

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Re. Book Amnesty 2024

Having completed an audit of our library stock we have discovered a significant number of books that appear to be missing from our shelves. There has been an increase in the number of students who are bringing in books that have not been formally issued. As a result, other students are unable to borrow these books and as library lessons are held each fortnight, it is important to have access to as many books as possible.

Following research with other local librarians we have decided to hold a Book Amnesty in the summer term, which will run from now until 19<sup>th</sup> July. This will allow students to return books that belong to the library no matter how overdue, without any interaction with staff. We would prefer for books to be returned rather than kept indefinitely. Students will then have those books removed from their records immediately.

Please speak to your children and encourage them to look for any books that might have been borrowed and still not returned. They may have some that were taken during lockdown and have simply been forgotten. They may have taken one without getting it formally issued. A note will go on Satchel One to remind students and it will be mentioned in form time. We would ask that you also consider returning any books borrowed by students taking exams. Library books can be identified by a stamp with the SHSB logo on an early page of the book and a date page.

Students should return their books to the bright green bins, which are labelled 'Book Amnesty bin', in the library corridor and outside E6, an English classroom. These will be checked daily, and books removed.

Thank you for your support of our school library, SHSB has a wonderful library and having all the books back will ensure we are able to continue to provide resources for all students to access.

Yours sincerely

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