FAKENHAM ACADEMY

October 2026

Dear Parents/Carer

This letter contains important information regarding **Post 16 courses, mock exams and revision opportunities as well as useful dates.**

Mock Exams Start 16th November 2026

It is vital that your child revises well for the mock exams. Revising for mock exams is a crucial part of preparing for GCSEs and BTECs as it helps students become familiar with the exam format, identify areas for improvement, build confidence, and develop essential exam skills. It's a valuable tool for both students and teachers in the preparation process. By not revising for these exams, students will be at a disadvantage when it comes to the real exams in the summer. These grades will also be used to apply to courses for next year.

As we approach the Mock exams, I wanted to share a special opportunity to make Mock Results Day an unforgettable experience for both you and your child.

Mock Results Day, scheduled for **Wednesday 16th December at 2pm**, is an occasion that allows students to gain valuable insights into their academic progress and offers a glimpse into the future as they prepare for their actual GCSE exams. To make this day even more meaningful, we are inviting you to participate in a heartfelt gesture: **writing a letter to your child, which they will open on Mock Results Day**

We are also inviting you to be in school with your child when they get their mock exam results at 2.00pm on Wednesday 16th December. Please arrive by 1:45pm to sign in and ensure that we are ready for a prompt start at 2:00pm. We will aim to be finished by 2:45pm.

The impact of a letter from a parent or career during this crucial time cannot be overstated. Your words of encouragement, wisdom, and love will serve as a source of strength and motivation for your child as they navigate this important stage of their education.

Here's how you can participate:

1. Write a Letter: Take some time to write a letter to your child, sharing your pride in their hard work and expressing your unwavering support. Offer words of encouragement and remind them of your belief in their abilities. You may wish to use ChatGPT to help you get started and then personalise it. Here is an idea of what prompt to use when asking ChatGPT to help you write your letter:

"Write a heartfelt letter from a parent to their child who is preparing for an important exam. The letter should offer emotional support, words of encouragement, and remind the child of the parent's belief in their abilities. Keep the tone warm, reassuring, and uplifting."

2. Label and Seal: Place your letter in a sealed envelope, and on the front, write your child's name along with the words "To be opened on Wednesday 16th December Mock Results Day."
3. Submit to School: Please return the sealed letter to our school office by **Friday 7th November.** We can then ensure that it is ready for your child on Mock Results Day.
4. Surprise and Celebrate: On Mock Results Day, your child will receive their letter - adding an extra layer of encouragement and comfort as they reflect on their performance.

We believe that this initiative will foster a sense of connection and support within our school community, and we are excited to see the smiles and inspiration it will bring to our students.

Post 16 and Next Steps

All Year 11 students are required, by law, to go on to sixth form, a college course, an apprenticeship or employment with training. All students have had a careers interview in year 10 to help with their future pathway. We have explained to the students how to use the "Help You Choose" website to apply for all courses but please encourage them to log in and apply. Please ask your form tutors or see Mrs Broughton in KS4 pastoral if you need a reminder of your log-in details.

Fakenham Sixth Form Open Evening was last week, and we were pleased to see so many of you there. There is still time to sign up for Taster Day on Wednesday 11th November. The link is here Fakenham Sixth Form Taster Day Wednesday 11th November 2026 – Fill out form

Revision Opportunities

The best way that any student can do well in exams is to work hard consistently, both in lessons and at home on homework and revision. To help with this, we are offering several opportunities in school. Each department is running revision sessions outside of lesson time and there is a summary of this on the last page of this letter along with a summary of the key dates.

Drop Down Day will take place on **Thursday 15th October** at Fakenham Academy. Students will have the opportunity to attend a careers fair and take part in a personalised study session designed to support effective revision strategies and revision timetable planning.

In addition to that, we are offering "**Super Saturdays**" again this year. Super Saturdays run from 9am to 12pm on a Saturday morning, in the Sixth Form building. The first one will be on Saturday 10th October and they will run until the exams, but not during holidays.

Students can choose to attend, but they should bring past papers to complete, have homework or coursework to work on during this time. The school computers will be available. There will be staff on hand to help and ensure they are working, but we will not be delivering lessons until after Christmas. Students do not have to wear uniform, and we will provide drinks and refreshments. To take part in Super Saturdays please sign your child up by completing the form here Super Saturdays Autumn 2026 – Fill in form

If you tell us that your child is due to attend on a particular day and they don't arrive, we will call you on the phone number you leave on the form or email you to let you know they have not arrived.

Revision at Home

Students should be revising at home each evening and they should have a revision timetable. We will be helping them to produce these during form time. If you or they require help with knowing what to do when revising or how to create a revision timetable, then please get in touch with your child's tutor or see our website here for ideas: Year 11 - Fakenham Academy (fakenhamacademynorfolk.org)

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. Your involvement makes a significant difference in their academic journey. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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The most important thing that students can do to improve their grades in any and all subjects is to work hard in lessons and complete all their homework. To help them with these we are offering the following revision sessions outside of lessons.

Revision opportunities

Tuesday	English 3.25pm - 4.25pm in L49 BTEC Sport & BTEC Travel & Tourism 3.20pm - 4.20pm in L27 (Coursework session) Art 3:30 - 5:00pm
Wednesday	Art 3:30-5:00pm Maths 3.20pm - 4.20pm from October half-term in L18 French 3:20pm - 4:20pm **(Week 1 only**) from October half-term in P19 Spanish 3:20pm - 4:20pm (**Week 2 only**) from October half-term in P19 Drama 3:30pm - 4:00pm in P02
Thursday	Geography 3.20pm - 4.20pm in P14 (**Week 2 only**) Science 3:20pm - 4:20pm (this will start after Christmas) Art 3:30pm - 5:00pm History 3.20pm - 4:00pm (**Week 2 only**) in P15
Friday	History 3.20pm - 4:00pm (**Week 1 only**) in P16

Key Dates

- **Super Saturdays begin –** Saturday 10th October 2026 (9:00am to 12:00pm)
- **Fakenham Sixth Form Taster Day** – Wednesday 11th November 2026
- **First Mock Exams Start** - Monday 16th November 2026
- **Mock Exam Results** – Wednesday 16th December 2026 at 2pm
- **BTEC Sports Exam** – Thursday 7th January 2027
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening** - Thursday 14th January 2027 4.30pm to 7.00pm
- **Second Mock Exams Start** - Monday 22nd February 2027
- **Mock Results & Parents' Information Evening** – Thursday 25th March 2027 5.00pm to 6.30pm
- **Year 11 Leavers Day** – Friday 18th June 2027
- **Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day** - Thursday 8th July 2027
- **Year 11 Prom at Fakenham Racecourse** – Thursday 1st July 2027
- **Results Day** is expected to be Thursday 19th August 2027