

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

### Thank you: Covid home-testing

May I repeat our appreciation for your support of the home-testing programme for all students. So far, this term, positive LFTs have helped to identify a small but significant number of students who have then attended for a PCR: in doing so, we are able to keep the levels of transmission within school to a minimum.

### Covid Vaccinations

Schools have been asked to make their premises available for the NHS school immunisation service to administer Covid vaccinations for those aged 12-15. Schools are being visited in turn; we are awaiting confirmation of a date when this will happen at SHSB. The NHS will, in due course, be providing literature to explain the vaccination offer and the process of parental consent. As with all vaccinations given on the school site by the NHS, all decisions regarding immunisation will be made by qualified NHS personnel.

### 11+ examinations

Over the weekend – Saturday and Monday – the school hosted two ‘Covid secure’ sittings of the 11+ with almost 600 boys assigned to our site. Thank you to parents for accommodating the additional day, which was required under the DfE guidance. Thank you also to the very large number of Sixth Form students who attended in support of the candidates, providing a welcome, encouragement and help as needed. It was a superb example of our school community ‘at its best’!

### Key Stage 3 prizegiving

Our first formal event of the year takes place tomorrow, in the school hall. The Chair of Governors will be presenting the awards at our annual Key Stage 3 Prizegiving that celebrates the efforts, accomplishments and achievements of the pupils who were in Years 7-9 last year. There is so much success to be applauded: so many challenges overcome! A ‘live stream’ broadcast of the ceremony will be open for parents of last year’s KS3 pupils to watch online.



## **House football**

Over the course of the coming week, 'round robin' House football competitions will see almost every pupil in the school engaged as every House is required to field, in each year group, an A, B, C and D team! I am personally looking forward to announcing the results and presenting year group trophies, immediately after the final matches. This will be a very popular and eagerly contested opening round in the inter-House championship.

## **Non-pupil day: staff development**

In line with the published school calendar, we have arranged one of the five statutory non-pupil days, for staff development, to take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. There will be no lessons that day or provision for activities on site.

## **Harvest assemblies and collection**

For many years the school has made an active commitment, at Harvest time, to collecting and donating food items and other specified goods to HARP, Southend's local charity for the homeless. This year is no different and we hope all pupils will respond to the requests from their tutors: so we can exceed the generosity of previous years, at a time when the need is acute. Thank you.

As term progresses, I look forward to writing with news of more school activities and events.

Yours sincerely,



Robin M. Bevan  
Headteacher