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FAKENHAM SIXTH FORM

2025/26 Prospectus

Welcome

Fakenham Sixth Form has successfully provided Post-16 education in North Norfolk for many years.

We provide a variety of courses, tailored towards a wide range of abilities and interests, in a dynamic and stimulating education community. We emphasise participation and academic achievement.

Our students make exceptional progress due to high quality teaching, excellent relationships between staff and students, and the high level of individual support offered.

Our enrichment programme offers students the opportunity to develop their interests and talents beyond the classroom. Student achievement and progress are good at Fakenham Sixth Form as a result of teachers having high expectations and excellent subject knowledge, developing students who are confident and self-assured learners

You are always welcome to visit the Sixth Form, please contact Jade Harvey to arrange a visit on 01328 857012 or email:

sixthform@fakenhamacademy.org

We look forward to meeting you!





Our Ethos and Values

Kind

We believe that being kind is a fundamental attribute and all staff and students demonstrate kindness to each other and our environment.

By emphasising kindness we are preparing our students for life in modern Britain knowing how to relate, interact, contribute and flourish as citizens.

Promoting and emphasising kindness ensures that all of our students enjoy their learning, take pride in their work and achieve highly.

Ambitious

At Fakenham Sixth Form we encourage all students to be ambitious in their learning and in their aspirations and career goals. Our teachers are confident, expert practitioners, teaching personalised and engaging lessons to all students to help to raise student aspirations.

Our curriculum is rounded, offering students opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, to discover and develop their talents in order to meet their ambitions.

Determined

All of our students are expected to be determined in order to overcome challenges they may face at Sixth Form and then in later life. We have the highest expectations of students and the behaviour they display. Our students are resilient, confident, independent learners and value the education they are provided with. They are determined to do the best they can at all stages of their learning.

Our vision is shared by all staff, and together we are responsible for upholding and promoting the values within it. Staff are supported at all levels by middle and senior leaders in their teaching, behaviour management, career development and wellbeing.

Head of Sixth Form

Choosing a post 16 provider and qualifications can feel like a daunting task, but at Fakenham Sixth Form we aim to make this decision as easy as possible for you.

We are an experienced post 16 provider and pride ourselves on our values:

Kind | Ambitious | Determined

As a member of the Fakenham Sixth Form community you will receive a personalised learning experience. We offer a wide range of qualifications including A Levels, Level 3 BTECs and Level 2 courses, all to suit the needs and interests of a wide range of students.

You will pick the subjects that ignite curiosity in you, and you will receive excellent teaching in a dynamic and spirited environment.

As a Fakenham Sixth Form student you will receive individual support and guidance from our specialist Sixth Form Pastoral Support Tutor along with our friendly and approachable staff. You will be given advice to help you make important decisions about your future career and life after Sixth Form.

We have a highly qualified team of people who have expertise in a range of areas, meaning you will be well supported and challenged to ensure you excel in all you do with us.

It is important to us that Fakenham Sixth Form students demonstrate kindness within our community, whether this be through friends made, by running charitable events or by contributing to team activities throughout the year.

We look forward to meeting you soon at Fakenham Sixth Form

Mrs Laura Marshall-Smith
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form



Course Pathways

There are two pathways students can follow when studying at Fakenham Sixth Form. The pathways below indicate the typical entry requirements on each pathway, however, these may be altered based on a student's circumstances.

Pathway A: A Level (Level 3)

Students who achieve 5 or more 4-9 grades will complete 3 A Levels and an EPQ over two years. Alongside these students will also attend registration, Future Skills lessons and Enrichment.

Pathway B: Access pathway (Level 2/3)

Students who achieve GCSE grades 2s or 3s will study one of the 'Access Pathways'.

Access A-Level/T-Level course

This pathway B programme is designed to support students' progression onto Level 3 study. Students who achieve GCSE grades 2s or 3s will study the Level 2 Programme including GCSE English and Maths Resit, Higher Project Qualification, careers meetings, registration, Future Skills lessons, and Enrichment.

To prepare students for A Levels they will complete AQA unit awards in the subjects they wish to study at Level 3. Students will also complete two days of Work Experience in a self-selected placement, every week.

Access to work/Apprenticeships

This pathway B programme is designed to support student progression onto work and apprenticeships. Students who achieve GCSE grades 2s or 3s will study the Level 2 Programme including GCSE English and Maths Resit, Higher Project Qualification, careers meetings, registration, Future Skills lessons and Enrichment. To prepare students for work or apprenticeships they will complete AQA unit awards for work skills. Students will also complete two days of Work Experience in a self-selected placement, every week.



Course List

Pathway A

A-Level: Art & Design: Fine Art
A-Level: Biology
A-Level: Business
A-Level: Chemistry
A-Level: Computer Science
A-Level: Drama and Theatre
A-Level: English Language
A-Level: English Literature
A-Level: Film Studies
A-Level Further Mathematics
A-Level: Geography
A-Level: History
A-Level: Core Maths
A-Level: Media Studies
A-Level: Photography
A-Level: Physics
A-Level: Psychology
A-Level: Sociology
A-Level: Spanish
BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: Sport
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport
Applied Criminology
Extended Project Qualification

Pathway B

GCSE: English Language
GCSE: Mathematics
AQA Unit Award Scheme
Level 2 Higher Project Qualification



Sixth Form Life and Personal Development

At Fakenham Sixth Form we believe that sixth form life is not only about academic success but also about developing the skills and attributes needed to be happy and successful in society. Our personal development programme is delivered in a variety of fun and exciting ways to encourage students to develop confidence and resilience. See below.



Future Skills

Future Skills lessons are scheduled twice a fortnight. Lessons are designed to support students' personal development and prepare them for living independently, in the wider world. Our three core themes of 'health and wellbeing', 'relationships' and 'living in the wider world' ensure students prepare for adulthood.



Enrichment Programme

An important part of Sixth Form life is taking part in enrichment activities which widen experience, cultural knowledge and horizons. We have a variety of sessions to choose from such as debating, Amnesty International, self-defence, magic moments and medical ethics to name a few. The activities and opportunities vary slightly from year to year.



Leadership Opportunities - Sixth Form Student Council

The Sixth Form Student Council representatives are elected by students at the end of the Autumn term. The council represents the Sixth Form at promotional events and provides a voice for the students in the running of the Sixth Form. Council members organise social events which contribute to the friendly ethos of the Sixth Form.



Trips, Visits and Rewards

We believe that educational visits help support wellbeing and the students' academic progress. Trips are normally organised within departments or as a whole year group. Some of the more recent trips include Cambridge Cultural day, Bramley Lakes, Iceland, Auschwitz and UCAS events. The Drama Team have organised several Theatre trips to see a variety of productions including Everybody's Talking About Jamie and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. At Fakenham Sixth Form we believe it is really important to celebrate success. Recently we have rewarded students by taking the whole sixth form to the cinema to watch a Christmas film, an Easter egg hunt and a summer barbecue.



Work Experience

All Year 12 students are required to complete a two-week work experience placement in July. This provides important opportunities for students to learn and practise new skills, increase their confidence and enable them to find out if their chosen career is for them. Work experience also provides valuable content for UCAS applications and CVs, making individuals more desirable to universities and employers.

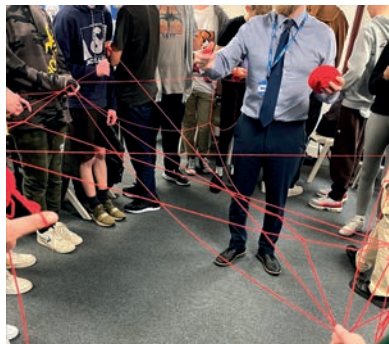


Sixth Form Life and Personal Development



Volunteering

One of our core values as a Sixth Form is Kindness. Therefore, we encourage all our students to take part in volunteering to give back to the community. This can be done in classes at the Academy or in the wider community such as in charity shops, care homes or youth groups to name a few.



Ambition Group

As part of our commitment to supporting students to meet their goals, we run Ambition Group. In the group we look at the requirements needed for a place at the Oxbridge colleges, how to advance using super curricular activities and how to excel during the application process for Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. All students are welcome to attend this informal group.



Assemblies & Guest Speakers

We have a wide range of visiting speakers who address local and national issues. Previous guests have included: HSBC, The Money charity, Everyone's Active, Holkham Estate, Police Road Safety Awareness Team, Pathways Apprenticeships, Larkin Gowen, Terrence Higgins Trust, Question Time with local politicians and many more!



Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an independent research task and involves students either writing an extended essay of 5,000 words or creating a product with an accompanying shorter essay of 1,000 words. It is a great qualification to take alongside three A Levels / BTECs. The EPQ allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university, apprenticeships, or their future career. It is worth half an A-level so can be used to earn extra UCAS points for university or simply to allow students to study a topic of their choice.



Norfolk Higher Aspirations Programme

The Norfolk Higher Aspirations Scheme is a fantastic resource that supports students' academic achievement. They run virtual and face to face subject-specific sessions and support applications to university and apprenticeships. The Higher Aspiration Scheme gives students the best tools to make competitive applications to universities of their choice such as Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. There are a wide range of events and trips that all students in the Sixth Form are encouraged to take part in.



Careers

At Fakenham Sixth Form students are given lots of support and guidance when thinking about their post-18 destinations. We do this through 1:1 careers meetings, visiting universities, guest speakers from a wide range of employment sectors and online tutorials on our careers platform, Unifrog. We know that good careers advice is vital for students to make the right decisions about their future.

Applications, Admissions and Key Dates

Fakenham Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 6pm–8pm

A great opportunity to meet students and staff to discuss your post 16 options.

Fakenham Sixth Form Taster Day

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Come and experience what it is like to be a student at Fakenham Sixth Form; exciting lessons taught by excellent teachers in a welcoming and friendly environment. Try out your preferred subject choices from our wide range of courses.

Applications open

9th September 2024

Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday 31st January 2025.

Induction Day

Thursday 3rd July 2025

During the summer term applicants are asked to attend Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day on Thursday 3rd July 2025, to help with the transition from GCSE to Level 3 study. Students will be given resources such as summer tasks, to complete before starting Year 12. Induction Day is also a chance to make new friends, meet our sixth form team and have a great time.

Enrolment

Thursday 21st August 2025

Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day on Thursday 21st August 2025, at Fakenham Sixth Form. Students will receive information about enrolment on Induction Day.

Year 12 'Preparing for Success at Sixth Form' Evening

To ensure all students make a great start to Year 12, parents and carers are invited to meet the sixth form team, at an event in September.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please email sixthform@fakenhamacademy.org

"Thank you to you and all the staff for the care and support you have given my child. Thanks to all the care my child has received she now believes that she can achieve her dreams. I would recommend Fakenham Sixth Form without hesitation." **Parent**





Student Profiles

NAME: Aedan Akers

SECONDARY SCHOOL: Alderman Peel High School

SUBJECTS: Business, History, English Literature, EPQ

Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?

In my application process I found that Fakenham offered me the best selection of subjects while also allowing me to take part in an EPQ. Fakenham is also my local sixth form which I found very convenient as it allowed me to stay later at school and take part in more extracurricular activities such as sport clubs, extra study support sessions, fundraisers, and super curricular sessions.

What I value about Fakenham Sixth Form

I value the supportive community that Fakenham Sixth Form has. They offer a space

where everyone is appreciated and valued, while also pushing us to our highest academic potential.

My plans for the future

I aspire to attend university at Royal Holloway or Imperial College London to study accounting and business. After that I would like to either own my own business which offers financial services, or work as an accountant at a top 10 Firm.

NAME: Trinidad Barton Vazquez

SECONDARY SCHOOL: King's Interhigh

SUBJECTS: English Language, Spanish, Film Studies and Extended Project Qualification

Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?

I chose Fakenham sixth form for a subject that I didn't end up doing, but I was given an opportunity to explore an interest, which I would not have the possibility to in other schools.

What I value about Fakenham Sixth Form

I value the close knit community that the sixth form has to offer, I also personally enjoy the small size classes as it allows me to focus better on my studies.

My plans for the future

I plan to study Politics or International Relations at University. Though I am not quite sure what job I would like to pursue in the future.





Student Profiles

NAME: **Hannah Millar**

SECONDARY SCHOOL: **Alderman Peel High School**

SUBJECTS: **Maths, Psychology, Sociology and EPQ**

Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?

I heard very good reports from other students I knew that already attended Fakenham Sixth Form. The school is small but I'd been told it makes the jump from GCSE to A Levels much easier and they weren't wrong!

welcomed in through the support of all members of staff.

My plans for the future

I plan to take a gap year and then go to University to study Psychology in London or Belfast, specialising in clinical psychology.

What I value about Fakenham Sixth Form

The sense of community that comes from the teachers and students. Everyone is known by name and always pushed to reach their individual potential and goals. I started a bit later than everyone else but was instantly



NAME: **Jack West**

SECONDARY SCHOOL: **Fakenham Academy**

SUBJECTS: **Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics, Chemistry**

Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?

I already knew most of my good teachers from secondary school, I also knew that I could take the subjects I enjoy and get excellent results out of it, I didn't just choose this sixth form because I live nearby.

What I value about Fakenham Sixth Form

I enjoy the quiet atmosphere in most lessons and study periods, but also being able to communicate with the kind and knowledgeable teachers and staff members.

My plans for the future

I plan on applying to a Russell Group university, specifically Cambridge, to study Physics, specialising in Astrophysics. I do not know exactly what I will do after University, but I hope it will be something to do with space!

Sixth Form Destinations

With the support and guidance of Fakenham Sixth Form, our students study exciting courses all over the country. You could too!

Local Apprenticeships and Employment

Larking Gowen Accountants
AAT

West Norfolk Electrical Engineering
Industrial Electrician

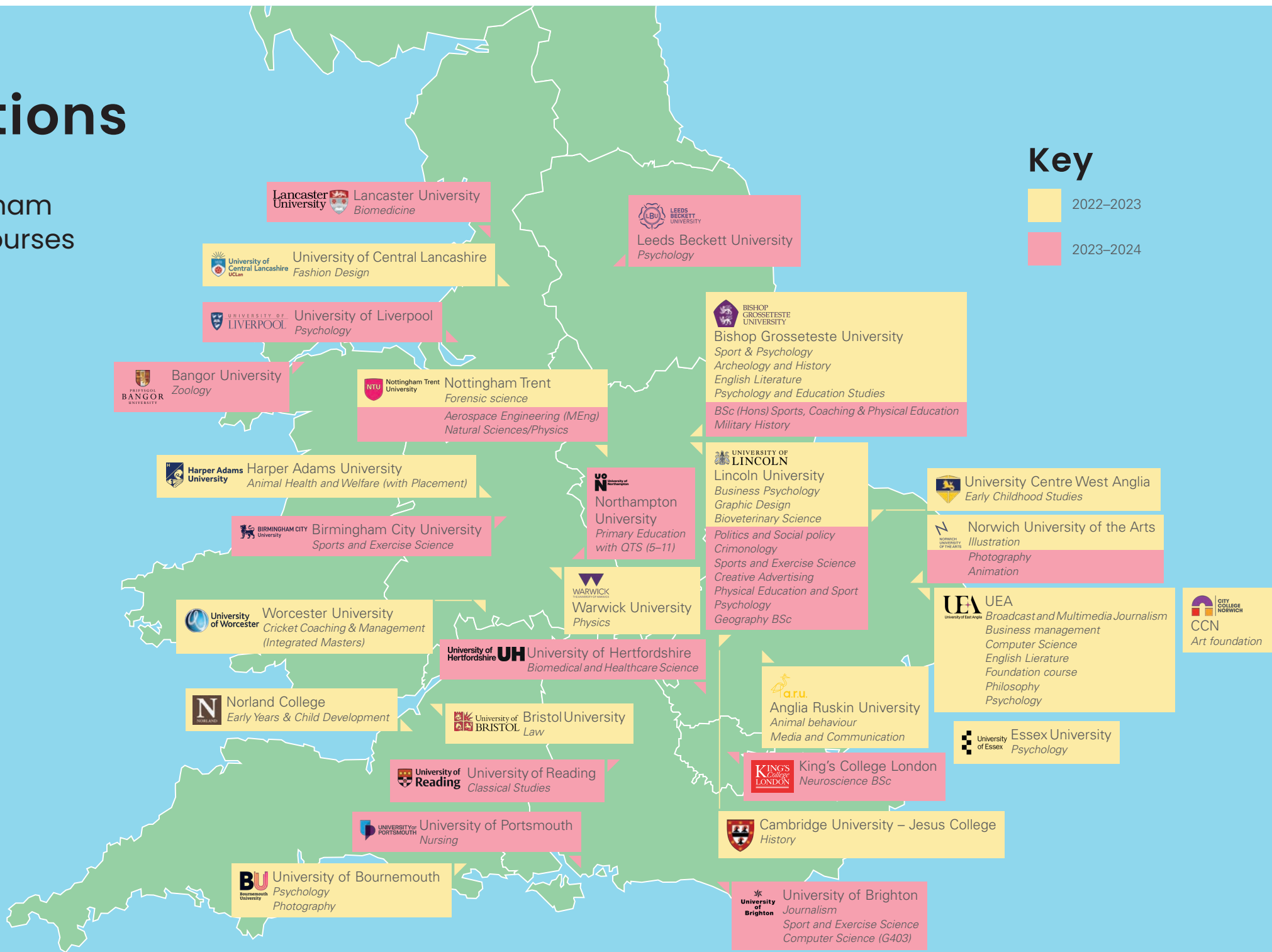
PRS Surveys Ltd
Civil Engineering

Active Education
Sports Assistant

Aviva
Apprenticeship

Full Time Employment
Brancaster Golf Club

Full Time Employment
Swanton Care Centre





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