

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE grades and Sixth Form points

You recently received your son's recent assessment report which shows he achieved below 28 points of the 52 points required for our Sixth Form entry. This puts him in a precarious position, needing to change four or more subjects to a level 6 or above, within the next year. Based on previous years' data, there is a significant chance he may not meet the Sixth Form entry requirements without a major change in his study habits.

While achieving this is possible, it requires immediate attention, as he does not appear to have mastered the necessary knowledge and skills. His report highlights the subjects he needs to focus on, and feedback from his Year 10 exams should clarify areas for improvement.

I strongly encourage you to insist that your son works on his knowledge and skills over the summer, especially in his weaker subjects. Continued revision during the break is essential to ensure he starts Year 11 on solid footing. Many successful students create a revision timetable with their parents' help, incorporating scheduled study time and periods for play and relaxation.

Effective learning often involves three key steps: reviewing the curriculum specification (available online) and revising the content, testing understanding, and revisiting the material over time. The attached SHSB GCSE Course Guide may help support this process.

Uniform

Some students may purchase new uniform ahead of the new academic year. If buying new shoes, please ensure they meet our uniform code: plain black formal shoes. Many retailers market black trainers as school shoes, but brands like Nike and Adidas often do not meet our guidelines and are not permitted. Additionally, our school policy includes no facial hair, no hoodies, and no jewellery, including piercings.

Goodbye and Welcome

We would like to thank Mr Sainsbury for his dedicated support to the boys and congratulate him as he takes up a new role at another school. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Frost will take over as Year Leader for Year 11. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact the team at ks4admin@shsb.org.uk or enquiries@shsb.org.uk.



I wish your son and his family a wonderful summer break and look forward to starting a successful Year 11 in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Nzemeke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the first few letters.

Mr J Nzemeke
Director of Key Stage 4
Southend High School for Boys