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Headteacher: Mr G Green

9th October 2024

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 18th November 2024

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.

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 **Thursday 19th December at 2.30pm**, 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 2.30pm on Thursday 19th December.

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 Thursday 19th December Mock Results Day."
3. Submit to School: Please return the sealed letter to our school office by Friday 8th 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.



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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. We are making sure that all students have a careers interview as soon as possible, but it is important that they begin applying now. We will explain 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.

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 13th November. The link is here <https://forms.office.com/e/m6w5317MvT>

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 a number of 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.

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 9th November 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 March. 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 <https://forms.office.com/e/5EcsAEqiE0>

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 to let you know they have not arrived.

Revision guides

Along with this letter you will receive a list of revision guides that you can purchase for each subject. If you buy them through the school, you can benefit from a significant discount. To purchase revision guides please complete the form and return to the school. You can also pay online using the School comms app.

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 \(fakenhamacademynorfolk.org\)](http://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 of their homework.

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

Revision opportunities

Day	After school
Monday	English GCSE 3.25 - 4.25pm L49
Tuesday	BTEC Sport 3.20pm-4.30pm GCSE Music 3.20pm-4.20pm W1 French 3:20pm – 4.15pm P19 W1 Spanish 3.20pm - 4.15pm P20
Wednesday	Mr Giles – Maths group 11.3 L16
Thursday	GCSE Geography 3.20-4.20 P13/14. Note dates on poster sent through ClassCharts
Friday	

Key dates

Event	Date
Super Saturdays begin	Saturday November 9 th 9am to 12pm
Sixth Form Taster Day	Wednesday 13 th November
Mock exams start	Monday 18 th November
Mock exam results day (parents invited)	Thursday 19 th December 2.30 pm
BTEC Sport real exam	Wednesday 8 th January
Year 11 parents evening	Thursday 16 th January 4.30 -7pm
Second mock exams	24 th February to 7 th March
Preparing for Success evening	Thursday 27 th March 5pm to 6.15pm
Last possible exam date.	Wednesday 25 th June
Year 11 Leavers Prom Fakenham Racecourse	Thursday 26 th June