

Year 8 Newsletter

Christmas Edition 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'

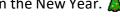
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A week in the life of Year 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term, it has been another good and busy term for Year 8, and students should be extremely proud of everything they have achieved. There has been a great deal happening across the year group, particularly within PE, where pupils have represented the school with enthusiasm and determination in a range of fixtures, enjoying notable successes in football, rugby, basketball, and volleyball. A real highlight was the School of Hard Knocks tournament, kindly sponsored by Eton Manor Rugby Club, where our Year 8 and 9 girls put in an outstanding performance to win the competition – a fantastic achievement and a moment worth celebrating.

The end-of-term awards assembly also showcased some truly amazing accomplishments, recognising students for their effort, resilience, and positive attitudes both in and out of the classroom. We are very proud of the progress Year 8 have made this term and would like to thank families for their continued support. We wish you all a safe, restful, and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the new term in the New Year.



Best wishes,

Mrs G Galvin

Head of Year 8



Academic Excellence and Homework

Rewards for the first Term:



Silver Award- For students who have achieved 500 or more positive points!-Amazing!

Bronze Awards- Those who have achieved 250 or more positive points:







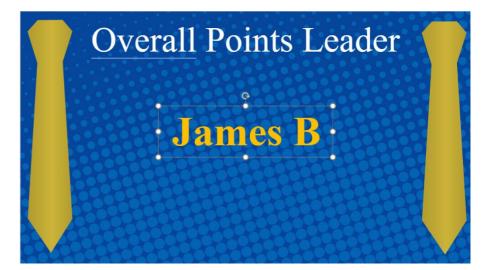
Bronze Awards Winners

 Jayden D · Evelyn A Mateo M Anton M Leo H Jessie F Dontea A Soulaima Z 250 Points Lexi W Muhammed J Hollie W Joshua H Award Ellie D Isaiah D Sebastian G Finlay W Michael C

Half term Points Leader: Oba A

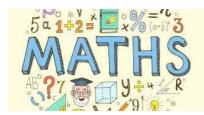


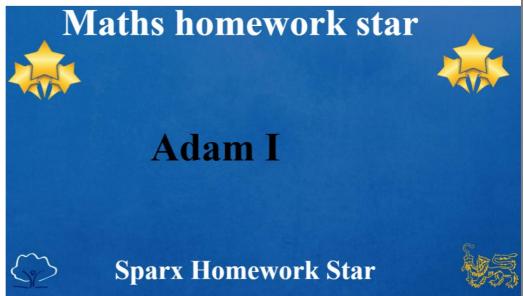


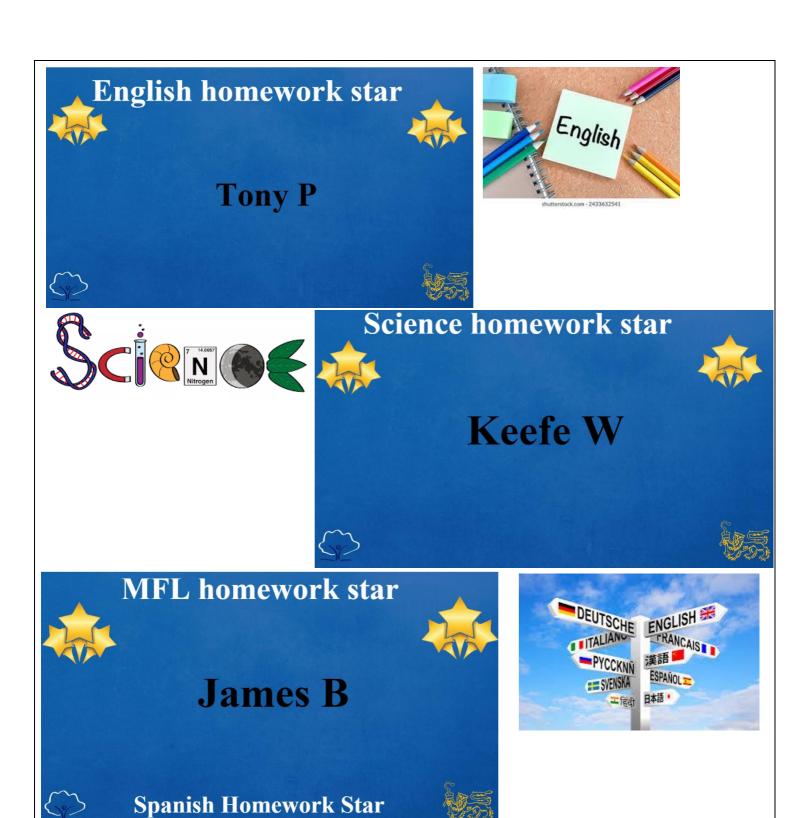


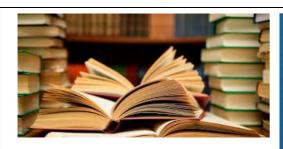
Most Improved Student:











School of hard knocks.

Tournament Year 8/9

Year 8 had a fantastic day at the School of Hard Knocks rugby tournament, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. The



Sparx Reader SPARKIEST READERS Presented To

SPARX Reader Award



students represented the school with pride, showing great skill and determination in every match, which ultimately led to a well-deserved tournament victory. This success is a credit to their hard work, positive attitude, and commitment both in training and on the pitch. Well done to all involved on an outstanding achievement.

Well done to the Year 8 Rugby Team!

Mr Leport continues to work incredibly hard with our rugby students, showing real dedication — even training in the rain to keep them progressing. This monthly tournament, held at Sacred Heart, is always competitive, and this win (pictured) is a true testament to the team's commitment, resilience, and support for one another, even in challenging English weather.



A fantastic achievement — well done to all involved!

Students pictured:

Left to right top then left to right bottom:

Kai.J, Franklyn.L, Henry.O, Isaiah.D, James.B,

Harry.J,Dickson.F, Aziz.B,

Cava.N, Jae.T, Wassim.M

Oliver.C

Shout Out

Isaiah D, Sebastian, Nicholas M - for great team work and assisting with clean up. Mateo and Mason - For great communication skills and teamwork- Ms Fraser- Technology

Ruby/ Eveline for their engagement and contribution. **Darya/Cristian** for their helpfulness in every lesson Lexi for always getting on with her work and focusing and in doing so has never received a single reprimand from me. – Ms Ahazie- Religious Studies

Rebecca Csizarova - For always doing the right thing, and for standing in front of the class to deliver lines from Othello - top class courage and a great reading!

Sarah - For top engagement in English; **Sarah** is always listening and looking at the board, taking notes and writing brilliant responses. – Mr Toller- English

Cosmo P, Jessie F, Joshua H, All of the above have shown a mature attitude throughout the year and complete all tasks and activities with thought, diligence and positivity. - Darren Woods- Religious Studies

Sebastian G-

Sebastian has been an absolute joy to teach; He is constantly at the door of my class before anyone else has arrived and is always ready and eager to learn. He always has an amazing and positive attitude that is ready to learn and to contribute.

Haoyu W-

Haoyu is the exact same. He always comes in with a smile and positive attitude towards learning and has been a blessing to teach. He always participates with lessons and is constantly polite. – Callum Cloak- Science

Darcey B for doing so well in her mid-module exam. **Millie M** for perseverance in lessons. English- Eleni Colquhoun

Elijah A for great improvement since the start of the year in Spanish and for always completing his homework.

Khloe L for being a superstar in Spanish and completing homework and class work to perfection.

Corey W for always being polite in lesson and offering to collect the books for me.

Kaylyn B for offering to make the poster for the Christmas stall and for her great behaviour in form and IST. Ms Hunter- Languages

Mille M - really polite and helpful.

Jae T - consistently focused on his work and keen to contribute and improve. - Ms Newton-History

Sebastian R- V - has fully embraced Y8 history. He tries his best in every lesson; contributes, completes his work, asks insightful questions. Well done, Sebastian!- Ms Kristiansen

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.

We look forward to 2026 and seeing each student every day.





Pupil Charter: It would be greatly appreciated if students could share their feedback with myself (Mrs Galvin), Mr Darbin, and their tutors regarding the points above. We would like to acknowledge when these tasks have been completed in their planners and ensure this is reflected on their Arbor records.

Please take a moment to speak with your child at home to review what they have accomplished so far. Your support is invaluable in helping us recognise and celebrate their efforts.

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: <u>Arbor Parent Portal and App allows</u> you to view attendance statistics, behaviour points and notifications from school.

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 6th January- first day of term