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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 7

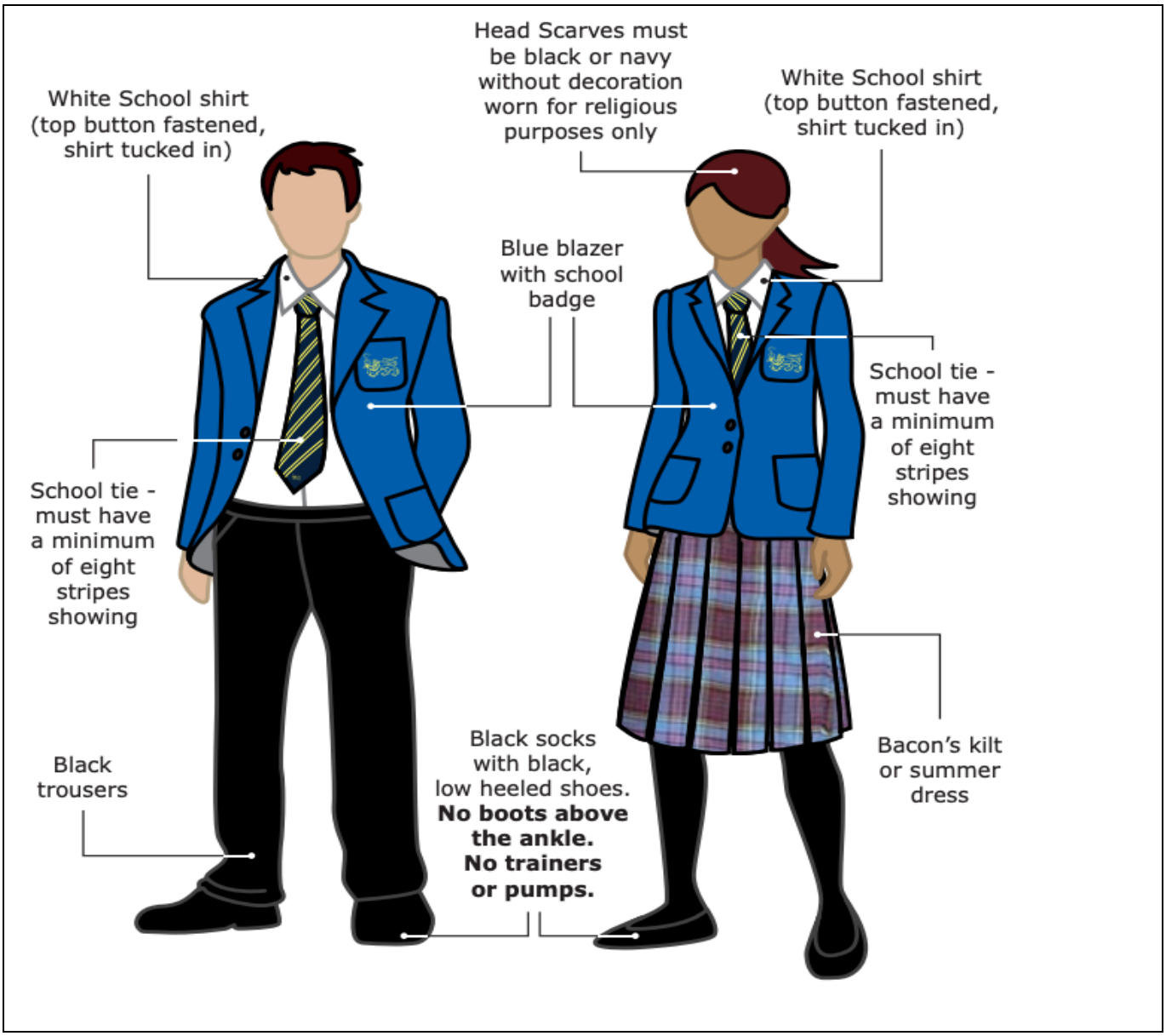
Dear parents/guardians,

A huge well done to all of our Year 8 students for the fantastic start they have made this term. They have settled quickly into the routines and expectations of Year 8 and have adapted well to the increased challenges and responsibilities that come with moving into their second year at secondary school.

We have been particularly pleased with the excellent effort and positive attitude towards learning demonstrated across lessons. Students have approached their learning with maturity, enthusiasm and determination, which has contributed to a positive learning environment throughout the year group.

It has also been wonderful to see the compassion and kindness shown by our Year 8 students, especially towards the new Year 7 cohort. Many students have gone out of their way to offer support, guidance and encouragement, helping younger pupils settle into school life and feel welcomed within our community.

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support. We look forward to seeing Year 8 build on this excellent start throughout the year.


Head Scarves must be black or navy without decoration worn for religious purposes only
White School shirt (top button fastened, shirt tucked in)
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Blue blazer with school badge
School tie - must have a minimum of eight stripes showing
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Black trousers
Black socks with black, low heeled shoes. **No boots above the ankle. No trainers or pumps.**
Bacon's kilt or summer dress




Following on from last year we have a wide range of extra-curricular clubs on offer on Wednesday afternoons. Please see the poster below.

# WEDNESDAY P7 ENRICHMENT OFFER

## Autumn 2026

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

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like our support or assistance.

Kind regards,
Miss O'Leary
Deputy Head of Year 8

## Academic Excellence and Homework

Shoutout to **8C** and **8S** for 100% completion of Sparx Maths!

Top scores on Seneca:

**Metehan A** – 100%

**Adnan L** – 100%

**Amelie M**- 99%

# LIBRARY SCHEDULE

**Monday**
Open before school (7.45-8.25am), break, lunch and after school (3.05-4pm)

**Tuesday**
Open before school (7.45-8.25am), break, lunch and after IST (3.50-4.45pm)

**Wednesday**
Open before school (7.45-8.25am), break, lunch and after IST (3.50-4.45pm)

**Thursday**
Open before school (7.45-8.25am), break, lunch and after school (3.05-4pm)

**Friday**
Open before school (7.45-8.25am) and break
Eco club at lunch
Closed after school





**The library is closed EVERY DAY at**

| Mon - Thu | Friday |
| --- | --- |
| 12 - 12.30 pm | 11.45 am - 12.15 pm |

## Shout Outs

Students who have stood out to a teacher either from their classwork or behaviour:

Mr Tubb's student of the week is **Lulu L** for:

Lulu consistently demonstrates exceptionally high standards of behaviour, effort and respect. She approaches her learning with a positive attitude, works hard in every lesson, and is always considerate and respectful towards both staff and her peers. Lulu is a fantastic role model and a valued member of the school community.

Subject specific shout outs:

Miss Lyons

**Erik E** - excellent effort in class

Ms Sheppard:

Year 8 shout out for excellent MMAs in English:

**Amelie M-Y, Hugo B, Venus E**

Year 8 shout out for excellent attitude to lesson this week: Reon S.

Mr Woods:

**Abib K** - has been the Star of the Lesson for the last two weeks

**Josh C** - always gives 100% effort

Mr McGarry

**Teddy C-T** for great effort in lesson and **Freddie J** for a fantastic essay on Othello.

Ms Qi:

**Tyrese, Kamilah, Anya, Jan, Elijah M, Tayo, Harley W, Tamera** for their continuous contributions in English lessons. Always willing to put their hands up and share brilliant ideas.

Ms Newton:

**Ameriyah** - great focus when improving her essay on the Break with Rome in history.

Ms O'Leary:

**Shoutout to Raylin and Osanna for their enthusiasm and participation in French lessons.**

Mr Rothkell:

**Georgie-Elise** and **Osca K** wrote brilliant pieces of work in yesterday's lesson.

**Hugo D** provided some really interesting ideas during questioning.

Ms Osborne:

**Jesse O**

Jesse consistently shares insightful and developed reflections on Othello in English.

**Logan H**

Logan wrote an excellent piece of creative writing, describing the setting of Venice at night.

**Abigail C**

Abigail has been coming to debate club consistently this half term and I have seen her confidence significantly grow in speaking in front of the group.

Ms Scotting:

**Jeidi V** is super engaged in lesson and works hard every lesson.

**Jayden A** is always well behaved and helpful.

Mr Leport:

Rugby success...

Won 2/3 matches and played a very nice style of rugby passing the ball and working together as a team!

**Vinny W**

**Amari A**

**Eyub I**

**Tatum D**

**Freddie Howell**

**Tayo M**

**Rome D**

**Ki Andre D**

**Robert P**

**Tenshi M**

**Adnan F**

## 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.

Year 8 –94.2%

N – 94.3%

I – 91.4%

C – 96%

O – 95.5%

L – 93.4%

A – 95.1%

S – 94.2%

## 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. The points for the Year 7 Charter are set out below. Year 8 and 9's Charter has also been made available so that students can see the opportunities available to them as they go through Key Stage 3.