

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear parents of the SHSB Big Band

I am delighted to announce that we have two exciting events for the band in the summer term.

The first is our participation in an event organised and run by The Old Southendian Society (OSA), the largest alumni society of its kind in the country. The OSA own many of the facilities around Garon Park in Southend, including The Boundary function suite. Below is the OSA's announcement for the event:

We are delighted to announce that the Old Southendian Association is hosting a Dinner Dance on Friday, 11th July 2025, to raise funds for the Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust.

We expect an unforgettable evening of food, music and dancing at The Boundary, Garon Park. Our fantastic entertainment will be provided by the school's renowned Big Band, featuring mix of current students and talented alumni.

This is a unique event, open to non-members of the OSA and promises to be a truly memorable night.

We are thrilled that over thirty former members of the Big Band, a number of whom are now professional musicians, are excited to come back and perform with the band on this occasion.

The OSA hopes to raise as much money for the school as possible on this evening, and as well as music and dancing, there will be a three-course meal and fundraising activities such as an auction of donated prizes. For this reason, tickets for the event are priced at £75. If you are interested in attending this event hosted by the OSA, please do contact them at tickets@oldsouthendianassociation.org (please note that the school is not administering ticket sales for this event).

We are conscious that the ticket price may be prohibitive for many parents. In light of this, and the fact that we would also like to celebrate the achievement of our current SHSB Big Band in preparing for the 11th July, we will be holding a slightly less formal event in school on Friday 27th June at 7.00pm in the MRA in the school music block. The MRA (Music Rehearsal Area) will be transformed into a Jazz Café for this one evening, and audience members will be invited to bring food and drink with them, as they sit in an environment that will be our own version of Ronnie Scott's jazz club! The audience on the 27th June will hear the same programme as the later Dinner Dance, but for a nominal ticket price of £5.

If you are interested in tickets for the event in school on Friday 27th June, please make payment on Wisepay by 22 June 2025.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Worth

School Improvement Leader

Leader of Music

