

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

The parents' evening for parents of Year 8 pupils will take place on **Monday 31st January 2022**.

All appointments will take place via video call. Your participation in the evening is dependent on access to a computer, smartphone or other device that has internet access and a working camera/microphone. The video consultations are **exclusively** via the same appointment booking software we have always used for parents' evenings, access to which is outlined below.

Video appointments will take place from **4.30pm to 7.00pm** and your son's teachers will be available for consultation between those times. Since this is the opportunity for dialogue between you, your son, and his teacher, **you are strongly advised to have your son with you during the appointments**. It remains at the discretion of individual members of staff whether a pupil should be present for all or only part of an interview.

From Tuesday, 18th January, teachers may book an appointment to see you and you will receive an email confirming any appointments made. Please ensure that you see the teacher(s) concerned at the time(s) indicated. If you are unable to be present at that time, please indicate this using the "add message" box on the online booking system. **Please do not respond to the email.**

The booking system will be available for you to make appointments on-line from **7pm on Monday 24th January and will close on Thursday 27th January at 7pm**. All Year 8 teachers are on the booking system. To ensure a smooth and effective parents evening, you are **limited to eight appointments per pupil**, and the bookings will be available on a first come first served basis. **Please note that appointments do get booked up very quickly.**

Please use your son's IAR data to influence your decisions regarding the teachers you wish to see. **There is a strong possibility that you will not be able to book all eight of your preferred teachers as they have limited availability.** If you do not get to book appointments with all 8 of your preferred teachers, or if on the night you experience technical difficulties, we ask that you e-mail enquiries@shsb.org.uk after the event to seek feedback from the relevant teacher.

As you know, all the information about the Options Process is on the dedicated Year 8 platform on our website. The deadline for returning your son's Options choice form is 8th February. Please use the parents' evening to consult with your son's teachers about his options moving into Year 9.

Once you have made all of your bookings, you will receive an email confirming all your appointments. On the evening before the start of your first appointment, log in to the parents evening booking system, and click on the 'join video' appointments button. When it is time for your appointment, you will see a button that says



'start appointment'. Each appointment will last 5 minutes and there will be a countdown on the screen so that you know how much time you have left. Once this appointment is finished, you can press the 'start appointment' button when the next appointment is available. Please follow this link for full instructions on attending video appointments <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>. These instructions also show you how to invite another parent/guardian to the meeting (see point 6 in the link).

Please visit <https://southendforboys.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointment. (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter.) Login with the following information:

Student's First Name: Forename
Student's Surname: Surname
Students Date of Birth: DD/MM/YYYY

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office.

Appointments are for 5 minutes. If we are unable to answer your concern on the evening, we shall of course ensure the matter is addressed subsequently.

If you know now that you will be unable to take part on the evening please let us know, by e-mail to enquiries@shsb.org.uk. If circumstances on the day itself prevent you from being available, please also let us know by e-mail.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J L Brandon
Director of Key Stage 3