classrooms and observe real learning taking place. This week I have seen some students really focussed and actively listening, not only in their lessons but also I have received positive feedback from staff about students responding well to instructions given first time – this makes me proud.

- 8 Elizabeth in their Science Practical Lesson – Separating salt from rock salt.**



- Homework**

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 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.

*Homework timetable for KS3:*

Day that homework is set and due	Subject and the learning platform you will use	The approximate time the homework should take you
Monday	<b>English</b> – Seneca/Homework booklet**	60 minutes
	<b>Sparx Reader</b>	20 minutes

Tuesday	<b>RE - Seneca</b>	30 minutes
	<b>History – Seneca**</b>	30 minutes
Wednesday	<b>Maths – Sparx Maths</b>	60 minutes
Thursday	<b>Science – Sparx Science</b>	60 minutes
Friday	<b>MFL – Active Learn/Languagenut/Seneca/Fluency booklet**</b>	30-60 minutes (+ 10 minute daily vocab revision)
	<b>Geography – Seneca/Knowledge Organiser</b>	30 minutes

**Technology - You will also receive one piece of Technology homework set on the day of your lesson which will be due for the next lesson.**

***\*\*In addition to following this homework timetable, some of your other subjects will set additional homework. Please check SMHW for more details.***

## 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**

## Shout Outs

Huge shoutout to Aaron for great progress in Spanish over the last few weeks,  
especially in his speaking assessment – Miss Hunter

Aliyah A & Sophie R, For adapting to programming quickly! – Mr Sagoe

Taliyah – excellent content knowledge and contributions to the lesson in history. – Ms. C. Newton

Janelle and Alex C - for trying her best in English lessons and for her contribution;  
Torian and Chloe- for always doing the right thing in lessons. – Miss Qi

**Erin L (Long Jump)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> in Southwark Athletics championships**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> yesterday in London Athletics Championships**

Erin dazzled at the London Championships, proudly representing Bacon's and the whole of Southwark in the long jump and soaring to an incredible second-place finish! Her outstanding performance is the result of tireless dedication, fierce determination, and a passion for excellence that shines through in every jump. Erin's commitment to her training and her extra-curricular sport is nothing short of inspiring, and her success is a moment of pride for the entire Bacon's College community. We can't wait to see what she achieves next—this is just the beginning! – Mr Leport

**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 8 – **94.6%**

N – 94.8%

I – 94.4%

C – 94.7%

O – 93.3%

L – 95.2%

A – 94.2%

S – 95.4%

**WELL DONE**



**for having the best attendance as a tutor group this week!**

**Students with 100% attendance:**

Chloe B
Ehinomhen P
Tolu S
Al L
Susan L
Amari M
Michael A

### **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](#).



### Forthcoming events

- ❖ Culture Day - 27/06/25
- ❖ Year 8 Parents Evening – 03/07/25
- ❖ Founders' Day - 04/07/25
- ❖ Sports Day - 11/07/25
- ❖ Rewards Trip - 17/07/25
- ❖ Enrichment Week - 15/07/25 to 17/07/25
- ❖ Last Day of Term - 18/07/25

## AOB

Despite the very warm weather, our school's uniform policy remains in effect.  
Students will receive a detention for any uniform violations, including incorrect or missing items.  
Thanking you for your continued support with this.