



February 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

This letter contains information about the Preparing for Success evening in March and the revision we are running during the Easter holiday. Mocks exams will finish on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March with results given to students on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Preparing for Success Evening Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 5pm until 6.30pm**

Better exam results give people more choice about what they do in the future. Psychologists have carried out research that shows people with more choices in their lives are generally happier. Those with better qualifications tend to have more choices about what to do in their lives.

The next few weeks will be very important for students, parents and carers, but also demanding and, at times, stressful. **We know that parents and carers can have a big impact.** We want to work together to make sure all students reach their potential.

There are some things that can really help. A recent study suggested the following things are the most important to support students: Being a role model, helping them set goals, keeping them active, eating healthily, helping them have time out, working on sleep patterns, helping them to unplug their devices, staying cool and calm, having belief in them and being supportive.

### **What will the evening cover?**

There will be presentations from staff and former students which will include the following:

- How to manage the remaining time and what has worked in the past
- Ideas and strategies about how to make the most of this time
- Revision planning
- Online opportunities
- How parents can help
- Hints and tips for revision
- Arriving prepared for the exams (exam pencil cases available to buy)
- Maintaining a positive outlook and attitude towards the exams
- Advice on eating and sleeping well
- Careers advice available

We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

### **Super Saturdays**

As I said in my previous letter, we are running Super Saturdays with a focus, from the 1<sup>st</sup> March. This means there will be sessions led by a teacher on a given subject.

Students can still come to do their own revision, but the subject sessions are very valuable. Please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/DJn6z5ZiEx>

The list of sessions is here:

Date	Subject to be covered
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Maths
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Science
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Business
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Maths
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Science and Art
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Drama and Music and Art
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Science and Business
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Biology and Geography
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Physics
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Physics

### Fakenham Sixth Form

We are very pleased to announce that Fakenham Sixth Form's results in 2024 have now been validated and published on the government website [Compare the performance of schools and colleges in England - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/comparing-schools). We are extremely proud that as a sixth form we are fifth best in the county out of all of Norfolk's 62 post-16 providers. This is testament to the hard work and determination of the staff at Fakenham Sixth Form and the students' ambition. There is still time to apply to Fakenham Sixth Form by contacting us at school or completing a paper application form.

### Revision During Easter

Last year we ran three very successful revision days in the Easter holiday, and we are doing the same again this year. Places will be limited so it is important to sign up early for these sessions.

**7<sup>th</sup> April Maths revision day** (two groups - one at grade 7+ and above and one aiming for grades 4, 5 & 6)

**8<sup>th</sup> April English revision day** (two groups - one at grade 7+ and above and one aiming for grades 4, 5 & 6)

**9<sup>th</sup> April Science revision day to cover Biology, Chemistry and Physics.**

If you would like to apply for place on these then please complete this form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/B4MSfamUwm>

If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via my email address. [k.smith@fakenhamacademy.org](mailto:k.smith@fakenhamacademy.org)

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully



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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 of their homework.

To help them with these we are offering the following revision sessions outside of lessons.

## Year 11

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	<b>Art</b> - L36 SBO <b>Drama</b> - P02 <b>History</b> - P15 by invitation only SWH and SPE's class	<b>English</b> 3.30-4.30pm L49 <b>Product Design</b> 3.30-4.30pm T10
Tuesday	<b>Art</b> - L36 SBO	<b>Maths</b> revision L27 & L16 <b>Art</b> - L36 3:20- 5pm SBO <b>Catering</b> 3.30 - 5pm T02 TJO <b>Textiles</b> 3.30 - 5pm T02 TJO
Wednesday	<b>Art</b> - L36 SBO History - P15 by invitation only KNE's class	<b>Art</b> - L36 3:20- 5pm SBO IDI <b>Science</b> 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday		<b>Geography</b> P13 until 4.20 <b>MFL</b> P20 until 4;20 <b>Science</b> 3.30-4.30pm <b>Art</b> - L36 3:20- 5pm SBO <b>Catering</b> 3.30 - 5pm T02 TJO <b>Textiles</b> 3.30 - 5pm T02 TJO
Friday		<b>Music</b> - P01 3.30-4.30 <b>Physics</b> in L11 until 4.20 <b>Textiles</b> 3.30 - 4.30pm T02 TJO <b>Art</b> 3:20 - 4:30pm IDI

Year 11 parents page with lots of useful information is here

<https://www.fakenhamacademynorfolk.org/410/year-11-parent-information>