

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Your son completed his Year 10 examinations during the latter part of the last academic year. These were reported to parents as part of IAR 4. This is therefore an opportune moment to remind you of the criteria for progression into the school's Sixth Form, based on his GCSE performance. You will remember from previous correspondence that your son's year group is to be assessed at GCSE using a numerical system for most subjects, whilst letter grades will continue to be awarded for some subjects.

Art	9-1	Geography	9-1
Biology	9-1	German	9-1
Business Studies	A*-G	Graphics	A*-G
Chemistry	9-1	History	9-1
Citizenship	9-1	ICT	A*-G
Computer Science	9-1	Maths	9-1
Drama	9-1	Music	9-1
Economics	A*-G	P.E.	9-1
Electronics	A*-G	Physics	9-1
English Language	9-1	R.S.	9-1
English Literature	9-1	Spanish	9-1
French	9-1		

To gain entry into the Sixth Form, we have told your son:

- 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 6th form or any other combination that equates to 52 points or more. The students 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).



A key point I feel that I should emphasise, in addition to the above criteria, is that any student wishing to gain entry to our over-subscribed Sixth Form is expected to display an appropriate level of maturity in his general conduct and commitment to the school's ethos throughout Key Stage 4. We have been giving guidance to Year 10 on this important aspect.

The process of application for a place in the school's Sixth Form begins in September of Year 11; your son's mock examinations will take place in the two weeks following February Half Term.

We are of course working to support all our Year 10 pupils so that they are ready for the next phase of their educational career, but naturally if you have any particular concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Cornall'.

Mr G Cornall
Leader of Key Stage 4, Year Leader Year 11