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Year 11 September Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to congratulate the Year 11 students for returning to school in a very positive and focused way. The determination to improve has been very impressive.

It was really pleasing to see so many of you at the Pathway to Success meeting in the first week. For those of you unable to be there the materials used are on the Year 11 Parent page linked below. The "How to revise booklet" will be of particular interest as students should be making a great effort in their revision already.

All this information is on the Year 11 Parent page here. [Year 11 - Fakenham Academy](#)

This year we are using ClassCharts for homework, announcements, **attendance reporting**, behaviour and rewards. All parents should be set up on this app already, however, if you have not yet had the code to log in, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can make sure you are able to access this vital information.

Other communication and payments for lunches and other items are now on the School Gateway app. If you cannot access the School Gateway app, please do get in touch via the office email.

There are several events happening this year in school that I would like to draw your attention to.

Events and Support in School

- **Fakenham Sixth Form Open Evening** - Wednesday 30th September 2026 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm.
- **Fakenham Sixth Form Taster Day** – Wednesday 11th November 2026.
- **First Mock Exams Start** - Monday 16th November 2026.
- **Mock Exam Results** – Wednesday 16th December 2026 at 2pm.
- **BTEC Sports Exam** – Thursday 7th January 2027.
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening** - Thursday 14th January 2027 4.30pm to 7.00pm.
- **Second Mock Exams Start** - Monday 22nd February 2027.
- **Mock Results & Parents' Information Evening** – Thursday 25th March 2027 5.00pm to 6.30pm.
- **Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day** - Thursday 8th July 2027.
- **Results Day** is expected to be Thursday 19th August 2027.

Support Available in School

In school, we will be following a programme of events designed to help students know what they should be doing at each stage of their preparation. This will include: a weekly assembly; strategic exam reading at the end of each day; Learning for Life lessons to support study skills, how to revise; emails with hints and tips, covering everything from revision timetables to eating, sleeping and exercising, to help reduce the stress of exams.

Coursework help sessions will be available for students. It is vitally important that students do make the most of the opportunities in lessons to complete coursework, as well as they can by the deadlines in each subject. Again, these deadlines will be published on the academy website.



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Please encourage your child to make the most of the websites that we subscribe to as a school. These are Sparx and Tassomai. These sites are excellent, and students just need to click the "login with Microsoft" button - so, no passwords to remember.

What you can do to help your child

Parents and carers have a very big impact on their children. We all want to work together to help ensure that each child does as well as they can.

A recent study suggested the following things are the most important to support students:

- Being a role model
- Helping them set goals both inside and outside of school
- Keeping them active
- Eating healthily
- Helping them have time out
- Working on sleep patterns and routines
- Helping them to unplug their devices
- Staying cool and calm
- Having belief in them and being supportive

This can be difficult as a parent or carer. We have made some videos on how to help students revise and study. These are again on our website here: [How to Maximise Your Progress - Fakenham Academy](#)

We do hope that this letter is helpful. We know that working together we can all ensure that your child makes the most of the next two years and we can help them achieve their potential.

Super Saturdays

We are offering "Super Saturdays" again this year. Super Saturdays run from 9am to 12pm on a Saturday morning, in the Sixth Form building. The first one will be on Saturday 10th October and they will run until the exams, but not during holidays.

Students can choose to attend, but they should bring past papers to complete, have homework or coursework to work on during this time. The school computers will be available. There will be staff on hand to help and ensure they are working, but we will not be delivering lessons until after Christmas. Students do not have to wear uniform, and we will provide drinks and refreshments. To take part in Super Saturdays please sign your child up by completing the form here [Super Saturdays Autumn 2026 – Fill in form](#)

If you tell us that your child is due to attend on a particular day and they don't arrive, we will call you on the phone number you leave on the form or email you to let you know they have not arrived.

What your child is currently studying.

To help parents and carers to engage with students learning and encourage them to work hard and take an interest in the subjects they are studying, we have section on our website where you can see which topics students are studying each half term. [What We Teach and When We Teach - Fakenham Academy](#)



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After School Revision

Staff will be starting several revision sessions after school that will help your child prepare for the November mock exams. There is no need to sign up for these, your child can turn up after school.

Tuesday	English 3.25pm - 4.25pm in L49 BTEC Sport & BTEC Travel & Tourism 3.20pm - 4.20pm in L27 (Coursework session) Art 3:30 - 5:00pm
Wednesday	Art 3:30-5:00pm French 3:20pm - 4:20pm (Week 1 only) from October half-term in P19 Spanish 3:20pm - 4:20pm (Week 2 only) from October half-term in P19 Drama 3:30pm - 4:00pm in P02
Thursday	Geography 3.20pm - 4.20pm in P14 (Week 2 only) Science 3:20pm - 4:20pm (this will start after Christmas) Art 3:30pm - 5:00pm History 3.20pm - 4:00pm (Week 2 only) in P15
Friday	History 3.20pm - 4:00pm (Week 1 only) in P16

Thank you for your continued support and please do get in touch if there is anything we can do to help.

Your sincerely

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