

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS CHARITABLE TRUST

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope your child has thoroughly enjoyed their time here in our sixth form and that they have gained the academic ability to reach their full potential. We wish them the very best of luck with their A-level results on 14th August 2025 and every success for the future. We hope that they will stay in touch too.

As many of you are aware, government funding for the education sector has significantly declined over the past decade. **Southend High School for Boys** continues to provide an outstanding education for its pupils despite the fact that per-pupil funding is now 20% lower than it was in 2014. The cost of everything, including classroom materials, utilities, general day to day essential operational charges and buildings maintenance, has continued to rise. As a result of all this, the school has been operating at a deficit in recent years.

To address this challenge and safeguard our school's future, we have recently established the **Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust**. The sole purpose of this trust is to raise the desperately needed funds that are required to ensure that our school can continue its proud 130 year tradition of excellence - enhancing educational resources, supporting extracurricular activities and investing in innovative teaching methods wherever possible. Above all, we are committed to ensuring that no student's experience is diminished due to financial constraints.

As a starting point, we urgently need to raise £150,000 by September this year. Since the Charitable Trust's launch in April, we have raised over £48,000, but we still have some way to go before meeting our target over the summer months.

As parents and guardians, your support is vital in helping us achieving our goals. By making a regular monthly donation to the Charitable Trust, you can make a real difference. For example: £12.50 per month = £15 with Gift Aid, £25 per month = £30 with Gift Aid and £50 per month = £60 with Gift Aid. Equally, you may wish to join the recently founded **2025 Society** by donating £20.25 per month or an annual lump sum of £243. You may of course choose any value and regularity to suit.

Please kindly make your contribution to the Charitable Trust by using the link below – it couldn't be easier:

 [Donate Here](#)

Should you wish to make a larger personal one-time donation, that would also be gratefully received and you can do so via the link – be assured that every amount will make a meaningful difference. Our goal is to not only secure pupils' education today, but also protect the future of Southend High School for Boys for generations to come.

For any enquiries, please email me directly at nicki.weller@shsbcharitabletrust.org.

Thank you so much.

Yours sincerely

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