

FAKENHAM
ACADEMY

1 May 2026

Year 10 May Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to congratulate the Year 10 students for the mature and focused approach to their recent mock examinations. We have been very impressed with their attitude, preparation, and resilience throughout this important period. Your support at home has undoubtedly played a key role in helping them stay motivated and organised, so thank you for your continued encouragement.

As we move forward, the mock results will provide valuable insight into each student's progress and help guide the next steps in their learning journey. We encourage you to discuss these experiences with your child, celebrating successes while also identifying areas for growth. We will be working with students in school to create revision timetables so that they can start building their revision programme, for the next year.

A reminder that our upcoming Parents' Evening will take place shortly after the half-term (Thursday 18 June 2026). This is an important opportunity to meet with subject teachers, review your child's progress, and discuss strategies to support them as they continue through Year 10. Further details regarding booking appointments will be shared separately and closer to the time.

We will be conducting prefect interviews with students next week. This process provides an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their commitment to contributing positively to the school community. We appreciate your support in helping them prepare, ensuring they approach this process with confidence and professionalism.

We will confirm outcomes and next steps once the full interview process has been completed. We appreciate your patience during this time and will communicate clearly with you as soon as decisions have been finalised.

We will continue to use ClassCharts for homework, announcements, **attendance reporting**, behaviour and rewards.

Events and Support in School

- **Year 10 Parents' Evening: Thursday 18th June 2026 4.30pm to 7.00pm**
- **Year 10 Discovery Day: Thursday 9th July 2026**
- **Work Experience: Monday 13th July 2026 until Friday 17th July 2026**

All students should now have arranged their work experience placement and had a place allocated. If your child is still experiencing difficulties securing a placement, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can offer support.

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; 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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Headteacher: Mr G Green

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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.

Maths Support

Year 10 students have recently been trialling using Sparx instead of Dr Frost for maths homework. In many respects they work in similar ways – setting questions for students to answer and offering video support if students are not sure how to answer a question. However, Sparx adjusts the questions being offered to ensure students are being challenged at exactly the right level of difficulty, so students should be able to achieve 100% on every Sparx homework. This should build students’ confidence and help them to make even more progress in the subject. If you have any questions about this, please contact your child’s maths teacher.

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 year and we can help them achieve their full potential.

Your sincerely

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