

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you regarding study leave arrangements for your son's upcoming GCSE examinations. As you will know, the period after the Easter break sees the final preparations before the exams start on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. GCSEs continue after the half term break, with the final day scheduled to be Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Since your son has achieved 56 points or more in his mock examinations, and congratulations to him on this fabulous achievement, he is entitled to pursue 'Pathway A':

### **PATHWAY A 56 points or more**

Your son's mock exam performance suggests that his ability to study and prepare for his examinations is sufficiently skilled and developed, so that his GCSE success will be secure if he prepares at home if he wishes. He only needs to attend school for his examinations.

To be clear, this means that your son's normal timetable will cease after Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and he will then be able to prepare for his exams at home if he wishes from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. We feel that this is a sensible option in view of the GCSE timetable, but also a deserved recognition of your son's ability to study independently, as evidenced by his mock examination performance.

Can I please stress that working at home during the exam period is your son's choice. He may, of course, attend his normal lessons if he wishes, and if he chooses to do so, he must sign in at the main office first at 08.30 before going to his timetabled lesson. Students of Pathway A who are coming in to school during the exam period must remain on site between 08.30-15.30 each day.

Your son will have also received his personalised exam timetable this week, showing him when and where his GCSE exams will take place. Please go through this carefully with him, ensuring he is clear on the arrangements and timings for each exam. I would also recommend reviewing/preparing a revision timetable with him, based on when his examinations fall.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Frost, Leader of Year 11, or myself.

With best wishes to your son for the coming examination period from all of us in the Key Stage 4 Team.

Mr Nzemeke  
*Director of Key Stage 4*

