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Headteacher: Mr G Green

**April 2026**

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you are aware, Year 13 students are currently preparing for their A Level and BTEC exams. These exams are a significant milestone in their academic journey, and we want to ensure that you are fully informed about what to expect in the coming weeks. The exams are a culmination of the student's two years of study in their chosen subjects. These exams will test their knowledge and understanding of the subjects, as well as their ability to apply that knowledge to real-life situations.

The exams will take place over a period of several weeks starting 11th May, with each subject having its own set of exams. Students have been provided with a detailed exam timetable, which will outline the date, time and location of each exam. We encourage you to sit down with your child and go through the timetable to ensure that they are fully prepared for each exam.

### **Pre-exam revision sessions**

Before all exams there will be a subject specific pre-exam revision session delivered by their teacher. This is a short session where teachers will go over the final few reminders to help students do well in their exam – it is vital that all Year 13 students attend these. These sessions will start at 8.40am and run until 9.15am. At the end of the session students will have 10 minutes to have a snack and compose themselves for the exams which will start at 9.30am.

### **Lessons during the exam period**

All lessons continue to run as normal during the exam period. Teachers have planned structured revision in lessons to ensure that students are as prepared as they can be – attendance at these lessons is more important than ever. Study leave has not been granted to students for many years now, so all students are expected in sixth form every day as normal.

### **Leaving Dates**

In order to support our students to meet their potential and get the best grades possible, students will be expected to attend lessons in their subjects until the date of their last exam in that subject. This will mean that students will have different leaving dates depending on the subjects they study. Each student has been told their leaving date and this can be checked on the list on the Sixth Form notice board.

### **Exam Results Day**

Following the exams, the results will be published to students on **Thursday 13th August**. Students will be able to collect these from Fakenham Sixth Form canteen at 8 am. If a student is unable to collect these exam results on the day they will need to collect them in person, the next day. If a student is unable to do this, they can arrange alternative methods such as email, with Mrs McEvansonaya by emailing her on [m.mcevansonaya@fakenhamacademy.org](mailto:m.mcevansonaya@fakenhamacademy.org)

These results will determine whether they have met the requirements for their chosen university courses or other further education opportunities.



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We understand that this can be a stressful time for both you and the student, but please rest assured that the Sixth Form and Leadership Team (Mrs Marshall-Smith, Mrs Marshall, Mr Green, Mr Marshall-Smith, Mrs Harvey & Belinda Ladds, our careers advisor) will be available on results day to provide as much support as possible.

The UCAS website has useful advice on how to prepare for results day, what happens once students have been offered a place at university and how to go through clearing if students change their mind about what they want to study or do not meet the entry requirements. <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/results/results-what-you-need-know>

### **Leaving Events**

Over the coming weeks there will be events to celebrate the students' two years at Sixth Form. The Year 13 Prom is being held at Fakenham Racecourse on Friday 22nd May, 6pm-9pm. Tickets are on sale for £15 and can be purchased on School Gateway.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- A Level Exams start week beginning 11th May 2026
- Prom-22nd May 2026
- Exam Contingency Date-24th June. This is the national date set that all students must be available to sit an exam in case an exam has to be moved for any reason.
- A Level Results-13th August 2026 from 8 am, in Fakenham Sixth Form canteen.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming A Level exams, or anything else regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and support our students throughout this process.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

*L Marshall-Smith*

Mrs Marshall-Smith

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