

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see the Year 12 students settle so well into life at Southend High School for Boys. This half term, the focus has been on 'Our Community,' with assemblies and tutor sessions dedicated to exploring the school's culture, encouraging involvement in the wider community, and helping students adapt to sixth form study. Highlights of the term included a teambuilding afternoon, the freshers' fayre, house football, the MUN event, and the start of various clubs and societies. It's been fantastic to see so many Year 12 students actively participating. A special thanks to those who assisted during the 11+ days - we look forward to seeing many of them in action again at our Prospective Year 12 Open Evening on Thursday 6th November.

The first half term also saw students start to complete their first assessments in Year 12. Once teachers have marked and uploaded the data, you will be able to view these results on Go4Schools along with information on attendance and behaviour points. Please take a moment to review their results and discuss any concerns with your son or daughter. If you have any questions or need further clarification, feel free to email us. Should they be disappointed with any of their grades, their subject teacher will be the best person to offer guidance on steps they can take to improve. For additional advice on how to support your son or daughter, please refer to the following links:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/sixth-form-essentials>
<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/the-parents-guide-to-making-study-easier>
<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/teach-your-teen-the-skills-to-revise-well>
<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/revision-timetables>

We have an exciting and busy half term ahead, with the school focus centred on 'Relationships'. During assemblies and tutor times, students will reflect on our cultural differences and engage in discussions around equality and related issues. Year 12 students will also continue with their PSHE curriculum, delivered during their fortnightly one-hour tutor sessions, covering a range of important topics. These include alcohol and drugs, sexual health, relationships, unconscious bias, consent, body image, physical health, mindfulness, and online safety, each providing valuable opportunities for meaningful conversations and personal growth. Please remember that the full school calendar is available on the school website, but here are some key upcoming dates to note:

- **Thursday 6th November:** Students finish at 1:00pm, return at 4:30pm for the Open Evening
- **Friday 7th November:** Students start at 9:30am
- **Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th December:** School Christmas Concert (letter to follow)
- **Friday 19th December:** Students finish around 12:30pm for the end of term
- **Monday 5th January:** Students return to school
- **Monday 12th January:** Year 12 Parents' Evening



Finally, a few reminders regarding our expectations:

- Students are only permitted to wear black V-neck school jumpers, no hoodies please.
- All students are expected to arrive by 8:30am, even if they have a free period. If they do not have a lesson, they must sign in to ensure they are registered.
- Any student arriving after 8:30am must sign in at the main school office with our attendance officer. This is also where they need to sign out if leaving school for an appointment.
- All absences must be reported by a parent and can be emailed to attendance@shsb.org.uk.
- Lateness is closely monitored, and students will receive a detention to make up for lost time. If your son or daughter is late due to circumstances beyond their control, please inform their year leader Mrs Iles (ksi@shsb.org.uk).
- You can also monitor attendance and punctuality through Go4Schools.

Yours sincerely



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