

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Year 7 Parents,

It has been a pleasure to work with you and your families from their Year 6 transition period to present. I hope your son feels comfortable, settled, and happy when at school and feels very much part of our school community. One of my favourite parts of my role is to see the boys become more confident, embrace new things and find new friendships.

Year 7 exam week

It has been great to see Year 7 approaching their first formal examination week, beginning on 11th May, with a positive and hardworking attitude. This week, we have delivered an assembly focused on effective revision skills, and each student will be given a small set of revision flashcards to help them begin their revision journey. In form time, we will continue to explore a range of revision and formative assessment techniques, encouraging students to develop strategies that work best for them as they prepare for their exams. As this is their first experience of formal assessments, they are very much at the beginning of this process, and it is completely natural that they are still building confidence and refining their approach. These are skills we will continue to develop throughout Key Stage 3 so that, over time, they become increasingly confident and effective in both revision and exam technique. Please find attached with this letter a Key Stage 3 revision guide which you may want to go through with your son as helpful support at home. As a guide, Year 7 students should aim for short, focused revision sessions of around 20–30 minutes to avoid overload; when planned in advance, this is more than sufficient. They will be creating a revision timetable to help structure their revision. Next week, your son will receive a timetable outlining which lessons his end-of-year exams will take place in.

Unifrog

We have spent a number of weeks exploring Unifrog in PSE lessons and form time. All boys have set up their account and now are able to upload their academic and extracurricular achievements like a journal. I would encourage you to ask your son to show you his profile and encourage him to review and add to this every month or so throughout his time with us at SHSB. There are various quizzes and profiles that he can review often too. It is amazing to see the huge variation in achievements they have already started to upload from martial arts to newspaper articles published. We should be celebrating and keeping a track of this. Unifrog will be fundamental to your son's future applications, study and achievements so please encourage him to use the account often.

Final term

Year 7 have lots to look forward to in their final term with house competitions, the KS3 Big Bike Ride and Sports day to name a few. Summer uniform will be announced when the weather warms up sufficiently which will

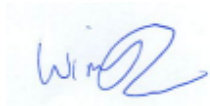


allow boys to not wear their blazers during their school day. We hope to see as many as possible taking part in all of these exciting activities.

Contacting us

For any general school queries please continue to email enquiries@shsb.org.uk and we will aim to respond as soon as we can. For pastoral concerns, please email KS3admin@shsb.org.uk. Illness or absence requests, including appointment notifications to attendance@shsb.org.uk.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Imbush', is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Mr W. Imbush
Leader of Year 7