



5th in Norfolk  
Top 7% in country



# FAKENHAM SIXTH FORM

## 2026/27 Prospectus



# Welcome

Fakenham Sixth Form has successfully provided post 16 education in North Norfolk for many years. **Our 2024 results placed us as fifth best post 16 results in Norfolk and in the top 7% of post 16 outcomes in the country.**

We provide a variety of courses, tailored towards a wide range of abilities and interests, in a dynamic and stimulating educational community. We emphasise participation and academic achievement. Our students make exceptional progress due to high quality teaching, excellent relationships between staff and students, and the high level of individual support offered.

Our enrichment programme offers students the opportunity to develop their interests and talents beyond the classroom. Student achievement and progress is good at Fakenham Sixth Form because of teachers having high expectations and excellent subject knowledge, developing students who are confident and self-assured learners

You are always welcome to visit the Sixth Form, please contact Mrs Harvey to arrange a visit on 01328 857012 or email:

**[sixthform@fakenhamacademy.org](mailto:sixthform@fakenhamacademy.org)**

We look forward to meeting you.





# FAKENHAM SIXTH FORM







# Our Ethos and Values

## Kind

We believe that being kind is a fundamental attribute and all staff and students demonstrate kindness to each other and our environment.

By emphasising kindness we are preparing our students for life in modern Britain knowing how to relate, interact, contribute and flourish as citizens.

Promoting and emphasising kindness ensures that all of our students enjoy their learning, take pride in their work and achieve highly.

## Ambitious

At Fakenham Sixth Form we encourage all students to be ambitious in their learning and in their aspirations and career goals. Our teachers are confident, expert practitioners, teaching personalised and engaging lessons to all students to help to raise student aspirations.

Our curriculum is rounded, offering students opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, to discover and develop their talents in order to meet their ambitions.

## Determined

All of our students are expected to be determined in order to overcome challenges they may face at Sixth Form and then in later life. We have the highest expectations of students and the behaviour they display. Our students are resilient, confident, independent learners and value the education they are provided with. They are determined to do the best they can at all stages of their learning.

Our vision is shared by all staff, and together we are responsible for upholding and promoting the values within it. Staff are supported at all levels by middle and senior leaders in their teaching, behaviour management, career development and wellbeing.

# Head of Sixth Form

Choosing a post 16 provider and qualifications can feel like a daunting task, but at Fakenham Sixth Form we aim to make this decision as easy as possible for you.

We are an experienced post 16 provider and pride ourselves on our values:

**Kind | Ambitious | Determined**

As a member of the Fakenham Sixth Form community you will receive a personalised learning experience. We offer a wide range of qualifications including A Levels, Level 3 BTECs and Level 2 courses, all to suit the needs and interests of a wide range of students.

You will pick the subjects that ignite curiosity in you, and you will receive excellent teaching in a dynamic and spirited environment.

As a Fakenham Sixth Form student you will receive individual support and guidance from our specialist Sixth Form Pastoral Support Tutor along with our friendly and approachable staff. You will be given advice to help you make important decisions about your future career and life after Sixth Form.

We have a highly qualified team of people who have expertise in a range of areas, meaning you will be well supported and challenged to ensure you excel in all you do with us.

It is important to us that Fakenham Sixth Form students demonstrate kindness within our community, whether this be through friends made, by running charitable events or by contributing to team activities throughout the year.

We look forward to meeting you soon at Fakenham Sixth Form

**Mrs Laura Marshall-Smith**  
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form





# Course Pathways

There are two pathways students can follow when studying at Fakenham Sixth Form. The pathways below indicate the typical entry requirements on each pathway, however, the entry requirements may be altered based on a student's circumstances.

## **Pathway A: A Level (Level 3)**

Students who achieve five or more 4-9 grades will complete three A Levels/ Level 3 BTECs and an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), over two years. Alongside these students will also attend registration, Supervised Study, Future Skills lessons, and Enrichment.

Some students may achieve grades 4-9 and therefore meet the entry requirements for Level 3 study but may not have gained a grade 4 in English or Mathematics. These students will complete 3 A Levels/ Level 3 BTEC and a GCSE resit in English or Mathematics.

## **Pathway B: Level 2 Access Pathway**

In previous years we have offered a Level 2 Access Pathway for students who gain grades 3 at GCSE to improve GCSE grades and develop skills needed to move on to a Level 3 pathway. We are currently reviewing our level 2 provision and will confirm whether we will be able to offer a Level 2 Pathway once the government have finalised the curriculum review.







# Course List

A-Level: Art & Design: Fine Art

A-Level: Biology

A-Level: Business

A-Level: Chemistry

A-Level: Computer Science

A-Level: Drama and Theatre

A-Level: English Language OR A-Level: English Language and Literature

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Courses and the availability of courses may change due to the government curriculum review and student applications.

A-Level: Film Studies

A-Level: Further Mathematics

A-Level: Geography

A-Level: History

A-Level: Maths

A-Level: Philosophy and Ethics

A-Level: Photography

A-Level: Physics

A-Level: Psychology

A-Level: Sociology

A-Level: Spanish OR A-Level: French

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music

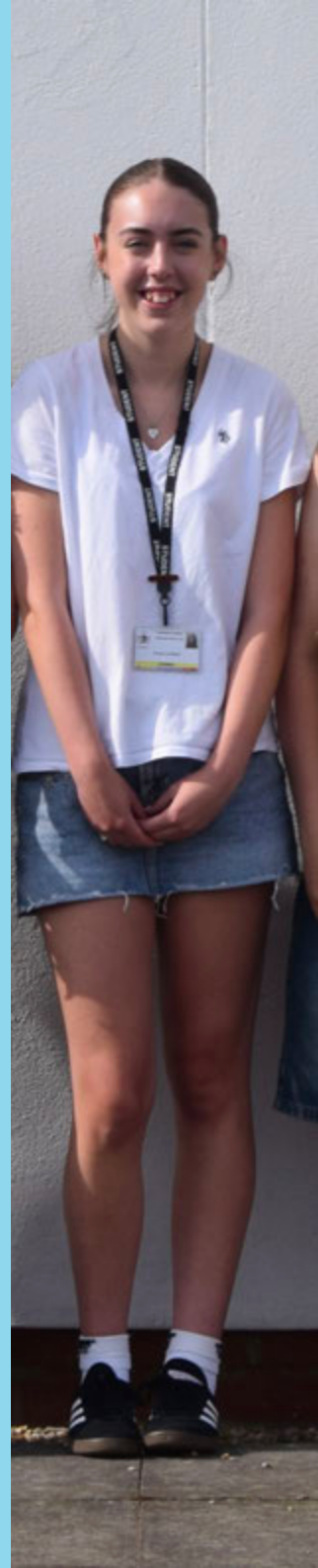
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: Sport

Applied Criminology: Level 3 Extended Project Qualification

Level 3: Core Maths

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# Sixth Form Life and Personal Development

At Fakenham Sixth Form we believe that sixth form life is not only about academic success but also about developing the skills and attributes needed to be happy and successful in society. Our personal development programme is delivered in a variety of fun and exciting ways to encourage students to develop confidence and resilience. See below.

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## Future Skills

Future Skills lessons are scheduled twice a fortnight. Lessons are designed to support students' personal development and prepare them for living independently, in the wider world. Our three core themes of 'health and wellbeing', 'relationships' and 'living in the wider world' ensure students prepare for adulthood.



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## Enrichment Programme

An important part of Sixth Form life is taking part in enrichment activities which widen experience, cultural knowledge and horizons. We have a variety of sessions to choose from such as debating, Amnesty International, self-defence, magic moments and medical ethics to name a few. The activities and opportunities vary slightly from year to year.

## Leadership Opportunities - Sixth Form Student Council

The Sixth Form Student Council representatives are elected by students at the end of the Autumn term. The council represents the Sixth Form at promotional events and provides a voice for the students in the running of the Sixth Form. Council members organise social events which contribute to the friendly ethos of the Sixth Form.



## Trips, Visits and Rewards

We believe that educational visits help support wellbeing and the students' academic progress. Trips are normally organised within departments or as a whole year group. Some of the more recent trips include Cambridge Cultural day, Bramley Lakes, Iceland, Auschwitz and UCAS events. The Drama Team have organised several Theatre trips to see a variety of productions including Everybody's Talking About Jamie and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. At Fakenham Sixth Form we believe it is really important to celebrate success. Recently we have rewarded students by taking the whole sixth form to the cinema to watch a Christmas film, an Easter egg hunt and a summer barbecue.

## Work Experience

All Year 12 students are required to complete a two-week work experience placement in July. This provides important opportunities for students to learn and practise new skills, increase their confidence and enable them to find out if their chosen career is for them. Work experience also provides valuable content for UCAS applications and CVs, making individuals more desirable to universities and employers.



# Sixth Form Life and Personal Development

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## Volunteering

One of our core values as a Sixth Form is Kindness. Therefore, we encourage all our students to take part in volunteering to give back to the community. This can be done in classes at the Academy or in the wider community such as in charity shops, care homes or youth groups to name a few.



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## Ambition Group

As part of our commitment to supporting students to meet their goals, we run Ambition Group. In the group we look at the requirements needed for a place at the Oxbridge colleges, how to advance using super curricular activities and how to excel during the application process for Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. All students are welcome to attend this informal group.

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## Assemblies & Guest Speakers

We have a wide range of visiting speakers who address local and national issues. Previous guests have included: HSBC, The Money charity, Everyone's Active, Holkham Estate, Police Road Safety Awareness Team, Pathways Apprenticeships, Larkin Gowen, Terrence Higgins Trust, Question Time with local politicians and many more!







## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an independent research task and involves students either writing an extended essay of 5,000 words or creating a product with an accompanying shorter essay of 1,000 words. It is a great qualification to take alongside three A Levels / BTECs. The EPQ allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university, apprenticeships, or their future career. It is worth half an A-level so can be used to earn extra UCAS points for university or simply to allow students to study a topic of their choice.

## Norfolk Higher Aspirations Programme

The Norfolk Higher Aspirations Scheme is a fantastic resource that supports students' academic achievement. They run virtual and face to face subject-specific sessions and support applications to university and apprenticeships. The Higher Aspiration Scheme gives students the best tools to make competitive applications to universities of their choice such as Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. There are a wide range of events and trips that all students in the Sixth Form are encouraged to take part in.



## Careers

At Fakenham Sixth Form students are given lots of support and guidance when thinking about their post-18 destinations. We do this through 1:1 careers meetings, visiting universities, guest speakers from a wide range of employment sectors and online tutorials on our careers platform, Unifrog. We know that good careers advice is vital for students to make the right decisions about their future.



# Applications, Admissions and Key Dates

## Fakenham Sixth Form Open Evening

**Wednesday 1st October 2025 6pm–8pm**

A fantastic opportunity to meet students and staff to discuss your post 16 options.

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## Fakenham Sixth Form Taster Day

**Wednesday 12th November 2025**

Come and experience what it is like to be a student at Fakenham Sixth Form; exciting lessons taught by excellent teachers in a welcoming and friendly environment. Try out your preferred subject choices from our wide range of courses.

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## Applications open

**9th September 2025**

Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday 31st January 2026.

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## Induction Day

**Thursday 2nd July 2026**

During the summer term applicants are asked to attend Fakenham Sixth Form Induction Day on Thursday 2nd July 2026, to help with the transition from GCSE to Level 3 study. Students will be given resources such as summer tasks, to complete before starting Year 12. Induction Day is also a chance to make new friends, meet our sixth form team and have a wonderful time.

## Enrolment

### Thursday 20th August 2026

Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day on Thursday 20th August 2026, at Fakenham Sixth Form. Students will receive information about enrolment on Induction Day.

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### Year 12 'Preparing for Success at Sixth Form' Evening

To ensure all students make a great start to Year 12, parents and carers are invited to meet the sixth form team, at an event in September.

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If you have any questions or would like further information, please email [sixthform@fakenhamacademy.org](mailto:sixthform@fakenhamacademy.org)

"Thank you to you and all the staff for the care and support you have given my child. Thanks to all the care my child has received she now believes that she can achieve her dreams. I would recommend Fakenham Sixth Form without hesitation." **Parent**







# Student Profiles

**STUDENT NAME:** Zanzi Pearce

**SECONDARY SCHOOL:** Fakenham Academy

**SUBJECTS:** Biology, Geography and Maths

## **Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?**

I looked at lots of different sixth forms around my area, even looking into some specialist colleges in Norwich. However, I concluded that Fakenham Sixth Form was the right fit for me as I already knew I was comfortable with my teachers, it offered all the subjects I wanted to take, and it had lovely community feel. There was also lots of other cool opportunities like EPQ, Sixth Form Council, school trips and much more.

## **What I value most about Fakenham Sixth Form?**

There are many things I value about Fakenham, some of the unique opportunities it offers is the close community feel, a quiet study room which offers an excellent place to work productively,

lots of wonderful subject specific trips, the small class sizes allow teachers to offer targeted work and there is also opportunity to be a part of the Sixth Form Council.

## **My plans for the future**

When I leave sixth form I am hoping to go to the University of Plymouth or Southampton to study a 3-year marine biology course. After attending university, I would like to pursue a career in marine biology and conservation, hopefully doing lots of practical research work all over the world.

**STUDENT NAME:** Nash Cooper

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL:** Fakenham Academy

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**SUBJECTS:** English Language, Mathematics,  
Business Studies

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**Why did I choose**

**Fakenham Sixth Form?**

There were a number of reasons why the choice for me to enrol here was an easy decision. Firstly, the ease of travel was a determining factor. I did not see the point in myself wasting most of my mornings and evenings travelling to a college far away. Secondly, for my subjects I knew I was guaranteed top quality teachers, and personalised teaching. Within lessons you feel a sense of inclusiveness and personalisation. Finally, students are supported, and we have freedom. With study periods, and no uniform, Fakenham Sixth Form is a perfect mix of University and Secondary School.

**What I value most about Fakenham Sixth Form?**

The Sixth Form staff are

brilliant. I appreciate all the support that is on offer and all my teachers are exceptional. The small class sizes allow them to designate a lot of time into helping you flourish.

**My plans for the future**

I plan on becoming a travel journalist after sixth form and hope to get a Degree/Level 5 Apprenticeship where I work and get a degree in my chosen field. With all that is ongoing across the world, my dream is to travel to and give a true understanding of what is happening. It's going to take a lot of hard work, but Fakenham Sixth Form has provided me with the support that has strengthened my perception on the steps I need to take, boosting my confidence that I can become successful in the industry.





# Student Profiles

**STUDENT NAME:** [Hannah Fletcher](#)

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL:** [Litcham High School](#)

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**SUBJECTS:** [History](#), [Biology](#), [Psychology](#)

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**Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?**

I chose Fakenham sixth because it is a smaller sixth form which means everyone knows each other, which allows for more one on one time with your teachers which allows you to improve further in my studies and skills.

**What I value most about Fakenham Sixth Form?**

I value my friends and the opportunities that Fakenham Sixth Form offers. These have included trips to Norfolk Law courts and Auschwitz. Other opportunities I have taken part in include enrichment in which I learned to cook on a budget, and I have

spent time supporting the Fakenham Academy cricket club.

**My plans for the future**

In the future I want to go to university and study diagnostic radiography. Once I've got my degree I want to travel the world, working in radiography in lots of different countries learning the cultures of the world.



**STUDENT NAME:** Rordan Akers

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL:** Alderman Peel High School

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**SUBJECTS:** English Literature, Psychology, Film Studies

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**Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?**

During my application process, I found that compared to other Sixth Forms, Fakenham was far more friendly and supportive. It's also my local Sixth Form, which made it extremely convenient. On top of that, I had heard amazing things about the Psychology teacher, which really influenced my decision as it's a subject I'm passionate about. Thankfully, what I heard was not unfounded. The other teachers are just as dedicated and passionate, which has really helped me enjoy and engage with my subjects.

**What I value most about Fakenham Sixth Form?**

What I really value about Fakenham Sixth form is that the teachers genuinely care about you as both a student and a person. There is a strong sense of community in the Sixth Form, which makes it an amazing place to learn.

**My plans for the future**

Whilst I am unsure of any of any future jobs I wish to pursue, I currently aspire to continue studying Psychology into University, hopefully at either Durham University or Warwick University.





# Student Profiles

**STUDENT NAME:** [Finley Challis](#)

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL:** [Homeschooled](#)

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**SUBJECTS:** [Drama](#), [English Literature](#), [History](#)

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## **Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?**

I decided to come to Fakenham Sixth Form as it was within my local area and because of the Sixth Form's dedication to academic excellence; which was my foremost priority.

I also wanted to achieve the best grades I possibly can and I believe that Fakenham Sixth Form, was the best environment for me to accomplish that.

## **What I value most about Fakenham Sixth Form?**

Fakenham Sixth Form has given me the opportunity to be taught and encouraged by teachers who are experts in their fields: with most of my subjects being taught by two teachers. This has allowed me to garner a broader view and understanding of my

topics and wider subjects as a whole.

## **My plans for the future**

My plan after Sixth Form, is to above all, enjoy my summer; but after that my intention is to go to university to study Law. I've recently acquired a passionate fascination for the subject, and it is one which I hope to foster at university. However, I'm uncertain what I want to do after my degree, whether I would continue with law, and attempt to make a career for myself out of it, or pursue other options. I've always wanted to be a writer, and my time studying English Literature has really fostered that ability, so perhaps I'll follow that passion and see where it leads me.

**STUDENT NAME:** Aimee Lombard

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**SECONDARY SCHOOL:** Reepham High School

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**SUBJECTS:** Psychology, Criminology, Sociology

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**Why did I choose Fakenham Sixth Form?**

I chose Fakenham Sixth Form for its wide range of courses available it had the subjects I wanted to study. However, I also found that upon visiting the sixth form multiple times, there were friendly and supportive staff who showed enthusiasm in answering any questions. Another reason I chose Fakenham Sixth Form is because it was clear each teacher feels passionately about their subject or role, and this is evident from the start of the year and follows through until the end.

**What I value most about Fakenham Sixth Form?**

I personally value Fakenham Sixth Form's support system, where no matter your issue, big or small, there will always be someone to support you

in the best way they can. I also value that Fakenham Sixth Form is involved and integrated in the local community, with events hosted inside and out of the school. This enables students to create and build relationships which can enhance their professional profiles, which is important for later in their educational journey.

**My plans for the future**

My plans when I finish my A Levels are to go to university and study forensic psychology and take this further into a career. I wish to gain as much placement experience as I can and build relationships with as many people as possible in forensic psychology. Whilst my plans are vague as of now, I aim to build upon them as I move on with my life.





# Sixth Form Destinations

With the support and guidance of Fakenham Sixth Form, our students study exciting courses all over the country. You could too!

## Local Apprenticeships and Employment

Larking Gowen Accountants  
AAT

West Norfolk Electrical Engineering  
Industrial Electrician

PRS Surveys Ltd  
Civil Engineering

Active Education  
Sports Assistant

Aviva  
Apprenticeship

Full Time Employment  
Brancaster Golf Club

Full Time Employment  
Swanton Care Centre

Lancaster University  
Lancaster University  
Biology

University of Central Lancashire  
University of Central Lancashire  
Fashion Design

University of Liverpool  
University of Liverpool  
Psychology

Bangor University  
Bangor University  
Zoology

Harper Adams University  
Harper Adams University  
Animal Health and Welfare

Birmingham City University  
Birmingham City University  
Sports and Exercise

University of Worcester  
University of Worcester  
Cricket Coaching & Management  
(Integrated Masters)

Norland College  
Norland College  
Early Years & Child Development

University of Brighton  
University of Brighton  
Psychology  
Photography

# Key

- 2022–2023
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Leeds Beckett University  
Psychology

Central Lancashire

Liverpool

Nottingham Trent University  
Forensic science  
Aerospace Engineering (MEng)  
Natural Sciences/Physics

University of Lincoln  
Business Psychology  
Graphic Design  
Bioveterinary Science

University of Northampton  
Primary Education with QTS (5–11)

University of Warwick  
Physics

University of Hertfordshire  
Biomedical and Healthcare Science

University of Reading  
Classical Studies

University of Portsmouth  
Nursing

University of Brighton  
Journalism  
Sport and Exercise Science  
Computer Science (G403)

Leeds Beckett University  
Psychology

Bishop Grosseteste University  
Sport & Psychology  
Archeology and History  
English Literature  
Psychology and Education Studies  
BSc (Hons) Sports, Coaching & Physical Education  
Military History

University of Lincoln  
Business Psychology  
Graphic Design  
Bioveterinary Science  
Politics and Social policy  
Criminology  
Sports and Exercise Science  
Creative Advertising  
Physical Education and Sport  
Psychology  
Geography BSc

University Centre West Anglia  
Early Childhood Studies

Norwich University of the Arts  
Illustration  
Photography  
Animation

UEA  
Broadcast and Multimedia Journalism  
Business management  
Computer Science  
English Literature  
Foundation course  
Philosophy  
Psychology

City College Norwich  
CCN  
Art foundation

Essex University  
Psychology

King's College London  
Neuroscience BSc

Cambridge University – Jesus College  
History





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