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February 2026

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 23rd 2026. Students have received their mock timetables, and a copy of the general timetable is on our website. The next set of mock results will be given out to students the week beginning 23rd March 2026.

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 need to complete this form [Super Saturday Sessions 2026 January & February](#)

Summer Exams

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 the 24th of 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.

Exam results will be published on Thursday 13th 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.



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Dates for your diary

Mock Exams - Start Monday 23rd February 2026 for 2 weeks

Easter Rewards event- Enrichment 26th March 2026

Break up for Easter- Friday 27th March 2026

Return after Easter- Monday 13th April 2026

Easter Bingo- Friday 17th April 5.45pm-7.45pm 2026

Year 13 Prom- Friday 22nd May 2026

Half term- 25th May to 29th May 2026

Exam period ends - 24th June 2026

A Level Results - Thursday 13th August 2026

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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