

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the spring term, we welcome you back and share updates on Year 12 students' excellent progress, as well as information on assessments, support, and future opportunities.

This half term, the whole-school focus is health and wellbeing, encouraging positive habits, resilience, and a balance between academic and personal life, reinforced through tutor time and assemblies. Next half term, the focus shifts to community, which links closely with the fantastic contribution Year 12 are already making. It has been particularly encouraging to see the prefect applicants taking on responsibilities around the school, as well as students on the Charity Committee doing an excellent job organising Charity Week, taking place from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March, as part of their enrichment programme.

Year 12 have made a strong start to in-year assessments. Students should reflect on results, identify areas for improvement, and seek support as needed. Grades are available via Go4Schools, and teacher feedback will guide revision for hall assessments from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Written reports will follow in late March. Feedback from teachers will highlight individual strengths and areas for development, and students are advised to seek support where needed, revise challenging topics, and develop effective revision strategies in preparation for their hall assessments in April. A written report will be issued towards the end of March, which will also provide valuable feedback on progress. As a reminder, the hall assessments will take place from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Further details and arrangements will be shared closer to the time.

Students will then return to school on Monday 11th May. The period in between will be designated as our Future Focus Fortnight, during which students will be encouraged to take part in a range of activities designed to support their personal development and future planning. Further information about this will be provided during our Post-18 Information Evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April but in the meanwhile, we would encourage students to start researching and applying for suitable work experience placements that can take place between 30<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> May if this is something they are interested in doing. Many companies offer their own schemes, so thorough research is essential to find suitable opportunities. Please advise Mrs Hamilton ([ceh@shsb.org.uk](mailto:ceh@shsb.org.uk)) if you gain a placement as there is an online form for employers to complete.



If students are unable to secure face to face work experience there is the option of virtual work experience, the number of opportunities has increased hugely over recent years. We are linked with two organisations who offer a wide range of **free** virtual and face-to-face work experience and university activities: [Springpod](#) and [Futures for All](#) . We are also a partner school with [InvestIn](#), which offers immersive day experiences across a variety of careers. Students can receive a 10% discount by using the code SHSB10 when booking.

Please note that students should already be aware of these opportunities, as they regularly receive emails from Mrs Hamilton with information about work experience, apprenticeship opportunities, university open days, masterclasses, gap years and careers. We would encourage you to ask them to share this information with you where appropriate.

Below are some other useful links you may find helpful:

[Spring Term Checklist for Parents](#)

[Helping Your Child with Revision](#)

[Revision Timetables](#)

[UCAS Personal Statements](#)

[Parents' guide to apprenticeships](#)

[UCAS – Work Experience and Volunteering](#)

[Prospects – Work Experience and Internships](#)

Please remember that the full school calendar is available on the school website, but here are some key upcoming dates:

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Charity week (letter to follow)
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** School show '*We Will Rock You*' (letter to follow)
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Non-pupil afternoon, students to leave at 1pm
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Annual report published on Go4Schools
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Spring music concert (letter to follow)
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Last day of the spring term, students dismissed around 1230pm
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** Return after Easter holidays
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** Introduction to post-18 options evening (letter to follow)
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 12 hall assessments (letter to follow)
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** '*Future Focus Fortnight*' (Year 12 not in school)

Thank you for your continued support. The students have fully settled into Sixth Form life at SHSB, and I look forward to the many exciting events in the months ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs L Ryan  
Head of Sixth Form