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Headteacher: Mr G Green

21 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, Year 9 is the time when students at Fakenham Academy make their Guided Choices to decide what subjects they would like to study in Year 10 and 11.

This letter outlines the initial process that will take place this academic year and the guidance and support that we have put in place for your child. An outline of the whole process is on the reverse of this letter.

On Thursday 29th January 2026, you and your child are invited into school to take part in a Careers, Information Advice and Guidance Evening. At this event, you will have the opportunity to listen to the possible courses that Fakenham Academy will offer next year and explore how these courses prepare your child for Post 16 courses, the world of work and for employment opportunities. You and your child will also have the opportunity to ask questions of staff regarding the courses that we could offer.

This event will be in the school hall with an address by Mr Marshall-Smith and Mr Green. There is also the chance to speak with subject leaders. There will be two opening addresses one at 5.30pm and one at 6.30pm. It is very important that you hear the opening address before speaking to teachers and tutors.

Therefore, please complete this form by Monday 12th January 2026 to indicate which address you will be attending:

[Year 9 Choices evening 2025/26 – Fill out form](#)

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 29th January 2026 for the information evening where we can answer any questions you might have.

Yours sincerely

G. Green

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Headteacher



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Year 9 Guided Choices 2026

The process this year might well be different from your experience of this process in the past.

Pre-Decision Information

23rd October - Careers event in school.

4th December - Parents' evening in school with teachers from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.

Report issued in January.

Stage 1 – Thursday 29th January

Careers information guidance and advice evening.

Students will follow a programme of Advice and Guidance during Enhancement time.

Stage 2 – Thursday 29th January to Friday 6th February

Survey to find out which courses students are interested in us running.

Stage 3 – Thursday 26th February to Wednesday 11th March

Making your actual Choices via an electronic form.

Discussions in school to ensure that students have chosen the correct courses for them.

Stage 4 - By April

Receiving your offer by letter.

Stage 5 - By the end of May

Discussion with senior staff to finalise the courses you will follow in Year 10 and 11.

At all stages staff will be on hand to answer questions and give guidance. By following this process, we are sure that all students will have a more personalised and appropriate curriculum at Fakenham Academy, leading to more and varied opportunities in the rest of their lives.