

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE grades and Sixth Form points

First, congratulations to your son on his recent assessment report achievement, where he secured the 52 points required to enter Sixth Form. Reaching this standard at this stage of Year 10 is a fantastic accomplishment, demonstrating his successful development of the knowledge and skills needed for next year's examinations. He should have received feedback on his Year 10 exam performance by now, highlighting areas for improvement.

While this achievement is impressive, it's essential not to become complacent as there is still much work to be done before the GCSE examinations. With six weeks off, it's easy to lose some of the hard-earned knowledge gained this term, potentially starting Year 11 on the back foot.

To avoid this, I strongly suggest dedicating some time to keeping schoolwork fresh in his mind over the summer. While not suggesting spending the entire holiday studying, allocating some time to recapping his Year 10 studies would be a sensible option to prepare for the challenges of Year 11. Many successful students arrange a revision timetable with their parents, which helps them stay on track.

Effective learning often involves three key steps: 1) reviewing the curriculum specification (available online) and revising the content; 2) testing understanding; and 3) revisiting the material over time. The attached SHSB GCSE Course Guide may help support this process.

Uniform

Some students may purchase new uniform ahead of the new academic year. If buying new shoes, please ensure they meet our uniform code: plain black formal shoes. Many retailers market black trainers as school shoes, but brands like Nike and Adidas often do not meet our guidelines and are not permitted. Additionally, our school policy includes no facial hair, no hoodies, and no jewellery, including piercings. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact the team at ks4admin@shsb.org.uk or enquiries@shsb.org.uk.

I wish your son and his family a wonderful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Nzemeke
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