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Year 8 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 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at our recent Parents' Evening—thank you for taking the time to come along and support your children's learning. Since returning from the Easter break, we've seen a fantastic start to the term, with pupils engaging in many excellent lessons and continuing to build on their successes.

We have also celebrated a great deal of sporting success across the school. In particular, a huge congratulations to our U13 girls' team, who reached the South London Cup final and were crowned winners—an outstanding achievement that reflects their hard work, teamwork, and determination. We are incredibly proud of all our students who have represented the school so positively in sport.



It has been fantastic to see the continued success of our Homework Club, where

students are supported by staff to complete and improve their work. Alongside this, there has been a significant increase in the range of extracurricular clubs on offer, including darts, film club, sewing, and many more, providing students with a wide variety of opportunities to explore new interests and develop their skills.

There is a real sense of momentum across the school, and we are very proud of all that has already been achieved. We look forward to an exciting term ahead, with plenty more opportunities for growth, achievement, and celebration.

Best wishes,

Ms G Galvin

Academic Excellence and Homework

School Of Hard Knocks:

On Friday 20th March Bacons represented the school at the School of Hard Knocks girls tournament. They faced 6 other schools from London and Hertfordshire and came 2nd overall. Although the girls didn't come home with a trophy, they showed amazing team work, resilience and confidence as a group. Faith and Amirat won awards for SOHKs 3c's which are confidence, control and connection.



Year 8 Art with Ms Morson:

'Year 8 have just started their self portrait project. This week my class finished their fantastic eye drawings!



Excellent work from Leah k, Franklyn L and Alexander D

Amazing young poet news!

After our cultural visit to Tower Bridge and our workshop with a poet (and a lesson or two of tweaking) 5 of our year 8 students have been published in the 2025/2026 Young City Poets Anthology representing Bacon's College!

Wanted to share this exciting final update to what was a great scheme of engagement and enrichment for these year 8

English students!- Mr McGarry

Students were: Taja, Anton, Finlay, Cosmo and Astera.

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Witching Hour

12am, the witching hour, the middle of the night,
Stuck in this never-ending eternal fight.

140 years old, yet my heavy head still rises tall,
Watching every other building crash and crumble.

Stood high like a proud soldier
Streetlights hunched over like plants in a puddle of silent
judgment

When will it be my turn to fall?

12am, the witching hour, the middle of the night,

Each hour brings a fresh set of pain,
My bascules are rusty, old, and filled with shame.

Lifting heavy burdens and overwhelming weights,
Is this the bitter end of my fate?

Astero

Another Poem

Boat turning most slipping ship sinking
Sirens wailing boats rushing
People pointing shouting screaming

I am 100 years old, the result of cheating
I love winter lights that twinkle along the river just out of
reach

I am trapped, a bridge under irons

A man in prison

Locked in place, never to be free

To ride the winds and seas

Anton

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Tower Bridge

A normal day
Standing in water
Some as one hundred years ago
Tower or bridge
I still don't know
Castle is probably a better way to describe me
I watch the boats on the water
Each one tells a different story
I watch the buses
I still remember when they were drawn by horse

It's funny thinking how long I've been here
How long the water has flown
And where it goes
I've never known

So many things I've never known
Because I'm just a bridge
Because I'm just a tower
Because I'm just a castle

Cosmo

140 Years the Life of Tower Bridge

I'm 140 years old,
Horses used to crack my road,
Now the cars and buses release their fumes,
140 years of use.

I've seen the great wars
as they come and go,
I've seen the people
when they're low.

140 years of light and dark,
I wish for dull and stark,
All I want is a bit less fame,
140 years of pain.

Finlay

Tower Bridge

It's Friday night
Maybe 11,
I stare down,
People describe the night as heaven,
On my face a frown,
The rush of sonder
Shines like a light
I start to wonder
How lonely I am every night,
From Victoria to Lizzy from Lizzy to Charles,
Some days I do ponder
Am I the strongest knight
To stand for all this time?

Tajir

Tuesday IST is now finished and instead we now have a healthy introduction of a wide range of clubs to participate in. Ranging from Darts, finance to medical minds and tennis. We hope to see more students taking this up as this also improves their points towards their charter.

TUESDAY 1ST OFFER Spring 2026

The Finance Lab Years 9-13 EG16 / Ms Kwafo	Darts Club Years 9-13 Mellish / Mr Jackson	Legal Minds Years 10-13 SF10 / Mr Wilson
MFL Culture & Film KS3 MG08 / Ms O'Leary & Ms Hunter	Gym Club KS4 Gym / Mr Leport	Medical Minds Years 10-13 SF21 / Mr Wilson
Books and Manga Club All Years Library / Ms Agiri	Tennis Club Years 9 & 10 Triple Courts / Mr Marzano	Maths Count On Us Years 7-9 MF05 MF07 / Mr Jalal
Coding Club KS3 MU2 / Mr Sagoe	Basketball Club All Years Sports Hall / Coach Blagrove	Textiles KS3 EF14 / Ms Wilson
Film KS3 MS1 / Mr Ejueyitchie	Volleyball KS3 Main Hall / Ms Pansera	Science Club Year 7 SF19 / Mr Cloak
Clay Club Years 9-12 EG12 / Ms Diver	Football KS3 3G Astro / Mr Tubb	Science Club Year 8 SF15 / Ms Coles
DofE Award Years 10 & 12 EG11 / Mr Bush	Street Dance Year 9 Dance Studio / Ms Redfern	Science Club Year 9 SG10 / Mr Nasim



Bacon's Pupil Charter 8

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Pre-Year Project

+10pts Complete Summer Project 'Personal Reflection'

Term 1

+5pts Participate in a club

+5pts Share my views with the School Council

+5pts Perform in a class event

★ +5pts Term 1 Completion Bonus

Term 2

+5pts Reflect on goals with an adult

+5pts Represent the College

+5pts Visit a museum, gallery or theatre

★ +5pts Term 2 Completion Bonus

Term 3

+5pts Volunteer in the community

+5pts Celebrate Culture Day

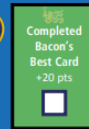
+5pts Attend Parents Evening

★ +5pts Term 3 Completion Bonus

Ongoing

+5pts All 1s for attitudinal grades

+5pts Meet all homework deadlines



Shout Out

Rewards assembly

A big shout-out to all of 8 Piccadilly for a brilliant Autism Acceptance PSHE lesson. You engaged so positively, listened carefully, and showed real compassion and respect. - Ms Casey

Can we please give a huge shoutout to Sebastian, Khloe, Mateo and Ayan for their last homework. They each designed beautiful and original versions of a book cover for the novel 1984, it was clear they had spent a lot of time and effort on their work. Well done!!

Ms Majeed and Ms Qi.

Cosmo - for consistently producing excellent work in English and always meeting expectations.

Franklyn - for seeking teacher feedback to proactively try and improve written responses, showing a growth mindset.

Ayah - fantastic engagement with English work and class discussions- Ms Horsfall

A big well done to Donte A. for the positive changes he has shown since last term. He has made a real improvement in his behaviour, demonstrating commitment and accountability during PE lessons. He is now ready to listen, make the right choices and do the right thing at the right time. – Ms Pansera

Most improved student this half term : Alnour

Top Points scorer: James B

Moved points this half term: Finlay W

Pride of Bacons Maks M

Top 70 Positives

James	890
Talia	869
Anna	859
Darcey	840
George	830
Astera	801
Freya	779
Lady-Renee	778
Itohan	773
Malachi	772
Sid	759
Oliver	753
Wassim	730
Ayah	723
Nathaniel	707
Adam	701
Harry	697
Jae	691
Elliott	684
Haoyu	683
Arthur	682
Bosco	679
Sanet	664
Daisy	663
Liya	660
Anastasiya	654
Sara	645
Priyanshu	644
Cosmo	637
Stefany	629
Finlay	628
Sienna	628
Oba	626
Ruby	623
Sebastian	610
Franklyn	601
Pearl	600

Millie	599
Luca	596
Sarah	586
Rebecca	572
Henry	571
Matthew	562
Evie	561
Keefe	556
Sonny	555
Kaylyn	554
Martha	551
Darya	546
Robbie	542
Kai	538
Evelyn Hei Kiu	536
Shyla	534
Rose	533
Ruby	529
Ja'Sharne	527
Jessie	516
Nathaniel	515
Anton	503
Adham	503
Heitor	503
Maksimilian	499
Mara	494
Josiah	494
Riley	489
Sahand	486
Astrid	483
Thea	477
Leo	470
Joshua	467

Attendance

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance throughout last academic year. Your commitment to getting students into school—on time and ready to learn—has made a real difference and raised the whole school attendance.


At Bacon's College, we believe that "Every Minute, Every Lesson, Every Day" truly matters. Every moment in the classroom is an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to move one step closer to success.

As we look ahead to the start of a new year we want to continue this message. Consistent attendance will be key to building on the progress made so far and ensuring that every student is fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities of Year 8.

Ski trip sign up 24th April


ENRICHMENT OFFER Spring 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gospel Choir 8.25 - 9.00 / MUI All Years / Ms Chambers	Guitar Club Lunch Time / MUI All Years / Mr Horn	Guitar Club Lunch Time / MUI All Years / Ms Alexander	Music Theatre Club Lunch Time / Dance Studio KS3 / Ms Redfern	Samba Band 8.25 - 9.00 / MUI Brass Students / Ms Alexander
Music Tech (Beatmaking) Lunch Time / MU2 All Years / Mr Johnson	Keyboard Club Lunch Time / MUI All Years / Mr Summer	Book Club Lunch Time / CG03 Years 9, 10, 11 / Ms Majeed	Documentary Club Lunch Time / EF05 KS3 / Ms Qi & Ms Keir	Sewing Club Lunch Time / EG10 Years 7 & 8 / Mr McGarry
Bacon's Christian Club Lunch Time / Chapel All Years / Pastor Kenny	Bacon's Christian Club Lunch Time / Chapel All Years / Pastor Kenny	Geography Club Lunch Time / SG06 All Years / Ms Hickman		
Homework Club 3.05 - 3.50 / MS03 All Years / LD	Dance Performance Club 3.50 - 4.50 / Dance Studio Year 9 / Ms Redfern	Street & Hip-Hop Dance 3.50 - 4.50 / Dance Studio All Years / Ms Redfern	Science Club Lunch Time / SF15 Year 7 / Ms Coles	
SPARX Reader Club 3.05 - 4.00 / Library All Years / Ms Agiri			Drama Club 3.10 - 4.10 / Drama Studio KS3 / Mr Toller	
			SPARX Maths Club 3.00 - 4.15 / MG10 All Years / Ms Younge	


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ENRICHMENT OFFER - PE Spring 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Volleyball Lunch / Main Hall All Years / Coach Karina	Table Tennis 3.50 - 4.30 / Main Hall All Years / Mr Pyke & Mr Eselebor	Volleyball All Years / Coach Karina	Basketball Lunch Time / Sports Hall All Years / Coach Justin	Basketball 7.10 - 8.05 / Sports Hall All Years / Coach Justin
Basketball 3.05 - 4.15 / Sports Hall Years 7 & 8 / Coach Justin		Dance Team Year 9 / Main Hall	Dance Team Lunch Time / Dance Studio Years 7 & 8 / Ms Redfern	Volleyball (Invitational) Lunch Time / Main Hall All Years / Coach Karina
Rugby 3.05 - 4.15 All Years / Mr Leport		Basketball (Girls) 3.50 - 5.00 Coach Justin	Basketball 3.05 - 4.30 / Sports Hall Years 9, 10, 11 / Coach Justin	Basketball 2.30 - 3.30 / Sports Hall Scrimmage / Coach Justin
Football (Girls) 3.15 - 4.30 Year 7 / Mr Tubb & Mr Davies			Football (Boys) 3.05 - 4.30 / 3G Years 8, 9, 10 / Mr Leport	Badminton 2.45 - 4.15 / Gym All Years / Mr Sargeant
Football KS4			Volleyball 3.05 - 4.15 / 3G KS4 / Coach Karina	
			Street Dance 3.05 - 4.15 / Dance Studio All Years / Ms Redfern	


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