

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer,

Following the release of IAR3 this week, I am writing to you regarding study leave arrangements for your son's upcoming GCSE examinations. As you will know, the period after the Easter break sees the final preparations before the exams start on Monday 15th May (week 32) and continue up until the start of the May half term holiday on Friday 26th May. GCSEs continue of course, after the half term break, with the final day scheduled to be Wednesday 21st June.

Since your son has achieved less than 56 points in his mock examinations, he is entitled to pursue 'pathway B':

PATHWAY B Less than 56 points

Your son's mock exam performance suggests that whilst he has shown some developed study skills and revision techniques, he would benefit from attending his timetabled lessons up until the May half-term holiday. These sessions will be specifically geared towards the next paper in the subject in question, and your son will benefit from a reduced class size, allowing him to receive some more targeted guidance to help him reach his potential.

To be absolutely clear, this means that your son will be expected to attend lessons for the two final weeks of next term as per the arrangements below:

- All students will be in lessons until Friday 12th May.
- If not in an exam, your son will be expected to attend lessons between the 15th and 26th of May.
- If he has an exam in the morning, he will be expected to attend lessons once the exam has finished.
- If he has an exam in the afternoon, he may stay at home on the morning of the exam to prepare for that afternoon.
- After the half-term, week commencing Monday 5th June, he will then be able to prepare for his exams at home.

Can I please stress that these sessions are being run to help your son achieve his enormous potential and in previous years, students have found them exceptionally helpful.

Your son will have also received his personalised exam timetable this week, showing him when and where his GCSEs will take place. Please go through this carefully with him, ensuring he is absolutely clear on the arrangements and timings for each exam. I would also recommend preparing a revision timetable with him, based on when his examinations fall.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Groves, Leader of Year 11, or myself.

With best wishes to your son for the coming examination period from all of us in the Key Stage 4 Team,

Lewis Baines

Director of Key Stage 4

