



February 2026

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).

Our intervention day will be happening this week on Tuesday 3rd February. Students have been 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 needs in various subjects.

Mock Exams

The final set of mock exams will take place from Monday 23rd February. Students were given their mock timetables last week 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 on **Thursday 26th 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.

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 50 students regularly taking part and revising in a relaxed, warm and purposeful atmosphere each Saturday from 9.00am to 12.00pm. These sessions continue with a focus each week on a different subject – you can sign up here [Super Saturday Sessions 2026 January & February](#)

Intervention Days in the Holidays

We have arranged three days of intervention in the Easter Holidays. Monday 30th March will focus on English, and Tuesday 31st March will focus on Maths. There will be 2 groups on each of these days. One group will be aiming at grade 5 and 6 whilst the second group will be aiming at grade 7 8 and 9. We are having a Science revision day on Wednesday 1st April which will have three groups, one group on Foundation and one on Higher Double science with the third group focused on Triple science. To sign up for these please use this form here. [Easter Revision days 2026 – Fill out form](#) As always, these sessions are free to students.

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 24th. 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 24th June 2026. 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 Monday 15th June and all students must attend every day up to and including Monday 15th June. **There are some exams after this date that students must attend, however, students do not need to attend lessons after Monday 15th June.**

The Year 11 Prom is happening on **Thursday 25th June at Fakenham Racecourse.**

The **Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day** is on **Thursday 2nd July** and successful applicants to the Sixth Form will be informed of the details in due course.

Exam results will be published on Thursday 20th 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 [Super Saturday Sessions 2026 January & February](#)

Mock Exams - Start Monday 23rd February for 2 weeks.

Preparing for Success Evening - From 5.00pm for parents, carers and students on Thursday 26th March.

Leaving date – Monday 15th June - Last day to attend lessons.

Exam period ends - Wednesday 24th June.

Year 11 Prom - Thursday 25th June.

Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day - Thursday 2nd 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 v.dewson@fakenhamacademy.org

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs V Dewson
Year 11 Progress Lead

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

Day	After School
Tuesday	English 3.25pm - 4.25pm in L49 GCSE Music 3.30pm - 4.30pm in P01 Spanish 3.30pm - 4.15pm in P19 (Week 1 only) History 3.30pm - 4.15pm in P16 (Week 2 only)
Wednesday	Maths 3.20pm - 4.20pm in L27
Thursday	Geography 3.20pm - 4.20pm in P14 (Week 1 only) Science 3.30pm - 4.30pm (meet in KS4 Confab)
Friday	History 3.30pm - 4.15pm in P16 (Week 1 only)