

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

The parents' evening for Year 8 pupils will take place on **Monday 22nd January 2024**.

All appointments will take place via video call between **4.30pm until 7.00pm** and you will be invited to make appointments with your son's teachers 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.

Please be aware that you may not be able to see all teachers that you would like to see. Some teachers teach three or more classes in one year group and it simply would not be possible for them to meet every pupil and their parents. In addition to core subjects, please prioritise making appointments for subjects your son wishes to select as an option choice for Year 9. You have access to your son's current grades through the Go4Schools platform and you will receive written feedback in your son's Annual Report in July.

Note: Please do not book an appointment with PE unless your son wishes to take GCSE PE as an option choice.

Our parents' evening appointment system has two components:

1. From today, 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.
2. The booking system will be available for you to make appointments online from **7pm on Monday 15th January and will close on Thursday 18th 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 visit <https://southendforboys.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments.

(A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter.) Login with your son's preferred name, surname and date of birth. Once you have made your bookings, you will receive an email confirming all your appointments.



As a general rule, we do not expect teachers to provide written feedback in place of or in addition to feedback given at the parents' evening, however, if you experience technical difficulties on the evening, please e-mail enquiries@shsb.org.uk.

On the evening:

- Log in to the parents evening booking system - click on the Join Video Appointments button.
- At the appointment time – click on the Start Appointment button.
- 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 – choose 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).

We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J L Brandon', written in a cursive style.

Mr J L Brandon
Director of Key Stage 3