

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As your son/daughter enters the second term of Sixth Form they should be starting to consider the options available to them when they leave school. Whilst we will be inviting you all to an information evening regarding this later in the year, it is important for you to be aware of some of the opportunities that are now open to them.

Many universities now run Summer School programmes for Year 12 students. These are a great opportunity to experience university life, take part in lectures, hear from tutors and current undergraduates, and learn about the university admission process.

If this is something your son/daughter is interested in, I would advise that they research individual university websites in order to establish whether a particular university of interest offers relevant programmes.

Programmes such as the Sutton Trust, UNIQ and Headstart schemes also offer places, their websites are: <https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/> University of Oxford Summer School Programme.

<https://apply.suttontrust.com/> The Sutton Trust offers free week-long residential summer schools at 13 universities around the UK. You can choose from over 40 courses to study while living on campus and attending lectures.

<https://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart> STEM based university taster courses

**NB: I would always advise students to be selective when applying for Summer Schools – there are some which are not accredited by universities but charge vast fees. Research each one carefully.**

For those students who are looking for work experience/placement/volunteering opportunities, now is an excellent time to start researching opportunities and making applications. Many companies run their own schemes, and again, research is key to applying to the right organisation at the right time.

Websites that can help with this include:

<https://investment2020.org.uk/>

<https://www.studentladder.co.uk/year-12/work-experience-opportunities/miscellaneous/>

<https://www.ucas.com/alternatives/internships/internships-and-volunteering>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships>



We are also a partner school with InvestIn, who offer immersive day experiences in a variety of careers. To receive a 10% discount please use code SHSB2019 when booking.

<https://investin.org/>

Please note that students should already be aware of all of these opportunities, they regularly receive emails from me with various offers of work experience, apprenticeship opportunities, university open days, masterclasses, gap year and career information. Please ask them to share these with you where appropriate.

I trust that this information is of use, and look forward to speaking to you if you have any questions regarding your son/daughter's Post-18 Options.

Yours sincerely

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