

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Year 7 Parents,

Congratulations on a successful first few weeks of Year 7. I am very impressed at how seamlessly the boys have settled into the demands of the classroom, made new friends and learnt the school routines. It has been a pleasure to get to know the Year Group and I have had numerous teachers come and tell me how wonderful their Year 7 classes are.

Break Times and Clubs

Currently, Year 7 have use of their own astro turfed area during break and lunchtime. They can now, in addition, use the rest of the school's playground and fields at their leisure at these times.

We are really encouraging boys to attend as many clubs as they can as they begin to start up again after a long period of not being able to run. This really helps with making friends, socialising and keeping your son occupied for the lunch break.

Next week, we are introducing a new 'club card' to our KS3 students. Boys will be awarded with house credits for attending and trying clubs. Their tutors will explain more on this. The club timetable is being finalised and will be displayed in your sons form room to check. Boys will also be able to find out more about clubs via their form tutors.

Lastly, it has been fantastic to see lots of the boys starting to attend the many sports clubs on offer. As a reminder, it would be a good idea for students to eat the bulk of their lunch at break time or buy something portable/cold from the canteen at break time so they do not miss training.

Homework

Most homework will be set on ShowMyHomework (SatchelOne) and teachers will explain in the description when the work is due and how to hand it in. If there are issues accessing this, your son should go to the ICT hub to get further help logging in. Your son should not spend more than 20 minutes on a piece of homework (unless they really want to).



Behaviour Tracking and Data

Please do keep an eye on your son's **Go4Schools** page as this will show his Sanctions and Rewards from the moment they are set. I am proud to say that currently the year group have no outstanding sanctions and we are in the lead for positive behaviour points, well done for getting all of those House Credits!

Library

We have a fantastic space where your son can work before school (from 8am) break times and after school (Monday-Thursday 4.30, Friday 4.00). We have plenty of work spaces and computers that can be used to complete homework, reading etc. Your son can also access our "e library". This is available on the "VLeBooks" tile on RM Unify and it has many fantastic resources and books to read.

Lost Property

We have had a huge amount of lost items in year 7 this year. To help us with the challenge of getting these items back to their owners in the future, we ask that you can check that all items of uniform, PE kit, lunch boxes and pencil cases are labelled. We have a lost property in reception and stray PE kit is often left outside of the PE office. Your son should also use his locker where possible to stop extra bags and belongings being left in classrooms/marquee.

Contacting us

For any general school queries please email enquiries@shsb.org.uk and we will aim to respond as soon as we can.

Many thanks,



Mrs H. Rivers

Leader of Year 7