

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Year 7 Parents,

I hope your son is looking forward to starting SHSB in September, we are all very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 pupils. It was fantastic to meet lots of the year group at summer school and see them interact in new groups with their peers and teachers.

You should have already received a letter from Dr Bevan which outlines the school day, travel and Covid guidelines.

To ease any possible anxiety over the next week and for further organisation on the first days, I outline below some additional information that you and your son may find useful, giving answers to commonly asked questions and information regarding your son's first lessons.

I hope to have answered many of your queries within this letter but if you have any further questions please do contact enquiries@shsb.org.uk and we will aim to respond as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rivers
Leader of Year 7



First Day

Your son's first day is **Thursday 2nd September** and the day will run as follows for Year 7:

8.30 – 8.40: Register on main playground with Form Tutor and prefects

8.40– 9.00: Assembly with Mrs Rivers and Mr Brandon

9.00-10.20: Tutor Time- Activities including timetable, photographs, tour of the site etc

10.20-11.00: Break time

11.00-12.00: Lesson 2a

12.00-12:50: Lesson 2b

12.50-14.00: Lunchtime

14.00-14.30: Registration

14.30-15.30: Lesson 3

15.30: Depart school – please ensure your son knows how to get home

Please note, from Friday 3rd onwards, the timetable will be a full day and students should pack their bags for lessons 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b and 3. Please note that lessons 1a and 1b and 2a and 2b will sometimes be a 'double' lesson.

Timetable and lessons

All students will be issued their timetable within tutor time on the first day.

The following groups will need to bring their **PE kit** on Thursday 2nd September: **7ST1, 7ST2, 7EA1, 7EA3.**

The following form groups will have Food Technology on Friday 3rd September; **7EA2 and 7ST3.**

Please can the following be brought in where possible: Container, which is water tight, to take home food, 200ml of fruit juice (any flavour), 3-5 different fruits (preferably an assorted range of colours and types) and an apron (aprons are available if you do not have one).

PE and Kit Organisation

Please place your son's name on all items of his kit. This is best done with fabric pens, sharpie pens or sewn/ stick on labels. PE kit is expensive and if we are able to easily identify and return misplaced kit it will save money and prevent anxiety! We ask that your son brings in **all parts of his PE kit initially** as the PE department will explain to them what kit is needed and when. This includes towel, socks and trainers/boots.

Music Lessons

Please also note that for music lessons your son will always need to bring a set of personal earphones/headphones with him. Wireless headphones will not work with our technology.

Organisation

Students are advised to pack their bags the night before and will only need equipment for their lessons that day in their school bag. They do not need to pack everything! Personal equipment should not be shared between pupils so please ensure your son has everything he needs such as: pens, pencils, glue, rubber, ruler, colouring pencils, compass and protractor.

Cashless Card System

We use a cashless card system at Southend High School for Boys and your son will receive his card during his first tutor session. You should have already had the Wisepay details e-mailed to you. If your son wants to purchase food at break or lunch please ensure that their card is sufficiently 'topped up'.

Misplaced Items

Occasionally your son will forget something. This may be PE Kit or Food Technology ingredients. If you decide to bring the items to the school, please leave them at the Main Office, where they will be placed to one side ready for your son to collect at his next available opportunity. The office staff are unable to deliver in person the specific item and it is the responsibility of your son to ensure he comes to the Main Office to collect anything.

School Calendar

The school calendar is a very important document and is already available on the school website. We encourage you to look at this to help organise your school year.