

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE grades and Sixth Form points

You recently received your son's recent assessment report which shows he achieved below 28 points of the 52 points required for our Sixth Form entry. This puts him in a precarious position, needing to change four or more subjects to a level 6 or above, within the next year. Based on previous years' data, there is a significant chance he may not meet the Sixth Form entry requirements without a major change in his study habits.

While achieving this is possible, it requires immediate attention, as he does not appear to have mastered the necessary knowledge and skills. His report highlights the subjects he needs to focus on, and feedback from his Year 10 exams should hopefully clarify areas for improvement.

I would encourage you to ensure that your son continues to develop his knowledge and skills over the summer, particularly in his weaker subjects. Regular revision during the break will help him begin Year 11 on a solid footing. Many students have successfully turned their performance around by making a conscious commitment to improving. Several have found that creating a revision timetable helps them balance scheduled study sessions with time for relaxation and leisure, making their revision more manageable and effective.

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.

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 – 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 Nzemekwe'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr J Nzemekwe

Director of Key Stage 4; Leader of Computer Science

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