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Year 7 Newsletter

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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 7

Dear parents/guardians,

We have had a wonderful start back to school following the October half term break. It has been fantastic to welcome back our year sevens who now feel very much settled into secondary school.

We hope that the break was restful and allowed for pupils to return to school recharged and ready for the next half term building up to our break for December.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for ensuring that our pupils are afforded the best chance of success through your ongoing support and upholding of our values and standards. Working as a community has always been and continues to be a productive step in ensuring we get the best from everyone.

Attendance is an extremely important part in the success of our pupils and your children; below the graphic details the key statistics linked to attendance. Thank you again for your continued effort in making sure pupils are in and ready to learn.

As we move into our second half term homework will start to increase, moving up from the original arrangement of just mathematics, English, and Science pupils will now receive a range of homework from across most subjects. Homework is an important part of learning and allows for the embedding and retrieval of key information. The Education Endowment Fund's research states that the intervention of homework can add up to 5 months of progress to the learning of pupils who engage with and complete it regularly. As a supportive measure to ensure all pupils have access to this, we run our weekly IST (independent study time) on Tuesdays, as well as homework clubs on various days – Wednesday being the main option. Please do encourage pupils to attend these as a

first option if any homework concerns are raised – we have plenty of staff on hand at these clubs able to assist in the completion of homework ensuring pupils are set up for success.

We have our Year 7 Carol service coming up in early December; this will be a lovely opportunity to share festivities and draw the half term to a close in celebratory style.

Kind regards,

Mr McGarry
Head of Year 7

Shout Outs

Danielle S, always doing the right thing. Excellent effort in every lesson - Miss Lyons

For excellent singing in music lessons this week! They also received a Golden Ticket for their courage, resilience and effort: **Isaiah T, Aria DN, Zoe W** – Ms Alexander

Danielle S, for showing strong enthusiasm and engagement in Music – Ms Savicka

Ethan A, for showing strong focus and being a positive role model in Music – Ms Savicka

Melanie GD, very hard working in History, super kind to everyone in Tutor – Ms Scotting

Darcey Da, great attitude to work – Ms Scotting

All of **7 Central** History, fantastic completion of extended writing during their feedback lesson. Very focused and worked fabulously! – Ms Dickinson

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.

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.