

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

On the evening of November 7th, we held our prospective **Sixth Form open evening**. Very many thanks are due to all who contributed to a hugely successful evening. **We received the largest number of visitors 'on record', welcoming over 800 families!** The number of students from other schools was quite remarkable given the number of places we have to offer. It is a great tribute to all in the school community: staff, students, parents and former pupils that this degree of interest and enthusiasm has been secured. Our own boys from the current Year 11 attended with a great level of seriousness. For many of them: seeing the number of other visitors has made them realise the value of securing a place in the Sixth Form here and the need to sustain or renew their own efforts.

Year 7 Parents Evening takes place on Monday evening, **25th November** at 4.15-6.45 pm, and provides an excellent opportunity to hear a report on progress since arriving at the school. The challenge for some pupils is to lift their sights beyond the 'acceptable' to producing what is their 'consistent best'. The most impressive gains, in Year 7, are secured by pupils who recognise that dedicated effort determines success: natural aptitude may make it easier for some, but the highest performers in any discipline practise hard and are intolerant of anything below their best.

Commencing 25th November, gas main replacement works will be undertaken on **Hobleythick Lane**. (The road that runs along the school's western side: highlighted in yellow.)

The excavations will impact traffic flow from the A127. Alternative routes may be advisable.



congratulations to all pupils who have sustained their daily bike rides

– “every bike on the road is one fewer car” –

**it is the time of year when falling dusk requires lights on bikes
(a perfect Christmas gift: USB rechargeable flashing LEDs)**



We have a duty to let you know that a number of other schools/trusts in the area are consulting on their admission arrangements for 2021/22 as required by law. Information is available on Southend-on-Sea Borough Council website https://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200176/school_admissions/777/admission_policies



Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December will see the hugely popular **evenings of music and carols** playing to packed houses. Over one hundred and fifty performers will be combining to give a full, balanced and uplifting programme of music and readings. Ticket details will be released shortly.

Term ends on Thursday 19th December, and pupils will be released at 12.30 pm after our final assembly.

Please note that school site will be closed from 1.00 pm on the last day of term. Your child will not be able to remain on the premises after 1.00 pm so please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements for their journey home.

School re-commences after the New Year on **Monday 6th January**. Year 12 students are reminded that our annual assessment cycle includes formal tests in every subject in the early weeks of the new term.

Parents are reminded that the **Year 9 Parents Evening** takes place from 4.15pm on **Monday 13th January**.

Assembly themes

***“There is reliable scientific evidence about climate change.
What are we each doing to change our daily habits: travel, shopping, consumption, & waste?
How are we using our imaginations and choices to shape the future for the better?”***

22nd October

A background image showing a large school building with a red roof and a green lawn in front, under a blue sky.

Assembly themes

***“At our best in all our learning for ourselves and others ...
At our best as we each demonstrate kindness ...
At our best in our choice of how we use our spare time ...”***

12th September

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Assembly themes

“Our future growth should not be limited to those areas where we have previously achieved ... success is a choice, effort is the key: especially in areas that we dislike or find harder ...”

2nd October
Key Stage 3 prizegiving

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Assembly themes

“Any honest narrative of British identity will openly recognise that our ‘island race’ has always been a continuous and welcome blend of migrant people: from Celts, Romans, Saxons and Normans ... to Anabaptists and Huguenots ... and all those we rightly continue to welcome from every corner of the globe.”

15th October

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Thank you.

Robin M. Bevan
Headteacher