

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parentst/Carers,

We have now approached the time when your son will be asked to refine his option choices, selecting subjects that he wishes to study in Years 10 and 11.

Our Options booklet is available online (please see the link below) and we recommend that you take the time to read through the booklet to become familiar with the learning journey of each subject. Your son should select subjects that he both enjoys and that he is achieving in.

Our new live system of reporting should also be used as information to help shape his choices and we hope you were able to utilise appointments at the recent parents evening to consult with teachers of your son's subjects moving into Key Stage 4.

The Year 9 Options booklet can be accessed here: [Year 9 Options Booklet](#). Once you have viewed the booklet and are ready to make your son's choices, please go to this link: [Year 9 - GCSE option choices for September 2026](#) to complete the options form. Please complete the form no later than **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

It is important that this deadline is adhered to as we need to ensure that all the processes of timetabling can be completed in preparation for the start of the new term. We will do our best to allocate your son his first choice preferences; it is possible, however, that we will not be able to accommodate late applicants.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further guidance or support in relation to the options process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Brandon  
Director of Key Stage 3

