



# 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 has been a fantastic term for Year 8, and I have been incredibly proud of the effort, resilience, and positive attitude students have shown both in lessons and during extracurricular activities.

Our Year 8 rugby teams have continued to achieve great success this year, showing excellent teamwork, commitment, and sportsmanship in matches and training. It has been brilliant to see so many students representing the school with confidence and enthusiasm while supporting one another on and off the field.

Today, on the 7th May, 20 students are representing the school at an athletics competition in Croydon. We wish them all the very best and are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown leading up to the event.

We are also delighted that 5 students were nominated for an exciting trip to North Wales, where they took part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities. The trip allowed students to challenge themselves, build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and create memories they will never forget.



As we approach the May half term and the end-of-year exam period, I would like to encourage all Year 8 students to continue working hard and staying focused. This is

also an important time for our students as they begin thinking ahead towards Year 9 and the opportunities and responsibilities that come with it.

Thank you to all students for continuing to contribute positively to the Year 8 community. Keep up the excellent effort and enjoy a well-deserved half term when it arrives.

Best wishes,

Ms G Galvin

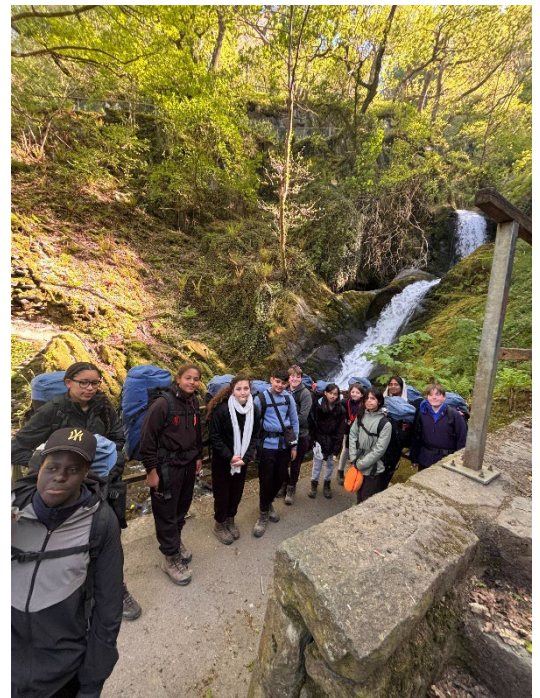
### Academic Excellence and Homework

Some year 8 students have been to Ogwen Cottage in Wales last week. This was a wilderness adventure trip. Below are some of their thoughts.

***'I was recently nominated by Miss Galvin to represent Bacons college on a trip to Wales, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity. The trip was an incredible experience that pushed me off the comfort zone and allowed me to grow both personally and as a part of team. From the moment we set off by a coach, taking in the stunning view along the way, I knew this would be a trip I would never forget.***



***During the trip we took part in a range of exciting activities including Abseiling, Sailing, Gorge Walking and Camping. I was particularly nervous about Sailing and Abseiling as both were completely new to me, but with the encouragement of my teachers and peers, I faced my fears and completed both successfully. That sense of achievement in something I would carry with me long after the trip. Beyond the activities, the experience helped me develop important personal skills, including working as part of a team, supporting those around me and growing in confidence. I came back feeling brave and with a new belief that I can take on challenges I would have previously walked away from. The teachers who accompanied us were kind and supportive throughout, which made the whole experience feels safe and enjoyable. I would encourage any students who gets the chance to go on a trip like this to grab it with both hands. It's truly worth it.'*** Priyanshu S



"Last week, we went to Wales, and got a chance to experience mountain climbing, gorge walking, camping and many more! It was an amazing chance to bond with people you don't usually speak with, and learn new things about the people around you, nature around you, and take a break from life. The sixth form students were incredibly helpful, and we were able to form good friendships with them. " George O



### LYR Opportunity

LYR's open club will be launching on Monday, where at Surrey Quays Watersport's and Fitness centre (near Canada Water or Surrey Quays station) from 4:30-6:00 young people can try out a range of rowing and paddle sports free of charge. This is part of LYR's broader commitment to develop life skills in young people in Southwark, and a great pathway for students to progress to a higher standard of sport.

All a student has to do is sign up for a session using our free Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surrey-quays-lyr-open-club-tickets-1988918469683?aff=oddtcreator>



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

***Danyah and Darya – always focused and trying hard in History- Ms Newton***

***Finlay Walker, Joshua Han, Anna K and Lexie H for their excellent attitude to learning and always aspiring to do better. - Ms Salih Science***

***Kayla and Oliver, for consistently having a great attitude to learning and completing work to a high standard. To Alpha for trying to keep focused and persevering. Knowing himself well enough that he doesn't always need to use his timeout and wanting to stay in class to produce great work. – Ms Miah Science***

***Priyanshi S***

***George O***

***Osio S***

***Liya M***

***Ihsana P***

***For their outstanding behaviour on the residential and the way they supported one another throughout. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they challenged themselves and stepped outside their comfort zones.***

***Ms Casey and Mr Workneh***

### Top 70 Positives

James	943
Talia	915
Anna	900

Darcey	888
George	877
Astera	836
Lady-Renee	824
Malachi	817
Itohan	814
Freya	812
Sid	793
Oliver	789
Wassim	783
Ayah	767
Nathaniel	747
Daisy	738
Jae	738
Harry	733
Adam	731
Bosco	725
Elliott	723
Liya	723
Arthur	721
Haoyu	720
Sanet	699
Sara	688
Priyanshu	687
Anastasiya	685
Stefany	684
Cosmo	668
Sienna	663
Oba	660
Ruby	660
Finlay	654
Pearl	641
Sebastian	640
Millie	639
Franklyn	637
Luca	635
Rebecca	620
Sarah	618
Henry	609
Evie	602
Martha	600
Keefe	592
Kaylyn	588
Robbie	580
Matthew	580
Rose	578

Darya	574
Shyla	570
Evelyn Hei Kiu	566
Sonny	564
Kai	559
Ruby	558
Ja'Sharne	557
Jessie	555
Nathaniel	546
Riley	529
Adham	527
Leo	525
Thea	525
Heitor	524
Mara	523
Anton	522
Sahand	519
Maksimilian	518
Astrid	515
Josiah	514
Corey	502

### 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.