

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

Thank you: Covid home-testing

Even before the start of term, I am writing to thank you all for your exceptional support in working with us for the start of the new term. A week ago, I wrote to you and explained, "... – every pupil must complete the required two lateral flow tests at home: once, on Thursday 26th August, and then, a second time on Tuesday 31st August. [To ...] ensure uninterrupted educational provision from the start of term. We need every family to support us: every pupil to undertake two tests before term resumes." Our survey data has confirmed a very high level of compliance: please remember to supervise the second test, if appropriate, no later than today.

Term resumes tomorrow and pupil arrival times/details remain unaltered from my letter – August 23rd. (Year 7 - 08.30; Year 12 - 09:30; all others – 10:00. All year groups finish – 15:30.)

Welcome: new staff and appointments

At the end of last term we announced a small number of retirements: the school continues to benefit from an exceptionally stable and experienced team of staff. In addition, we are increasing the scale of provision in Science at A-level, and the number of teachers, in response to exceptional levels of demand: our school Sixth Form remains the largest and most successful in the area.

We welcome two experienced subject leaders – **Mr Hill** and **Mr Dowding** – who have been appointed to lead the Science and Mathematics departments respectively. **Miss Heggie** comes new to the Physics department. **Mr Reynolds** (Physics) and **Mr Ryan** (Business Studies) resume full-time teaching roles. Finally, we are able to confirm that **Mr Baines** is succeeding Mr Cornall, as Director of Key Stage 4.

The school is fully-staffed and colleagues enthused by the prospect of the term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Robin M. Bevan
Headteacher

