

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Year 7 Parents,

It has been a fantastic term getting to know your son and seeing him settling into SHSB. Last week we celebrated how far everybody has come in their first 15 weeks of secondary school in a success assembly. Boys were celebrated individually for their achievements in house credits, commendation count and positive points on Go For Schools. We also celebrated form group success in participation of clubs (congratulations to 7ST1) and house credit points (congratulations to 7EA1). Students were also awarded with pastoral awards this term (congratulations to the 13 awarded) who have been awarded these for a huge variety of reasons; overcoming challenges, lending a hand to others and asking for support to name a few! All students should be extremely proud of their achievements this term.

### Spring Term

In form time, students will be taking part in a social action project for a local charity, HARP. Their challenge, as a form is going to be to raise awareness for the charity in competition with all year 7 forms. Each form will have a few weeks to complete their agreed and planned action and then they will present this in an assembly to guest judges and senior prefects at the end of the term. In addition to their social action project, boys will be taking part in a new 'Spelling Bee' and a 'Neuro Diversity' programme with their form tutors.

As part of whole school activities next term your son will have plenty of opportunity to take part in many of the house competitions timetabled; Music, Basketball, Debating, Rugby and Hockey welcome all year 7's to be involved. They also can get involved in this years Charity Week, World Book Day and the school production of Oliver!

### PSE topics

This term we have ended the term looking at online safety through the use of popular apps and sites- I have attached the top 3 that year 7 this year have voted they use the most as parent and guardian guides (Snap Chat, TikTok and YouTube).



In the Spring Term we will be looking at Healthy Lifestyles including; healthy diets, physical and mental health, puberty, personal hygiene and organ donation. I have attached a helpful 'conversation starters' for mental health but, I encourage extra support and conversation around these topics at home with your son.

### **Contacting us**

For any general school queries please email [enquiries@shsb.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@shsb.org.uk) and we will aim to respond as soon as we can. If your request is KS3 (year 7-9) specific then you can email [KS3admin@shsb.org.uk](mailto:KS3admin@shsb.org.uk). If you need to report your child's absence, please e-mail [attendance@shsb.org.uk](mailto:attendance@shsb.org.uk).

I wish you a very restful break with your families.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Rivers', written in a cursive style.

Mrs H. Rivers  
Leader of Year 7