

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Year 13 mocks take place in the first week of the Spring term. Students will return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January and will be in lessons as normal. Exams and study leave begin on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for four days and will return to normal lessons on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Exam timetables have been issued, and students may wish to ask their teachers about the content of their mock exams.

Please be aware that we will be permitting students to take the four days of their mock exams off for 'study leave' – they will not be expected to be in taught lessons, or on site for anything other than their exams. Also, please note that it is a requirement for us to record study leave as an authorised absence. Therefore, their attendance statistics on their reports will be affected but this is nothing to be concerned about.

Should students want to use the school facilities during this time they are of course welcome to, but we would ask them to sign in and out at the sixth form office.

Their teachers will remain available and accessible during their timetabled lessons for them to attend for support. However, if they do want support in their timetabled lessons, we do ask them to arrange this with teachers in advance as the lesson time can be used more efficiently if they know which students will be attending.

We strongly advise all parents to familiarise themselves with their son's/daughter's exam timetable, to support them attending their exams. Please note that students must be present in the sixth form block at least 20 minutes before the exam start time. This is to allow enough time for candidates to be brought into the exam hall, exam instructions to be read out, and for any unexpected issues to be resolved.

We appreciate your support with ensuring full attendance and punctuality for these exams. However, if your child is unwell for an exam, please ensure this is reported to the school in the usual way by either telephoning the absence line or emailing [attendance@shsb.org.uk](mailto:attendance@shsb.org.uk) as soon as possible.



If your child is feeling particularly worried about these exams, please encourage them to come and talk to a member of the pastoral team. You may also wish to consult the advice for parents accessible through the links below.

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/revision-timetables>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/helping-your-child-with-their-revision>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Ryan', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L. Ryan  
Head of Sixth Form