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February 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

The new term has started well with students engaged in their learning and excited to pick their enrichment activity for this term.

Autumn Reports

All students have received their Autumn report. This included Minimum Expected Grades (MEGs) for each subject and mock results from the November mock exams. Over the coming weeks we will be working with students to ensure they meet or exceed their MEGs in all of their subjects in their May exams. This will include students having conversations with their teachers, form tutors and, where necessary, parents being invited in to discuss progress with the Sixth Form Team. Please discuss your child's report with them. If you did not receive the report, please contact Mrs Harvey j.harvey@fakenhamacademy.org so we can ensure you get a copy of the report.

Mock exams

The final set of mock exams will take place from **February 24th**. Students will have their mock timetables given to them in the next couple of weeks and a copy of the general timetable is on our website. I have added the list of revision sessions currently running at **the end of this letter**.

Mock Exam Results

The next set of mock results will be given out to students during the day on Thursday **27th March** and you are invited to the **Preparing for Success Evening from 5.00pm until 6.30pm with your child** scheduled for that date. There will be a programme of speakers who will discuss the best ways of improving in the final few weeks before the real exams. Further details about this event will be sent near the time.

Good Study Habits

All Sixth Form students have made study timetables in registration to ensure they use their time wisely. They have all been given a copy of the timetable to bring home to you. The number of hours spent studying is directly correlated to their academic outcomes. We have encouraged students to add some relaxation time and hobbies to their plans to ensure they have a balance of academic and non-academic activities. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to follow the plan.

HOURS PER WEEK	GRADE
5 HOURS One hour per day Mon-Friday & nothing the weekend	U/E BTEC Fail
10 HOURS One and half hours per day Mon-Friday & 2-3 hours at the weekend	D BTEC Pass
15 HOURS Two hours per day Mon-Friday & 5 hours at the weekend	C BTEC Pass
20 HOURS Three hours per day Mon-Friday & 5 hours at the weekend	B BTEC Merit
25 HOURS Four hours per day Mon-Friday & 5 hours at the weekend	A/A* BTEC Distinction



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Home Study Applications

Students are able to apply for home study in which they can pick three sessions a fortnight, when they have no timetabled sessions, in which they can go offsite. Students will need to meet the following criteria to get this authorised.

- Have good attendance (95% or higher)
- Working hard inside and outside of lessons.
- On target to meet their Minimum Expected Grades (this is defined as being one grade below the MEG or higher).

To apply for home study, students will need to complete this online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nB0kgNc6Gh> Students will receive an email to state whether their application for home study has been successful or not. **Students are expected to be on site from 8.45am to 3.20pm (except lunch and break time) if they have not been granted 'Home Study'.**

Super Saturdays

Super Saturdays have been a terrific success with students able to revise in a relaxed, warm and purposeful atmosphere each Saturday from 9.00am to 12.00pm. If a Year 13 student would like to attend Super Saturdays, they are free to turn up and do not need to sign up.

Summer Exams

The summer exams will run from early May until June 25th. The exam boards have contingency days that they use if they need to move an exam for any reason. **Exam boards have stated that all students must be available up to and including the 25th of June 2024. This is in case any exams have to be rescheduled for unforeseen reasons.**

Some subjects such as BTECs, Drama and languages have exams before these dates for orals and performances. It is vital that all students attend their exams on time and fully prepared. Exam results will be published on Thursday 14th August and will be available from 8.00am in the Fakenham Sixth Form canteen.

Sixth Form Council

Over the coming weeks the Year 13 Sixth Form Council will be handing over to Year 12. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the council for all their hard work and commitment to the sixth form over the past year.

Dates for your diary

Mock Exams - Start Monday 24th February for 2 weeks.

Personal Development Day - 27th March

Preparing for Success Evening - From 5.00pm for parents, carers and students. Thursday 27th March.

Easter Bingo- Thursday 3rd April 5.45pm-7.45pm.

Year 13 Prom- Friday 23rd May.

Half term 26th May- 30th May

Exam period ends - Wednesday 25th June

A Level Results - Thursday 14th August 2025.



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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.

Sixth Form Administrator: j.harvey@fakenhamacademy.org

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs Marshall-Smith

Assistant Headteacher-Head of Sixth Form

Year 13 Revision Sessions

Day	Registration	After school
Monday	Maths	English Language or Literature (alternate) P10
Tuesday		L11 Physics until 4.15 Year 13 Psychology, Sociology, HSC & Criminology S07 3.40-4.15 Yr13 Literature NEA catch up (P10)
Wednesday		Yr13 Language NEA Catch up (P10) A-Level Chemistry 3.30pm - 4.30pm L12
Thursday		Years 12 and 13 Maths P09 until 4:30/5:00 Biology L09
Friday		

Psychology, biology, Physics, chemistry and some Maths students have access to UpLearn and should do a minimum of 3 hours per week.