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Headteacher: Mr G Green

21 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, Year 9 is the time when students at Fakenham Academy make their Guided Choices to decide what subjects they would like to study in Year 10 and 11.

This letter outlines the initial process that will take place this academic year and the guidance and support that we have put in place for your child. An outline of the whole process is on the reverse of this letter.

On Thursday 30th January 2025, you and your child are invited into school to take part in a Careers, Information Advice and Guidance Evening. At this event, you will have the opportunity to listen to the possible courses that Fakenham Academy will offer next year and explore how these courses prepare your child for Post 16 courses, the world of work and for employment opportunities. You and your child will also have the opportunity to ask questions of staff regarding the courses that we could offer.

This event will be in the school hall with an address by Mr Marshall-Smith and Mr Green. There is also the chance to speak with subject leaders. There will be two opening addresses one at 5.30pm and one at 6.30pm. It is very important that you hear the opening address before speaking to teachers and tutors.

Therefore, please complete this form by Monday 13th January 2025 to indicate which address you will be attending:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YXXHBqgLyW>

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 30th January 2025 for the information evening where we can answer any questions you might have.

Yours sincerely

G. Green

G Green
Headteacher



Year 9 Guided Choices 2025

The process this year might well be different from your experience of this process in the past.

Pre-Decision Information

14th November - Careers event in school.

21st November - Parents' evening in school with teachers from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.

Report issued in January.

Stage 1 – Thursday 30th January

Careers information guidance and advice evening.

Students will follow a programme of Advice and Guidance during Enhancement time.

Stage 2 – Thursday 30th January to Friday 7th February

Survey to find out which courses students are interested in us running.

Stage 3 – Wednesday 26th February to Thursday 6th March

Making your actual Choices via an electronic form.

Discussions in school to ensure that students have chosen the correct courses for them.

Stage 4 - By April

Receiving your offer by letter.

Stage 5 - By the end of May

Discussion with Senior staff to finalise the courses you will follow in Year 10 and 11.

In previous years we have followed government guidance on the number of students studying the English Baccalaureate (this includes a language and a humanity), to ensure that our students can compete with the very best in terms of employment, apprenticeships and university places.

The current government guidance is for 90% of students to study for the EBacc by 2025, but there is currently a governmental review of this position, so we hope to be able to give you more details on this at the event on Thursday 30th January 2025.

At all stages staff will be on hand to answer questions and give guidance. By following this process, we are sure that all students will have a more personalised and appropriate curriculum at Fakenham Academy, leading to more and varied opportunities in the rest of their lives.