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Headteacher: Mr G Green

May 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

We have welcomed the Year 11 students back to their final term and the exams are beginning in earnest. The students in Year 11 have been a credit to themselves, the school and you as parents and carers – their hard work and effort will pay off in their results this summer.

Pre-exam revision sessions

Each student has received their exam timetable including the venue they are taking each exam in. Please make sure they have this and that you are aware of when and where their exams are.

Before each exam we will be holding pre-exam revision sessions. This is a short session where teachers will go over the final few reminders to help students do well in their exam – it is vital that all Year 11 students attend these. These sessions will start at 8.40am and run until 9.15am. At this point, the students will have 10 minutes to have a snack and compose themselves for the exams. There will also be revision sessions for the afternoon's exams during period 3.

Equipment

I will take this opportunity to remind students that they should attend their exams with all the required equipment including pen, pencil, ruler and, if appropriate for the exam, a calculator.

Lessons during the exam period

All lessons continue to run as normal during the exam period. Teachers have planned structured revision in lessons to ensure that students are as prepared as they can be – attendance at these lessons is more important than ever. Study leave has not been granted to students for many years now, so all students are expected in school every day as normal.

Leaving events

Leavers Assembly. This is always a good occasion where we say well done and good luck to the Year 11 students, whilst reflecting on how far they have come in the last 5 years. This year due to exams, this event will take place on Monday 16th June in the afternoon after the last Physics exam. The afternoon will be a celebration of the students' time at school during which we will do the draw to find out who has won the Passport to Success prizes – the main ones being a computer and an iPad – and have an end of year treat.

Students will also be allowed to sign shirts (I recommend bringing a spare shirt to sign) and books on this day as well as collecting their leavers hoodies if they have bought one.

Monday 16th June is also the final day that students are expected to attend lessons. **Please note that Spanish (17th June) and Design Technology (18th June) have exams after this date that students must attend in uniform.**

Leavers Prom

This year's Leavers' Prom will take place at Fakenham Racecourse - Prince of Wales Stand on Thursday 26th June. Arrivals are from 6:00pm and there will be space for parents and others to come and watch the students arrive. We will finish by 10.30pm.

The price of the ticket is £30. This will include the hire of the venue, food, a drink and the disco. Tickets can be purchased using the usual brown envelope system or through School Comms. Tickets are on sale until Friday 2nd May.

There are several things that would help us in the organisation and running of this event. You may be able to contribute prizes which we could raffle off. Or perhaps you can contribute items for the Prom itself, for example decorations. You might like to contribute financially. If you or your business would like to contribute in some way to the additional activities at the prom or donate some other forms of support, then please do get in touch via this email address v.dewson@fakenhamacademy.org

All money raised will go towards the Leavers' prom, if there should be any funds remaining after the event this will carry over to the next year for similar activities.

Super Saturdays and Saturday Sessions 9am to 12pm

Saturday revision sessions are still running and are very well attended - students can either come to the taught session or they can come and study by themselves in the study room. The programme is as follows:

Date	Saturday Session Subject
3 rd May	Science and Business
10 th May	Biology and Geography
17 th May	Physics
7 th June	Maths
14 th June	Physics

To sign up for these sessions please complete the form on the Year 11 parent page here [Year 11 - Fakenham Academy](#)

Revision

All students should have a revision timetable that they are following. We would advise having a copy at home where everyone can see it. I have made it clear to the students that having rest days and breaks is particularly important, along with working on a variety of subjects each week. There are some videos on our website that will help students to use their revision time effectively. Please encourage them to use these videos. They can be found here [How to Maximise Your Progress - Fakenham Academy](#)

Reminder of dates for your diary

Super Saturdays - Every Saturday from 9am to 12pm

Leavers Assembly - shirt signing, hoodies and Passport to Success draw – Monday 16th June

Leaving date - Monday 16th June this is the last day students need to attend lessons.

Exam period ends - Wednesday 26th June

Year 11 Prom - Thursday 26th June

Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day - Thursday 3rd July

Results - Thursday 21st August from 9am in the school hall

Enrolment at Fakenham Sixth Form - from 9am Thursday 21st August

Finally, this link may help to provide you and your child with support over the exam period in terms of dealing with stressful situations https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/exam-time/?utm_source=enewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=may2023&utm_term=o25 A good night's sleep is more important than staying up late revising.

If you have any questions about any items mentioned in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me via my email address. k.smith@fakenhamacademy.org

Thank you again for your continuing support, and Good Luck to all our students.

Yours faithfully



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