

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

You will no doubt by now have absorbed your son's report, issued at the end of the last academic year and reported to you via Interim Assessment Report 4 (IAR 4). Just to remind you IAR 4 was based on your son's performance in his Year 10 full year examinations. You will also remember that on the 8th September 2017, I contacted you to explain the admissions criteria for your son into our Sixth Form for September 2018. To remind you, that criteria is as follows:

- He will need to accrue at least 52 points from his 8 best GCSE grades (where numerical grades are scored at face value and A\*=9, A=7, B=6). New grades below 6 and old grades below B do not contribute to this points score. Short course GCSEs may be included within this calculation. For example, a student needs 4 x level 7 and 4 x level 6 to enter 6<sup>th</sup> form or any other combination that equates to 52 points or more. The student's results may include some legacy GCSE's e.g. 4As, 3Bs and a 6 scores 52 points.
- He must achieve at least GCSE Grade 5 in English and Mathematics.
- He must achieve at least GCSE Grade B or 6 in subjects to be taken at AS Level (or, in the case of new subjects, in related subject areas).

You will note that, according to the above criteria, if your son were to replicate his Year 10 exam performance in his GCSE examinations next summer, he would fail to gain a place in our Sixth Form. I must emphasise that rectifying this situation requires focus and planning now; at the end of this week, I will be contacting you again with an invitation to an information and advice evening, taking place on **Thursday 4th October**, designed to support Year 11 students as they prepare for their mock examinations just after the February half term. Additionally, form tutors, departmental leaders and myself will be assessing your son's need for further support as we proceed through this most vital of academic year for your son.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance at this stage and I do hope that you will be able to attend our information evening on the 4th October 2017.

Yours faithfully

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