

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the crucial final weeks of your child's time with us, we wanted to share our appreciation for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education journey. We have had a busy term here for Year 13 starting off with a successful week of mock exams back in January. Your child's final school report was published last week on Go4Schools with their mock exam grades and written feedback from their subject teachers. This week, your child has been given a draft timetable for their summer exams enabling them to plan their revision schedules. Final timetables and further information will follow for those that have clashes. The draft timetable for the whole exam period can viewed here:

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/page/?title=Exams+Timetable&pid=55>

Attendance during these last few weeks is of utmost importance, as each day contributes significantly to their academic preparation. Your encouragement in ensuring consistent attendance will undoubtedly have a positive impact on their overall performance. In addition to attendance, we wish to highlight the significance of establishing a healthy routine at home. A well-structured daily schedule provides the foundation for focus and productivity. Minimising work hours outside of school is key, allowing your child the time they need for thorough study and preparation.

This half term, our school pastoral theme revolves around fostering a sense of community with a particular focus on staying safe. Through various assemblies and tutor time discussions, we aim to instil a strong sense of unity and support among our Year 13 students as well as providing advice and guidance, particularly as they move on from sixth form. Looking ahead to the next half term, our focus will shift to the theme of well-being ensuring that students are well-prepared to navigate the challenges ahead while prioritising their mental and emotional health.

Your continued involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we want you to know that the school is here to provide support every step of the way. If you have any concerns, or if there are specific areas where additional assistance is needed, please do not hesitate to reach out. It has been great hearing from the students about their university and job offers this term; we know how hard they have worked towards their next steps. Mrs Hamilton (post-18 adviser) and Mrs Murphy (careers adviser) are still available to help and support students as they prepare to leave us.



Please remember that the full calendar can be found on the school website but here are some key dates coming up:

Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd March - school production of Oliver

Wednesday 27th March - spring music concert

Thursday 28th March - last day of the spring term, students to leave around 12.30pm

Monday 15th April - return to school after the Easter holiday

Friday 10th May - final day in school for Year 13

Tuesday 14th May - start of A Level exams

Monday 24th June - final A Level exam

Wednesday 26th June - contingency date for exams

Thursday 15th August - A Level Results day

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community, and together, let's ensure a positive and successful conclusion to your child's time here with us in the Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Ryan
Leader of Year 13