

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers

### Year 7 Ambassadors – Open Evening 29 June 2023

Last night, we welcomed onto the school site over 2000 visitors. Almost all of them arrived in small family groups: an enthusiastic, although possibly also nervous, Year 5 boy accompanied by parents or other family members.

Every boy and family was greeted, first, by one of our Year 7 pupils as an ambassador for the school. Working solo, each member of Year 7 then acted as a tour guide around the site, answering questions, talking about their time in the school and being our main advocates for the experience and opportunities provided at Southend High School for Boys.

They were all superb: undertaking a role that requires maturity, confidence and the ability to communicate clearly. We received very significant numbers of comments about how well they performed their role.

I am writing to thank you, as parents, for making the arrangements that allowed them to attend in the evening. I am asking you also to echo our praise and appreciation, perhaps simply by showing your son this letter. We will be doing the same in school, but you need to know how well they did!

We know that some boys were not able to join us, due to other commitments or family circumstances: they, too, deserve a note of appreciation for having been part of our training and preparation. We will be looking for opportunities for everyone in the year group to develop further as our ambassadors into the future.

Thank you again.

Robin M. Bevan  
Headteacher

