October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of the first half term of Year 13, we wanted to highlight some important information.

Post 18 Progression Evening Thursday 7th November 2024 (5.30pm-7.00pm, Fakenham Sixth Form)
We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Post-18 Progression Evening, which promises to be an informative and enlightening event for both you and your child.

The transition from Sixth Form to life beyond school is an important and sometimes challenging step for our students. To ensure students are well-prepared and have access to the best information, we have organised this event to provide guidance and insights into the various pathways and opportunities available to them after completing their A-levels.
Our Post-18 Progression Evening will feature a diverse range of speakers offering information on going to university, student finance, apprenticeships, gap years and advice for parents of young people leaving home. Each provider will do a short talk from **5.30pm-6.15pm,** and then they will take part in a fair where you and your young person can engage with education and career providers between **6.15-7.00pm**. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions, gather information, and explore the options available for further education, training, or employment.

We understand that choosing the right path after Sixth Form can be a daunting task, and we are committed to supporting your child in making the best decisions for their future. We encourage you to attend this event with your child, as it will be a valuable resource for both of you.

Please RSVP by Friday 25th October to confirm your attendance at the Post-18 Progression Evening using this online form https://forms.office.com/e/SbHSdtpPaY

A Big Thank You
On Wednesday 2nd October we had our Sixth Form Open Evening. We had more students stay and help us to advertise our sixth form, than ever before. We wanted to say a huge thank you to all the students that helped by talking to prospective students and parents, showing people around, moving tables and chairs and giving speeches. We are privileged to have such wonderful students at Fakenham Sixth Form.

<u>Online Platforms</u>
We use a range of online platforms to give you information about your young person. You should be able to access the following platforms, if you are experiencing difficulty with this please contact Mrs Harvey on the email address below:

- Classcharts - for information on behaviour, rewards, attendance and announcements.
- School Gateway – This App allows parents to make payments (Trips, equipment and Lunch Money) and send messages, this has now replaced Xpressions and Wisepay. If you require further support on how to sign up all information can be found on our website [School Gateway - Get Started - The Leading Parent App for Schools](#)

<u>Mock exams</u>
There will be **mock exams starting on Monday 18th November** in almost all subjects. Students will be given a timetable for the mock exams and will be guided through revision skills and writing revision timetables, during form time. It's important that students prepare for the mock exams as they would their real exams.

<u>Dates for Your Diary</u>
Wednesday 23rd October: Year 13 Cambridge Culture Day (more information to follow).
Thursday 24th October: Last day of half term,
Thursday 7th November: Post-18 Progression Evening.
Thursday 14th November: Careers Fair
Monday 18th November: Mock exams
Thursday 5th December: Year 13 parents evening.
Monday 9th December: Fakenham Sixth Form UCAS deadline.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or the Sixth Form Team.

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Yours faithfully

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