

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I would like to congratulate members of Year 11 for a purposeful and enthusiastic start to the new school year, a vital pre-requisite for ultimate GCSE success. An additional major priority for your son during this term will be to decide on what he should do after his GCSE examinations. Our efforts this term are designed to guide all pupils towards sensible, well-informed decisions and to ensure a smooth transition into the Sixth Form for those for whom it is appropriate. (Pupils who wish to stay on need to be demonstrating **now** a level of maturity and commitment suitable for study in an academic Sixth Form.) Whilst it may seem rather early to start this process, a speedy resolution of such decisions will allow your son to focus fully on his GCSE preparation throughout the rest of the academic year.

Attached is the post-16 proposals sheet. I am asking that over the next three weeks you and your son complete this document and return it by **Friday 27th September 2019**. I must stress that these choices are provisional; we will ask for a final choice to be made by **Monday 2nd December 2019**. Our ability to accommodate any change of mind thereafter will depend on the availability of remaining places. However, before then, your son will receive guidance and counselling to assist him in the process, including careers advice and information in Year assemblies particularly focusing on new subjects at AS level. There will also be a Year 11 GCSE preparation evening to be held on **Thursday 3rd October 2019**, I will be providing details about this in the very near future. Additionally, the Open Evening for next year's prospective Year 12 will be held on **Thursday 7th November 2019**. The Year 11 Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 27th January 2020**. (I shall write to you further about these dates later in the term). You might like to note that the Year 11 mock exams will take place from **Monday 24th February to Wednesday 4th March 2020**.

Consequently, key dates for Year 11 are:

<b>Friday 27th September</b>	<b>Return of Provisional Post-16 proposals sheet</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd October</b>	<b>GCSE Preparation Evening</b>
<b>Thursday 7th November</b>	<b>Prospective Sixth Form Open Evening</b>
<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	<b>Final Sixth Form Choices return</b>
<b>Monday 27th January</b>	<b>Year 11 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	<b>Mock exams commence</b>

*I should stress that failure to return your provisional choices sheet will be treated as an indication that you do not intend to seek a place in our Sixth Form.*

Yours sincerely

Mr G Cornall  
Director of Key Stage 4

