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Headteacher: Mr G Green

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Dear Parent / Carer

Since I last wrote to you there have been a number of really excellent events for Year 11. Firstly, just before Christmas the mock exam results afternoon was very well attended and the feedback from parents was really positive. Thank you to those of you who came to support us and thank you also to those of you who wrote a supportive letter to your child – they were all very gratefully received.

The Year 11 parents evening was also very well attended and again the feedback was very positive with lots of parents saying how positive and helpful the conversations were. If you were unable to attend this event and would like an update on your child's progress, please do get in touch with the teachers directly or through me (my email address is at the end of this letter).

Mock Exams

The final set of mock exams will take place from Monday 24th February. 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. They are also on our Year 11 Parent page here <https://www.fakenhamacademynorfolk.org/parent-information/year-group-information/year-11>

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 out nearer the time.

We are currently planning our intervention day for Thursday 27th March. Students will be provided with a programme of focused and intensive intervention that will help them to improve significantly. This will be different for each student dependant on their results in the next set of mock exams.

Attendance

Attendance is one of the keys to success therefore we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of good attendance. Recent research shows that if a student misses 17 days of school during an academic year, the impact on their success is, on average, a grade less in each subject. Missing 17 days a year is an attendance figure of around 90%. We expect all students to have at least a 95% attendance. If you require help with improving attendance or avoiding lateness please do get in touch.

Super Saturdays

Super Saturdays have been a terrific success with over 30 students regularly taking part and revising in a relaxed, warm and purposeful atmosphere each Saturday from 9.00am to 12.00pm. After half term we will start these sessions again and they will focus on specific subjects. The programme is in the table below. Students can still come to do their own revision, but the subject sessions are very valuable. Please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/DJn6z5ZjEx>

Date	Subject to be covered
1 st March	Maths
8 th March	Science
15 th March	Business
22 nd March	Maths
29 th March	Science and Art
26 th April	Drama and Music and Art
3 rd May	Science and Business
10 th May	Biology and Geography
17 th May	Physics
7 th June	Maths
14 th June	Physics

Intervention Days in the Holidays

We are arranging some revision days in the Easter holidays to help students to revise. These dates are yet to be confirmed but are likely to be in the week beginning 7th April. Once the dates are confirmed I will write to you again.

Revision

All students should have a revision timetable in their green revision books, that they are following. We would advise having a copy at home where everyone can see it. I have made it clear to the students that having rest days and breaks is very important, along with working on a variety of subjects each week. I have put some videos on study techniques on our website that will help students to use their revision time effectively. Please encourage them to use these videos. They can be found here

<https://www.fakenhamacademynorfolk.org/students/how-to-maximise-your-progress>

We also have a parent guide to revision techniques on our Year 11 parent website here. Scroll to the bottom of the page. <https://www.fakenhamacademynorfolk.org/parent-information/year-group-information/year-11>

Summer Exams and Leaving Dates

The summer exams will run from early May until June 26th. 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 Wednesday 25th June 2025. 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.

The Year 11 official leaving date will be **Thursday 19th June** and all students must attend every day up to and including Thursday 19th June. **There are some exams after this date that students must attend, however, students do not need to attend lessons after /Thursday 19th June.**

The Year 11 Prom is happening on **Thursday 26th June at Fakenham Racecourse.**

The **Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day** is on **Thursday 3rd July** and successful applicants to the Sixth Form will be informed of the details in due course.

Exam results will be published on Thursday 21st August and will be available from 9.00am in the school hall and you can then enrol at Fakenham Sixth Form from 9.00am.

Dates for your diary

Super Saturdays - Every Saturday from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Please sign up online here

<https://forms.office.com/e/DJn6z5ZjEx>

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

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

Leaving date – Thursday 19th June - Last day to attend lessons.

Exam period ends Wednesday 25th June

Year 11 Prom Thursday 26th June

Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day Thursday 3rd July.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via my email address. k.smith@fakenhamacademy.org

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully



Mr K Marshall Smith
Deputy Headteacher

The biggest difference students can make to improve their grade is working hard in lessons, completing all homework and asking their teacher questions.

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		English GCSE 3.25 - 4.25pm L49
Tuesday		GCSE Music 3.20pm-4.20pm W1 French 3:20pm – 4.15pm P19 W1 Spanish 3.20pm - 4.15pm P20 GCSE Science 3.25 - 4.25pm
Wednesday	History Hub in P15 drop in and get help!	Mr Giles – Maths group 11.3 L16 Starting 25/9 Maths Higher L45 3:20pm – 4.15pm
Thursday		GCSE Geography 3.20-4.20 P13/14. Note dates on poster sent through Class Charts GCSE Science 3.25 - 4.25pm
Friday		

