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Year 10 October Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to share an overview of what Year 10 students have been working on, celebrate some of their successes, and highlight key areas for the year ahead.

Academic Progress

Students have now fully settled into their GCSE courses and are developing strong study skills across all subjects. Highlights from this half term include:

- English: Macbeth in Literature and Writing skills in Language
- Maths: Algebraic manipulation, Equations, inequalities and formulae, Quadratic expressions and equations and percentages.
- Science: Cells in Biology, Mixtures, Atoms and the Periodic table in Chemistry and Energy changes in Physics

Teachers have been impressed with the effort many students are putting into their studies. It's important that students continue revising regularly at home and keep up with any homework and revision set. The "How to revise booklet" will continue to be of particular interest as students should be making a great effort in their revision already. All this information is on the Year 10 Parent page here. [Year 10 - Fakenham Academy](#)

Attitude to Learning & Behaviour

Most Year 10 students are demonstrating a mature attitude towards their studies and increased independence. This is a crucial year for laying foundations for Year 11 and final exams.

Please continue to encourage your child to:

- Maintain excellent attendance and punctuality.
- Stay organised with homework deadlines.
- Make use of any revision resources provided.

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.

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](#)

Assessments

This term, students have completed formative assessments which help teachers monitor progress and tailor support.

After half-term break, there will be:



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- Coursework help sessions – It is vitally important that students make the most of the opportunities in lessons to complete coursework. Coursework deadlines will be published in future on the academy website.
- Formative assessments – In lessons to continue to monitor student comprehension and progress.

Upcoming Events

- **Christmas Concert: Wednesday 3rd December at 6:30pm – We will let you know once tickets are on sale!**
- **Christmas Panto 'Beauty and the Beast': Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December at 6:30pm**
- **Mock Exams: Monday 13th April to Friday 24th April 2026**
- **Year 10 Parents' Evening: Thursday 18th June 2026 4.30pm to 7.00pm**
- **Year 10 Discovery Day: Friday 10th July 2026**
- **Work Experience: Monday 13th July 2026**

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. Work experience was launched in assembly on Tuesday 14th October and the letter that went out can also be located on the parent page.

Support

If you feel your child needs additional support – whether academic, emotional or otherwise – please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are here to help ensure every student reaches their potential.

We will continue to follow 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.

Please encourage your child to make the most of the websites that we subscribe to as a school. These are Dr Frost and Tassomai. These sites are excellent, and students just need to click the "login with Microsoft" button - so, no passwords to remember. There is clear evidence that doing homework using these sites leads to better GCSE results.

Other communication and payments for lunches and other items remain on the School Gateway app. If you can't access the School Gateway app, please do get in touch via the office email.

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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