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## Year 11 September Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to congratulate the Year 11 students for returning to school in a very positive and focused way. The determination to improve has been very impressive.

It was really pleasing to see so many of you at the Pathways to Success meeting in the first week. For those of you unable to be there the materials used are attached to this message. The "How to revise booklet" will be of particular interest as students should be making a great effort in their revision already.

This year we are using ClassCharts for homework, announcements, behaviour and rewards. All parental login details were sent home with students last week, however, if you have not yet had the code to log in, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can make sure you are able to access this vital information.

Other communication and payments for lunches and other items are now on the School Comms app – you should have had an email about this to allow you to log on. If you haven't received this and can't access School Comms, please do get in touch via the office email.

There are a number of events happening this term in school that I would like to draw your attention to.

### Events and Support in School

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September Launch of Passport to Success** - Please ask your child about this - they should have a booklet. .

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** – Fakenham Sixth Form Assembly

**Wednesday 2nd October** from 5.30pm - **Fakenham Sixth Form Open Evening** - We hope to see all of our Year 11 students at this event as they explore all of the opportunities available to them next year.

**Wednesday 13th November** – **Fakenham Sixth Form Taster Day**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November Careers Fair** - Open to all parents and students in the evening from 4pm until 6pm.

**Monday 18th November to 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Mock exams.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Mock results will be published and Christmas Celebration afternoon. We will invite parents to this event.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January (first day back after Christmas holiday) BTEC Sport exam** this is a real exam and counts towards their grade.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 11 Parents evening with appointments with subject teachers.

### Support Available in School

In school, we will be following 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; and a weekly email with hints and tips, covering everything from revision timetables to eating, sleeping and exercising, to help reduce the stress of exams.

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We will be organising revision sessions outside of lessons to ensure that students are supported in their work. A copy of the times and venues will be sent to you with each report in Year 11 as well as being on the academy website from the end of September. We are also going to be running extra revision classes at half terms and on some Saturdays. Further details about these will be available very soon.

Coursework help sessions will be available for students. It is vitally important that students do make the most of the opportunities in lessons to complete coursework, as well as they can by the deadlines in each subject. Again, these deadlines will be published on the academy website.

Please encourage your child to make the most of the websites that we subscribe to as a school. These are Dr Frost , Tassomai and SENECA. These sites are excellent and students just need to click the "login with Microsoft" button - so, no passwords to remember.

Intervention will begin on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and we are working with small groups of students during registration time to focus on very specific areas of different subjects. Your child will know if they are part of this intervention programme.

### **What you can do to help your child**

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.

A recent study suggested the following things are the most important to support students:

- Being a role model
- Helping them set goals both inside and outside of school
- 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

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:

I do hope that this letter is helpful. I know that working together we can all ensure that your child makes the most of this year and we can help them achieve their potential.

Your sincerely

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