

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Year 12 Mock Results

I am writing to you to express my concern regarding your child's recent mock grades. Their mock results suggest that they are at risk of having a set of grades after their AS exams that will narrow their choices and future post-18 options unless they make some significant progress in the coming weeks.

As you will be aware, our school policy states that students must achieve at least a D grade in an AS Level examination in order to proceed to study that subject at A level next year. It is apparent from your child's mock results, that they are not yet fulfilling the academic potential that they are capable of and are at risk of not being able to study three A Levels with us in Year 13. I am keen to ensure that every student in year 12 can achieve the grades that they are capable of, and as a result I have taken the following steps to ensure we can support your child to do as well as possible in their upcoming AS exams.

In the first instance, I have run a revision guidance session this week that they have attended. Additionally, I have made it compulsory for them to complete a revision plan for the Easter holidays which was due to be submitted yesterday (27th March).

Upon our return after Easter, they will be encouraged to review their plan to consider how effective they have been and whether they need to adapt/refine their approach ahead of study leave in May. I would encourage you to support your child in their efforts to revise, where it is possible, some added accountability through them sharing their revision plan with you could be helpful. The emphasis throughout has been on facilitating the opportunities for them to practice self-regulation and informing them so they can make effective decisions about their own approach to revising.

This week we have also shared with all sixth form students a list of the revision sessions being run by departments across the school. Where there are relevant revision sessions taking place, the expectation is that they will make every effort to be in attendance so they can make best use of the expertise of their subject teachers to support with their revision.



Furthermore, the Sixth Form Centre will remain open during study leave and I would strongly recommend that your child uses the facilities available in school to study. We can offer a quiet place to study with plentiful learning resources available in the library and your child will also be able to arrange to meet teachers by appointment to go over specific problems. Additionally, the sixth form pastoral team will be on hand to help with revision strategies, exam technique and stress management.

Thank you in advance with your support for this and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,
Mr E Sainsbury

Leader of Year 12