Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate members of Year 11 for a purposeful and enthusiastic start to the new school year, a vital pre-requisite for ultimate GCSE success. An additional major priority for your son during this term will be to decide on what he should do after his GCSE examinations. Our efforts this term are designed to guide all pupils towards sensible, well-informed decisions and to ensure a smooth transition into the Sixth Form for those for whom it is appropriate. (Pupils who wish to stay on need to be demonstrating now a level of maturity and commitment suitable for study in an academic Sixth Form.) Whilst it may seem rather early to start this process, a speedy resolution of such decisions will allow your son to focus fully on his GCSE preparation throughout the rest of the academic year.

Attached is the post-16 proposals sheet. I am asking that over the next three weeks you and your son complete this document and return it by Friday 28th September 2018. I must stress that these choices are provisional; we will ask for a final choice to be made by Monday 3rd December 2018. Our ability to accommodate any change of mind thereafter will depend on the availability of remaining places. However, before then, your son will receive guidance and counselling to assist him in the process, including careers advice and information in Year assemblies particularly focusing on new subjects at AS level. There will also be a Year 11 GCSE preparation evening to be held on Thursday 4th October 2018, I will be providing details about this in the very near future. Additionally, the Open Evening for next year’s prospective Year 12 will be held on Thursday 1st November 2018. The Year 11 Parents Evening will be held on Monday 21st January 2019. (I shall write to you further about these dates later in the term). You might like to note that the Year 11 mock exams will now take place from Monday 25th February to Wednesday 6th March 2019.

Consequently, key dates for Year 11 are:

Friday 28th September
Thursday 4th October
Thursday 1st November
Monday 3rd December
Monday 21st January
Monday 25th February

Return of Provisional Post-16 proposals sheet
GCSE Preparation Evening
Prospective Sixth Form Open Evening
Final Sixth Form Choices return
Year 11 Parents Evening
Mock exams commence

I should stress that failure to return your provisional choices sheet will be treated as an indication that you do not intend to seek a place in our Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr G Cornall
Director of Key Stage 4
Southend High School for Boys

POST-GCSE PROPOSALS 2019/20

Name: .......................................................... Form: .................................

Do you intend to join the Sixth Form at Southend High School for Boys? YES ☐ NO ☐

If you have ticked YES, please complete Section 1. If NO, please complete Section 2. If you are not sure, please complete both sections. This will enable us to help provide the best guidance to support you to the next stage of study.

SECTION 1

Please indicate the four subjects you currently have in mind for Sixth Form study. If you have a preferred order for your choice, number the boxes 1, 2, 3 4, or 1, 2, 3, AS. Otherwise just place a tick.

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NB The school cannot guarantee to provide any specific combination of A Levels. A course can only run if sufficient students opt to take it.

Are there any other GCSE A Level subjects you would have chosen had they been available? Please let us know for future reference.

SECTION 2

If you intend leaving this school after the GCSE exams, please tell us which pathway you are considering to continue your education.

(a) ☐ Continuing your education elsewhere? If so, please give details.
(b) ☐ Starting work with training? If so, please give details.
(c) ☐ Starting an apprenticeship? If so, please give details.

PLEASE NOTE: Some popular A Level subjects will become over-subscribed quickly. Those students who have declared their intention to stay at SHSB and external applicants will have priority in choosing their subjects. Any pupil intending to leave SHSB is advised that if they change their mind after the deadline, their choice will be limited to those subjects for which places are still available. This requirement is not a ‘penalty clause’ but an administrative necessity and if you are in any doubt regarding your plans, you should ensure that you have registered your interest at SHSB.

Pupils and parents are asked to complete this form together, sign it jointly and return it to the form tutor by FRIDAY 28TH SEPT 2018

Signed .................................................. (pupil) Signed .................................................. (parent) Date ...........................................