



FAKENHAM ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Introductory Statement

Fakenham Academy is a member of Sapientia Education Trust (SET). SET is the Admissions Authority. Admission to Fakenham Academy is regulated by this Admissions Policy which has been determined in accordance with the statutory School Admissions Code issued under section 84 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Norfolk County Council, the local authority, have responsibility for co-ordinating Year 7 admissions for the normal point of entry in September.

Admission number

The school has an admission number of 150 for entry into Year 7 in September 2026.

The school will accordingly admit this number of pupils if there are sufficient applications. Where fewer applicants than the published admission number for the relevant year group are received, the Academy Trust will offer places at the school to all those who have applied.

Application process

Norfolk County Council will process applications to join the school in Year 7 through their co-ordinated admissions process.

This means you will need to complete the LA common application form available at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>. Form.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Offers of places at the school will be made on 2 March 2026

Applications for entry other than at Year 7

Places may be available in other year groups where a pupil has withdrawn from the School. There is no guarantee that such places will be available in any particular year. In-year admission applications should be made through the School office in the first instance by contacting office@fakenhamacademy.org

Oversubscription criteria

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. First priority is given to candidates who are looked after or are previously looked after in accordance with paragraph 1.7 of the Schools Admission Code (September 2021).
2. Children who are due to transfer and live in the catchment area, as defined by the Local Authority.
3. Children who are due to transfer and have an older brother or sister attending the school at the time of admission. For the purposes of this criterion, siblings are defined as a brother or sister sharing at least one parent and who is normally resident at the same address. This includes adopted children and those living in the same home under a recognised fostering arrangement.
4. Children who are due to transfer and live outside of the catchment area and attend a feeder school at the opening of the admission round. The feeder schools are see Appendix 1.
5. Children of staff (includes support and teaching staff on a permanent contract) at the school where the member of staff is the legal parent / guardian of that child and:
 - (i) been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or
 - (ii) have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. All other children, with the highest priority given the children living nearest the school. Student distance will be measured on a straight line by the Local Authority Schools Admissions Office.

Tie-break

If a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, places will be allocated by random allocation undertaken by the local authority [or other body unconnected with the school].

Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all and, where necessary, exceed our PAN.

Late applications

All applications for entry into Year 7 received by the LA after the deadline will be considered to be late applications. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. If, following consideration of all applicants the school is oversubscribed, parents may request that their child is placed on the school's waiting list.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents may request that their child is admitted outside their normal age group. To do so parents should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested and the year group in which they wish their child to be allocated a place.

When such a request is made, the school will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent.

¹ A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

Waiting lists

Pupils who are unsuccessful in obtaining a Reception Year place will be maintained on a waiting list managed by the Local Authority until 31 December 2026.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

Appellants should contact the school by email for information on how to appeal; the email address is: office@fakenhamacademy.org

Information on the timetable for the appeals process is on the Norfolk County Council Website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/school-admission-appeals.

The closing date for appeals is 26 May 2026.

Fakenham Sixth Form

Admissions/Enrolment Policy for September 2025

Most applicants to the Sixth Form must choose between two levels of study:

- Level 2: equivalent to GCSE standard.
- Level 3: Advanced Level / Level 3 BTEC

To decide which is the appropriate level, applicants use their estimated GCSE grades.

Students who cannot enrol on Level 3 courses can complete a Level 2 course at the Sixth Form in one year.

A Level Entry Requirements

(All Level 3 courses comprise 2 years of studying)

GCSE Grades

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English and Maths), or BTEC Level 2.

Level 3 Applicants:

- Expected number of courses to commence in Year 12: 3 x A Levels plus EPQ or 3 x A Levels plus GCSE English/Maths resit.
- Students who enrol on Level 3 courses are expected to complete a minimum of three A Levels.

Level 3 Course Structure

Students **must** achieve at least grade 'E' (or equivalent) in a subject in the summer mock examinations to progress on to the second year of study.

All students are expected to study at least three 'A' Level courses (or equivalent) in the second year.

Specific Subject Requirements

Art / Photography

Subject requirements are a grade 5 or above at GCSE Art and Design or by portfolio.

Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Students should have gained at least a grade 5 in GCSE Maths and 6 in Biology/Chemistry/Physics as appropriate, or a grade 6 – 6 in Combined Science.

Business

ICT forms an essential part of portfolio writing and is a vital skill to success in this subject.

English Language

Students are required to have achieved a grade 5 or above in both English Literature and English Language at GCSE.

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Film and Media Studies

Students are required to have achieved a grade 4 or above in English at GCSE.

French

Students are required to have achieved a grade 5 or above in French GCSE.

Further Mathematics

Students will need to have achieved a grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics and also be studying A Level Mathematics.

Geography

Students will need to have achieved a grade 5 or above in GCSE Geography.

Health & Social Care

A grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language is beneficial.

History

A grade 5 or above in GCSE English and History or another humanities subject is recommended.

ICT

Students are required to have any five GCSEs at grade 5 or above or equivalent.

Mathematics

Students will need to have achieved a GCSE grade 5 or above in Maths on the Higher Tier paper.

Media Studies

Students should have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English.

Performing Arts

Students will need GCSE English grade 4 or above. GCSE Drama is desirable but not essential.

Philosophy and Ethics

A grade 5 or above in GCSE Humanities is required.

Psychology

Students are required to have achieved a grade 5 or above in English, Maths and Science GCSE.

Sociology

Students are required to have achieved a grade 5 or higher in English at GCSE.

Spanish

Students are required to have achieved a grade 5 or higher in Spanish GCSE

Sport Studies

Students need to be computer literate.

Textiles: Design and Technology

Students are required to have achieved a grade 4 or higher in Art and Design or a 4 grade in Textiles at GCSE.



Appendix 1 - Fakenham Academy Norfolk - Admissions

Principal: Mr Gavin Green

Address: Field Lane, Fakenham, NR21 9QT

Phone: 01328 862545

Website: <https://www.fakenhamacademynorfolk.org>

Age Range: 11-18

Children's Services Operational Division: North East

Children's Services CIN team: North

Published Admission Number

The following shows the number of places that are available for pre-16 within the academy by each year group:

- Year 7 – 150
- Year 8 – 150
- Year 9 – 150
- Year 10 – 150
- Year 11 – 150

There is no published admission number for post-16. Post 16 places may be limited due to curriculum subjects on offer. The Academy offers AS/A Levels and vocational provision.

Feeder Schools

The following schools feed students into the Academy:

Colkirk Church of England Primary Academy, Blenheim Park Academy, Fakenham Junior School, Fakenham Infant and Nursery School, Stibbard All Saints CE VA Primary, Little Snoring Community Primary Academy, Rudham Church of England Primary Academy, Sculthorpe Church of England Primary Academy, West Raynham Church of England Primary Academy.

Catchment Area

The following areas are served by the School:

Alethorpe, Bagthorpe, Bale, Barmer, Briningham, Brinton, Broomsthorpe, Colkirk, Coxford, Cranmer, Croxton, Doughton, Dunton, East Barsham, East Raynham, East Rudham, Fakenham, Fulmodeston, Gately, Great Ryburgh, Great Snoring, Guist, Gunthorpe, Helhoughton, Hempton, Hindolveston, Houghton St Giles, Hunworth, Kettlestone, Little Ryburgh, Little Snoring, North Barsham, Oxwick, Pattesley, Penshorpe, Pudding Norton, Sculthorpe, Sculthorpe Airfield, Sharrington, Shereford, South Raynham, Stibbard, Stody, Swanton Novers, Syderstone, Tatterford, Tattersett, Testerton, Thornage, Thursford, Toftrees, Twyford, West Barsham, West Raynham Airfield, West Raynham, West Rudham and Wood Norton.

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