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Headteacher: Mr G Green

November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Year 7 Autumn Term – Half Term Update**

### **Achievements**

As we have now completed our first half term, we would like to take this opportunity to share how proud we are of how well our students have settled into the new school year. It has been a fantastic start, full of energy, enthusiasm, and achievement across the school.

One of the highlights of the term was the PGL residential visit, where nearly 60 of our students took part in an unforgettable three-day adventure. They showed great courage and teamwork as they tackled a range of challenging physical activities, including the zip wire, Jacob's Ladder, the giant swing, and archery. It was wonderful to see them supporting each other, stepping outside their comfort zones, and demonstrating impressive determination and resilience throughout. The trip also allowed students to strengthen friendships and build confidence - qualities that we hope they will bring back into the classroom.

Back in school, our students have continued to impress us with their positive attitudes and commitment to our school values. The number of positive merits awarded for this half term has been outstanding, recognising ambition, kindness, respect, and determination. These achievements reflect the high standards our students set for themselves both academically and personally.

### **Attendance**

We are also delighted to report an excellent attendance rate of over 96% so far this year. This is a fantastic achievement and shows real dedication from both students and families in ensuring that learning remains a priority.

To round off a wonderful start to the year, we held our first Celebration Assembly, where we celebrated success across all areas of school life. Attendance streaks were recognised, and four lucky students were drawn to win some fantastic prizes. It was a joyful occasion that really captured the spirit and positivity within our school community.

Many of our young people have also taken the opportunity to participate in some of our wonderful extra-curricular activities we have on offer. If your child would still like to take part in one of these, please see below some of the activities on offer for this half term.



All clubs start w/b 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Autumn 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break	Yrs 10-11 Football	Yrs 7-9 Football	Yrs 10-11 Football	Yrs 7-9 Football	Yrs 10-11 Football
Lunch 1	Yr 7 Football	Yr 9 Football	Yr 11 Football	Yr 9 Football	Yr 7 Football
Lunch 2	Yr 10 Football	Yr 8 Football	Yr 10 Football	Yr 8 Football	Yr 10 Football
After-school 15:30-16:30pm	Yr 7 Badminton	Yrs 7-13 Volleyball Yrs 7-13 Hockey Yrs 7-13 Rugby	Yrs 7-13 Netball Yrs 7-13 Basketball Yr 8/9 Badminton		Yrs 10-13 Badminton

Activity	Staff	Venue	Group	Notes
Badminton	Mrs Price	Sports Hall	Yrs 7-13	Full PE Kit
Basketball	Mr Leat	Gym	Yrs 7-13	Full PE Kit
Rugby	Alan Young	Fakenham Rugby Club	All - (MUST Collect a consent form from SLE and get it signed before attending club)	Full PE Kit, rugby/football boots and gum shield
Football at break/lunch	Recreation	Old MUGA	Yrs 7-13	Trainers
Hockey	Mrs Curtis	Gym	Yrs 7-13	Full PE Kit, shin pads and gum shield
Netball	Mrs Savage	Sports hall	Yrs 7-13	Full PE Kit
Volleyball	Miss Collins	Sports hall	Yrs 7-13	Full PE Kit



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break Time	KS4 Football Old MUGA	KS3 Football Old MUGA	KS4 Football Old MUGA	KS3 Football Old MUGA	KS4 Football Old MUGA
Lunch Time	Year 7 and 10 Football Old MUGA	Year 8 and Year 9 Football Old MUGA	Year 10 and 11 Football Old MUGA	Year 8 and Year 9 Football Old MUGA	Year 7 and 10 Football Old MUGA
After School	Badminton 3:30-4:40pm Year 7 Sport Centre	Hockey 3:30-4:30pm Years 7-13 New MUGA	Volleyball 3:30-4:30pm Years 7-13 Sports Centre	Concert Band 3:30-4pm Po1 Year 7-13	Guitar Band 3:30-4pm Po1 Year 7-13
	Homework 3:30-4:30pm Year 7-13 L27	Rugby 3:30-4:30pm Years 7-9 Rugby Club	Woodwind Quartet (Invite only) 3:30-4:30pm Po1	Badminton 3:30-4:30pm Years 8-9 Sport Centre	Netball 3:30-4:40pm Year 7-13 New MUGA
	All clubs are free to attend.  To join in just turn up!  Sports representative teams have fixtures on various days. PE department will issue letters	STEMM Club 3:30-4:30pm Year 7-13 To1	Debate Club Week 2 3:30-4:30pm Year 7-13 L40	Code Club 3:30-4:30pm Year 7-13 To1 Starting 8th October	Basketball 3:30-4:30pm Years 7-13 Gym
				Drama Club 3:20-4:30pm Po2 Year 7-13	Badminton 3:30-4:40pm Year 10-13 Sport Centre
				Duke of Edinburgh Award Organise meetings at various time of the year See Mr Gray to sign up	Those who attend clubs will get classcharts points to spend in the reward store!
Breakfast Club- Tuesday 8:15-8:45am Café- Invite only by Mrs Holland					

This information is also available on our website:

[Personal Development, Clubs & Extra Curricular - Fakenham Academy](#)

**Some Important Information for the Next Half Term**

**Christmas Concert** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, starting at 6.30pm

**Staff Training Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025** – The school will be closed to students on this day.

**Christmas Panto** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

**Christmas Reward Party, Snowball (Year 7 & 8) Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5.30 – 7.30pm** - This will be an invitation event for all students who achieve above a 90% behaviour ratio and an attendance of 96% or better. This will be taken into account for all students between Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. This means that all students will have 4 weeks to gain these percentages.

**Christmas Jumper Day** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make this such a successful start to the academic year. We look forward to building on this strong foundation in the weeks ahead and seeing what our students can achieve in the next half term.

Kind Regards

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Year 7 Progress Leader