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# Year 9 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 10

Dear Parents, Carers.

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are delighted to welcome our Year 9 students back. This is an exciting year, with plenty of opportunities to learn, grow and take on new challenges.

One of the exciting opportunities available to Year 9 students this year is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). DofE is a fantastic way for students to develop new skills, get active, contribute to their community and build confidence and independence. Through the award, students take part in activities across different sections, working towards their own goals while developing valuable skills for life.

If your child would like to take part, please remember that the deadline to sign up is this Friday. We encourage students to find out more and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

We are looking forward to seeing our students build on their achievements, develop their confidence and make the most of everything Year 9 has to offer. We wish everyone a happy, successful and memorable year ahead!

My email address is [g.galvin@baconcollege.co.uk](mailto:g.galvin@baconcollege.co.uk) and my school ext. 4083.

Here's to a successful and rewarding year ahead!

Best wishes,

Ms G Galvin

## Academic Excellence and Homework

Duke of Edinburgh- [Lionel.bush@baconcollege.co.uk](mailto:Lionel.bush@baconcollege.co.uk)

We are excited to offer our Year 9 students the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). The DofE is a fantastic programme that encourages young people to challenge themselves, develop new skills, get active and make a positive contribution to their community. Students will work towards their award by taking part in a range of activities, including volunteering, physical activity and developing a new skill, as well as completing an expedition. It is a rewarding experience that helps students build confidence, resilience, independence and valuable life skills.

The deadline to sign up is this Friday, so please make sure you register your interest before the deadline if you would like to take part. Please see breakdown below.

| BRONZE AWARD                                                                       |             |             |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| VOLUNTEERING                                                                       | PHYSICAL    | SKILLS      | EXPEDITION        |
| 3<br>months                                                                        | 3<br>months | 3<br>months | 2 days<br>1 night |
| Plus a further 3 months in either the<br>Volunteering, Physical or Skills section. |             |             |                   |

## Next steps...

[Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

Step 1 – Enrolment form

Deadline: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Step 2 – Payment of £65

Deadline: Friday 09<sup>th</sup> October

Step 3 – Programme planner

Complete for eDofE set up

Step 4 – eDofE set up

WC Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday enrichment offer!!!! We are back this year with so many more clubs and we would love to see some Year 9's taking this up. This helps to increase their charter points with the attendance to the club.

## WEDNESDAY IST OFFER Autumn 2026

|                                                                                       |                                                                         |                                                                           |                                                                            |                                                                                      |
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| <b>Axiom Maths Circle</b><br>Year 7<br>MF11 / Mr Mathan                               | <b>Coding Club</b><br>All Years<br>MU1 / Mr Brown                       | <b>Darts Club</b><br>Years 9-13<br>Mellish / Mr Jackson                   | <b>Art Club</b><br>All Years<br>EF14 / Ms Oke & Ms Diver                   | <b>Football</b><br>KS3<br>3G Pitch / PE Team & Mr Dryden                             |
| <b>Axiom Maths Circle</b><br>Year 8<br>MF07 / Mr Jalal                                | <b>Film Club</b><br>KS3<br>MS1 / Mr Ejueyitchie                         | <b>Debate Club</b><br>All Years<br>EF05 / Ms Osborne                      | <b>Astronomy Club</b><br>All Years<br>SF16 / Ms Koroma & Ms Solanke        | <b>Volleyball</b><br>All Years<br>Main Hall / Coach Karina                           |
| <b>Maths Count On Us</b><br>KS3<br>CF01 / Mr Arnold                                   | <b>History Club</b><br>KS3<br>EG18 / Ms Newton, Ms Fisher & Ms Scotting | <b>Book Club</b><br>KS3<br>Library / Ms Navarro & Mr Rothkell             | <b>Dance Club</b><br>All Years<br>Dance Studio / Ms Redfern                | <b>Basketball</b><br>All Years<br>Sports Hall / Mr Darbin, Mr Sagoe & Mr El-Baghdadi |
| <b>French and Spanish Cultural Club</b><br>All Years<br>MG06 / Ms O'Leary & Ms Hunter | <b>DofE Award</b><br>Years 9-13<br>EG11 / Mr Bush                       | <b>The Composer's Lab</b><br>All Years<br>MU2 / Ms Alexander & Ms Savicka | <b>Smoke Alarm Testers (Cooking Club)</b><br>Year 9-10<br>MG12 / Ms Fraser | <b>Netball</b><br>All Years<br>Single Court / Ms Rayner & Ms Galvin                  |

- Homework**

Homework is key to ensuring your child is revising regularly and stretching their learning further. Please continue to support in this being completed any issues let me know! All students are issued

with a Chromebook. If for any reason they have been lost or damaged please contact [a.guinn@baconcollege.co.uk](mailto:a.guinn@baconcollege.co.uk).

### Homework Club

Students who are in this term's homework club need to attend MG11 3:05:4:05. This helps them to gain support from a range of teachers to complete all outstanding work. Homework Club is available to all students during the library's opening hours including before school, break and lunchtime. 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.

## Shout Outs

### *Lots of shoutouts this week:*

#### **English:**

Can I give a shout out to Scarlett, Millie and Oliver for completing their analytical paragraphs. I would also like to say well done to Cristian for his continuous hard work and participation in every lesson.

For Set 1 English:

**Nicolas M-N** for great in-depth analysis

**Bersabel T** for great participation

And for Set 1 in general for being an amazing class to teach ❤️ - Ms Colquhoun

#### **Science**

Shout out for **Finlay** who explained concentration gradient confidently and accurately in lesson for science. Absolutely impressive.

**Emmanuel O** for his curiosity to science. – Ms Miah

#### **PSHE**

Both Year 9 classes for PSHE - strong start, focus and positive attitude to learning  
Special mention to - **Lexi W/Dotty R/Cristian/James B/ Achmed / Abdul/ Kwame / Joy** especially for their consistent effort in classroom discussions. – Ms Casey

#### **PE**

Amazing start to PE in badminton from 9X1! Especially to **Adam Im, Finlay** and **Leah** who have shown excellent skill execution and using tactical shots to outwit their opponents.

**Azeez, Ben, Emilia, Darya** Amazing progress in badminton. – Mr Tubb

As said in lesson **Stevie** has been great, so has **Ethan**- both are super engaged in lesson and always contributing to class.

Also, **Khloe, Edona and Isaiah** in 9y2.- Ms Qi

Well done to those nominated- Looking forward to more over the next week!

### Attendance

Year Group attendance - this year to date Overall: 96.3%

Well done to 9O this week.

|                    |                                                                                   |       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <a href="#">9O</a> |  | 99.2% |
| <a href="#">9C</a> |  | 97.3% |
| <a href="#">9I</a> |                                                                                   | 96.3% |
| <a href="#">9L</a> |                                                                                   | 96.0% |
| <a href="#">9A</a> |                                                                                   | 94.4% |
| <a href="#">9S</a> |                                                                                   | 90.0% |
| <a href="#">9N</a> |                                                                                   | 89.2% |

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.

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**If you are interested in a career in construction and want to know more, contact us today using the information below**



Contact us using the following methods

Email - [Labour@OHOB.co.uk](mailto:Labour@OHOB.co.uk)  
Phone - 01322423100



**Please take the opportunity to read this Flyer from OHOB if you would like to know more for your child.**

**We highly encourage you to download the Arbor app**, which provides a fantastic way to stay informed about your child's progress. With the app, you can easily track both positive points and any negative referrals in real time. It's a great tool for keeping the lines of communication open and having meaningful conversations at home about your child's achievements and areas for improvement.

Please refer to the school's website here for information on downloading: [Arbor Parent Portal and App allows you to view attendance statistics, behaviour points and notifications from school.](#)

## Arbor Parent Portal and App

The Arbor Parent Portal allows you to receive messages from school, view attendance statistics, behaviour points, and update personal information on your child's profile.

The Parent Portal is accessible online and via the app, every parent/carer receives their own unique log in.



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## Forthcoming events