

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE grades and Sixth Form points

You should have recently received your son's recent assessment report, showing he achieved between 40 and 51 points of the 52 points required for our Sixth Form entry. This puts him in a strong position, needing to convert just one or two more subjects to a level 6 to secure his place at Southend Boys for post-16 study. I congratulate him on his achievement with a reminder that there is a bit more work to be done. His report highlights the subjects he needs to focus on, and feedback from his Year 10 exams should hopefully clarify areas for improvement.

While your son is in a good position at the end of Year 10, it's essential he maintains his focus and hones his skills to meet the Sixth Form entry requirements. With six weeks off, it's easy to lose some of the hard-earned knowledge acquired this term. Having a conversation about practical steps to prepare for Year 11 is crucial. This will allow time to create a study plan for the holidays.

For his benefit, I encourage your son to spend some time over the summer strengthening his knowledge and skills, especially in subjects he finds more challenging. Continued revision throughout the break is essential to keep him progressing and prevent him from falling behind at the start of Year 11. Many successful students create a revision timetable with their parents' help, balancing scheduled study time with necessary breaks. While not suggesting he works all summer, a few hours a week recapping past material will be very beneficial.

Effective learning often includes 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.

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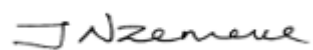
Some students may purchase new uniform ahead of the new academic year. If buying new shoes, please ensure they meet our uniform code: plain black formal shoes. Many retailers market black trainers as school shoes – brands like Nike and Adidas often do not meet our guidelines and are not permitted. Additionally, 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J Nzememe". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Mr J Nzememe

Director of Key Stage 4; Leader of Computer Science

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