

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of Year 7, I would like to inform you about an upcoming change that will affect your child's form group moving into Year 8.

It is normal practice to reorganise form groups at this stage, and there are a number of important reasons why this is beneficial. One of the main aims is to allow students to broaden their friendships and social circles by getting to know more of their year group. This helps to build a stronger, more united cohort and supports the development of positive relationships across a wider peer group.

The new form groups will include a balance of familiarity and new connections. Your son will remain in the same House, and will stay with some students from his current form along with a mix of students from the same EA/ST groups. This means that while students will have the chance to build new relationships, they will also continue some existing friendships and connections, helping to ensure a comfortable transition.

Reorganising forms at this point also supports a smoother transition into Key Stage 4. As students begin to make choices around GCSE subjects in the coming years, and are set for certain subjects based on ability or interest, being more familiar with a wider range of peers can make these transitions feel less daunting.

We are confident that this change will be a positive experience for all students. The Year 7 cohort has shown themselves to be incredibly outgoing, welcoming, and supportive of one another. These qualities will help ensure the transition to new form groups is smooth and inclusive for everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Brackett  
Leader of Year 7

