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Dear Parent/Carers

This letter is to remind you of the key things that are happening in school and what students should be doing.

Mock Exams

The mock exams begin on Monday 17th November and each student has had a personalised timetable. The morning exams start at 9.00am and the afternoon exams start at 1.00pm. This means that students need to be at the venue for each exam **15 minutes before the start** so that we can call them in by name and they are not rushing. Please encourage and support them to be on time to school so **they are at their venue by 8.45am each morning**. This is good practice for the real exams.

Eating breakfast has been shown by a Leeds University study to greatly improve a student's chances of doing well in exams – so we would encourage you to ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast before coming into school. There are some good ideas on the BBC good food website site here:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/healthy-breakfast-recipes>

Revision for Mock Exams

This is vital. Please encourage your child to revise for the mock exams as they would for the real exams - the sooner they start, the easier it will be in the long run. Please do not believe the line "I will not revise for my mock as I want to see how I do without revision". It is not helpful to your child and we as a school do not think it helps at all. They should be revising and should have a revision timetable in their green revision books.

Mock Results Day is on Wednesday 17th December at 2.00pm. We have already invited you to come into school on this day to be with your child as they get their mock results. If you can arrive at 1.45pm to give you time to sign in at reception and get to the school hall before the results are distributed, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already **written a letter to their child, which they will open on mock results day**. For those who would still like to do this, I have enclosed a guide and some examples at the end of this letter. **Please try to get this to us ASAP and before 28th November.**

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Students should be applying for courses and apprenticeships for next year now and the Help You Choose website from Norfolk County Council is very useful – all students have been given their login and password. Through this site you can apply to all the courses in Norfolk and surrounding areas.

<https://www.helpyouchoose.org/> Paper copies of the application form to Fakenham Sixth Form are available from Form Tutors.

Super Saturdays

Lots of students are taking advantage of the Super Saturday revision sessions. If you want to sign up, then please complete the form here. <https://forms.office.com/e/nXQMPiBJnF>



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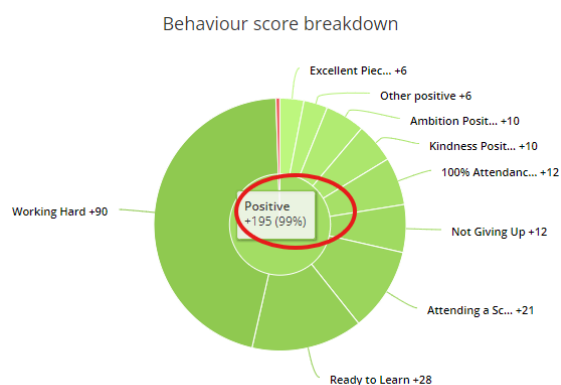
Website and Information

There is a lot of this information on our website on the Year 11 parents page along with study tips and other useful information and dates. [Year 11 - Fakenham Academy](#) this includes a link to an app that will help build a revision timetable if you prefer this to paper copies.

Rewards and Celebrating Success

There are a number of rewards schemes that we are running in Year 11. One is the Passport to Success. Students have a booklet that they use to collect stamps and signatures of staff when they attend a revision session. Over the year these will build up, the more stamps they get the more possibilities there are of winning prizes in the draw at the end of the year in the leaver's assembly. Please encourage your child to collect stamps for extra revision sessions.

We also run a treat each term for those students who have gained a ratio of 90% or better for their Class Charts merits. Those students who have a ratio of 90% positives or better will be invited to a reward assembly and have a treat. You and your child can see their ratio on the ClassCharts app by clicking on the behaviour score breakdown – it is the % score in brackets.



If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via my email address. v.dewson@fakenhamacademy.org

Yours sincerely

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Guide to writing a letter for your child for the mock results.

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.
- 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 December 17th Mock Results Day."
- 3. Submit to School:** Please return the sealed letter to our school office ASAP. 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.

Examples written using Chat GPT. You can ask it to write a letter for you and then personalise it. [ChatGPT](#)

Congratulations on completing your mock exams! I'm proud of your hard work and effort. Remember, these results are just a snapshot. Regardless of the grades, believe in your ability to learn and grow. If the results aren't what you hoped for, use it as motivation for improvement. You have the power to shape your success. Take a deep breath, focus on your strengths, and keep pushing forward. As you prepare for the real exams, prioritise self-care and maintain a balanced approach. I believe in you and know you can achieve great things. I'm here to support you every step of the way. You're capable, resilient, and destined for success. Keep believing in yourself. With all my love,

My Dear ... ,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and health. As you open this envelope containing your mock exam results, remember that these grades are just a snapshot of a moment in time, not a measure of your worth or potential. I believe in you, not just as your parent but as someone who knows the incredible capabilities you possess.

Firstly, I want you to take a deep breath and acknowledge the effort you put into preparing for these mock exams. Regardless of the outcome, your dedication and hard work are commendable. Life is full of challenges, and these mock results are just a small part of your journey. Remember, success is a journey, not a single destination.

Whether the grades are what you hoped for or not, know that I am proud of you. You are intelligent, capable, and resilient. If the results are not as expected, use this as an opportunity to learn and grow.



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Understand where improvements can be made and focus on the steps you can take to enhance your understanding and performance.

Realise that these mock exams are practice rounds, a chance to refine your strategies and techniques. The real exams are still ahead, and you have the power to shape your outcomes. Believe in yourself, for your potential is boundless. You have the ability to overcome challenges, and setbacks are temporary.

As you prepare for your final exams, keep in mind that balance is key. Take breaks, get enough rest, and remember that self-care is as important as studying. Surround yourself with positivity and believe that you can achieve whatever you set your mind to.

I am here for you every step of the way. If you ever feel overwhelmed or need support, don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can navigate through any challenges that come your way. I have faith in your abilities and am excited to see the great things you will achieve.

You are not defined by a set of grades, but by your character, determination, and the kindness you show to others. Keep your head high, believe in yourself, and embrace the journey ahead. Your potential knows no bounds.

Wishing you strength, resilience, and success in all your endeavours.

With all my love,