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Year 10 September Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to congratulate the Year 10 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 10 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 of this information is on the Year 10 Parent page here. Year 10 - Fakenham Academy

This year we are using ClassCharts for homework, announcements, **attendance reporting,** behaviour and rewards. All parental login details were given out at the Pathway to Success evening, 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 still on the School Gateway app. If you can't 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

- **Year 10 Parents' Evenings: Thursday 11th February 2027 & Thursday 24th June 2027**
- **Mock Exams Start: 12 April 2027**
- **Mock Exams End: 23 April 2027**
- **Work Experience Week: Monday 12th July 2027**
  Students are expected to find their own placement, and we will give them guidance on how to do this and what paperwork needs to be completed to allow them to go.

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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.

Please encourage your child to make the most of the websites that we subscribe to as a school. These are Sparx maths 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 full potential.

Your sincerely

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