

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide some important information regarding upcoming assessments, form time provision and a key enrichment event for our Year 10 students.

### Year 10 Examinations

Year 10 examinations begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June (week 33). These are formal assessments of the content that has been taught during Year 10 - they are not mock GCSE examinations. Over the course of the two-week period, students will complete assessments for each of their subjects. These will take place during lesson time, with normal lessons continuing around those with scheduled assessments. Students will be provided with a timetable of their examinations in the next few weeks.

The outcomes of these examinations are used to help inform predicted grades in Year 11; however, they are not the sole factor in determining those predictions. Teachers also consider a range of evidence, including ongoing classwork, homework, and students' progress over time.

That said, it is important that students prepare for these assessments effectively. This has been reinforced with students during their assembly this week, where we discussed revision expectations and strategies for success. Developing good revision habits at this stage is an important part of preparing students for the demands of Year 11.

### Mock Interview Day

Year 10 students will shortly be taking part in a Mock Interview Day, scheduled for 30th June. This event is designed to help students develop key employability skills and gain experience of a formal interview situation.

On the day, students will attend a timetabled interview with an external interviewer. They will be expected to present themselves professionally and demonstrate preparation and reflection on their skills and experiences. On the day, they may choose to wear a suit or other formal clothing if they wish, although this is not a requirement and their school uniform would also be acceptable.



To support this, preparation is taking place during form time, including:

- Creating CVs and Cover Letters
- Practising interview questions and responses
- Discussing appropriate conduct and presentation

Further information about the logistics of the day will be shared closer to the event.

### **Form Time Programme**

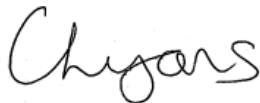
The current form time programme has been carefully planned to support both students' academic progress and personal development. Over this term, form time sessions are focusing on:

- Preparation for the Mock Interview Day
- A neurodiversity awareness programme, created by the Autism Resource Base, promoting understanding, inclusion and respect
- Exam preparation topics, including:
  - Effective revision strategies
  - Planning and organisation
  - Managing stress, pressure and wellbeing around assessments

These sessions are designed to equip students with practical strategies they can use both now and as they move into Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support. Please encourage your child to engage fully with their form time activities and to approach their upcoming assessments with confidence and commitment.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Lyons  
Leader of Year 10