

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We are now approaching the time when your son will be asked to make his option choices, selecting subjects that he wishes to study in Year 9.

Our Options booklet is available at this link <https://anyflip.com/eccou/vjrr/> Please look at the Options booklet with your son and discuss the options available with him.

We will shortly be starting a series of drama taster sessions and we have set up a dedicated Year 8 Options area on our website, which includes some presentations on the subjects that your son can choose.

You can use the link below and then add the username and password.

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/page/?title=Year+8+Parents+Area&pid=123>

Username; year8parents@shsb.org.uk

Password; y8access

I would urge you to watch the presentations with your son and discuss the options available to him using his IAR report as an aid to your dialogue. It is vital that your son selects subjects that he is doing well in and that he enjoys. He should also choose subjects that he thinks might be useful to any future career path he is considering at this time.

Once your son is ready to make his option choices, please go to this link: [Year 8 Options Form](#) to complete the form. I would encourage your son not to complete the options choice form until he has watched the information presented from each department and looked through the booklet.

There are some key dates in the Spring Term in relation to the options process, which are listed below. It is important that these are adhered to as we need to ensure that all the processes of timetabling can be completed in preparation for the start of the new academic year. We will do our best to allocate your son his first choice preferences. *It is possible, however, that we will not be able to accommodate late applicants.*

13 th January	IAR 2 report is available online to parents
31 st January	Year 8 Parents Evening
8 th February	DEADLINE for submitting Options Form



Please do not hesitate to contact the school by e-mail on enquiries@shsb.org.uk if you require any further guidance or support in relation to the options process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J L Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr J L Brandon
Leader of Key Stage 3