

Southend High School for Boys

Parent Bulletin

10th May 2019



As the formal external examination period is set to begin, we are looking forward to offering a final farewell next Wednesday to our Year 13 students with a buffet, year group photograph and valedictory speeches. At the heart of all that will be said are three simple messages:

- we will wish them well for their exams: success will be achieved in proportion to the effort that has been and will be devoted to their revision;
- we will thank them: communities thrive on account of the 'discretionary effort' of their members – our school is no different and the students leaving us can look back on all the ways they have helped to make SHSB such a remarkable school; and
- we will urge them to think about how they shape their lives in the years to come – to consider teaching as a profession but, above all, to explore and discover what they might best contribute to, and achieve, in the decades ahead.

It will, of course, be an opportunity to reaffirm our values as a school and our vision for our students (as presented below).

Pupils spend seven years at Southend High School for Boys: the influence of the school across that time can be significant in determining the life trajectory for each individual.

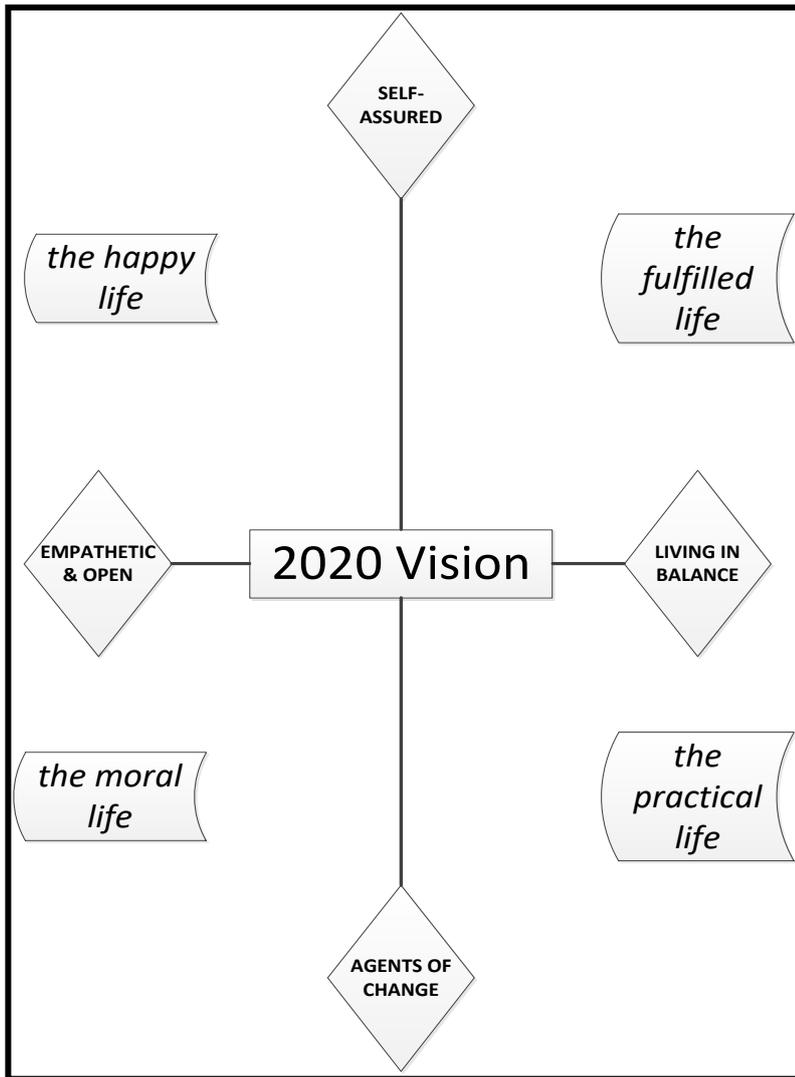
Our vision is to set them on the path towards young adulthood with the highest aspirations and equipped to make a positive and worthwhile contribution to society – often in the role of leaders.

Our responsibility extends beyond the necessary, but limited, confines of examination preparation, behaviour management and tutorial administration.

Pupils learn what we teach, but more significantly they learn by how we teach.

The extent to which they are **skilled** for **practical** adult life is very obviously in our hands; as is the degree to which they develop a sense of **moral purpose** for their public and private conduct in society.

Our actions demonstrate that high self-esteem is not a consequence of high performance but of knowing what it means to have been 'at your best' through effort – we help to shape the choices and attitudes that make for the **happy life**.



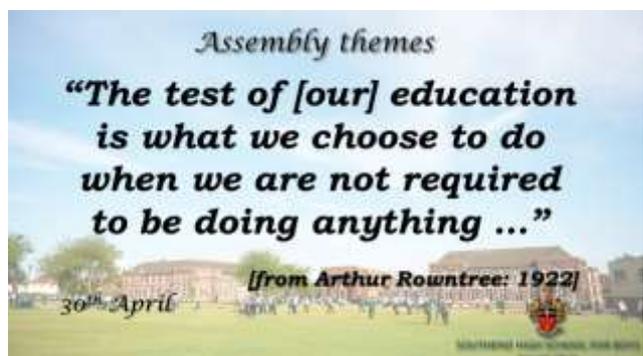
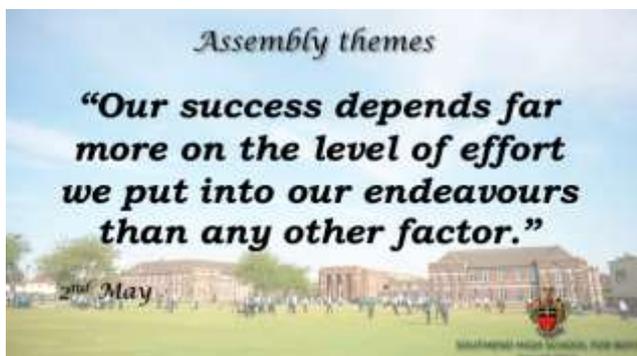
The opportunities and enthusiasm, within and beyond the classroom, induct our pupils into the **fulfilled life**.

The contented, **happy**, young adult who is living a **fulfilled life** will visibly demonstrate **self-assurance**.

Those who are skilled for the **practical life** and rich in wider cultural, social and personal experience can be seen to **live in balance**.

Entering adult life with a clear sense of **moral purpose** and equipped to act, we see our students maturing to be **agents of change** within society.

But also open to change and open to others – **empathetic** – as the values of *personal morality* and social justice blend with the tools that give access to sustained *happiness*.



From the Library: Summer Reading Challenge! For the second year running, the Library is running its own 'Summer Reading Challenge' for Years 7 and 8. Students are being asked to read three books, including one non-fiction, by 8th July and take a 'selfie' reading one of the books to display in the library. Great prizes are on offer including signed books, brain-teaser puzzles and Rubik's Cubes. It would be great if you could encourage your son to get involved and collect a Challenge bookmark from the library.

Ramadan - For those pupils who are observing Ramadan, we are offering a couple of adjustments to our normal arrangements. Pupils may take advantage of these if they need to, but naturally we encourage all pupils to continue as normal if they are able:

- Pupils observing Ramadan may wish to 'sit out' part of a PE lesson or other strenuous activity, where they are finding they are tired. They may sit in the shade if necessary.
- Pupils may go to the Pastoral Hub as a quiet space at lunchtime, particularly if they need to avoid the sunshine when it is hot.

In order that we can ensure we offering these adjustments to the appropriate pupils, would you please ensure your son carries a letter from you confirming that he is observing Ramadan.

Sports Report

Results

Football

Year 8 Football vs Gt Baddow	Lost 3-2 aet	Brysland, Shepherd
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Hockey

Year 10/11 National Final	Vs Beechen Cliff Vs Thomas Telford Vs Sandbach	Lost 1-0 Lost 3-2 Lost 4-0
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Cricket

Year 8 vs King John	Won by 9 wickets	Ejaz 19*
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Tennis

Year 8 vs FitzWimarc	Won 6-0	
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Fixtures

10/05/19 – Year 7 Cricket vs Great Baddow (H) [Essex Cup]
 11/05/19 & 12/05/19 – Essex AA Athletics Championships
 13/05/19 – Year 9 Cricket vs Little Ilford (H) [Essex Cup]
 14/05/19 – National Track and Field Cup Athletics 1st Round @ Chelmsford
 15/05/19 – Year 9/10 Tennis vs New Hall (A)
 16/05/19 – Year 7 Cricket vs Shoebury (H)
 16/05/19 – Year 8 Cricket vs St Martins (A) [Essex Cup]
 18/05/19 – Year 7-10 Athletics vs Brentwood (A)
 20/05/19 – Year 8 Tennis vs WHSB (A)
 20/05/19 – Year 10 Tennis vs WHSB (A)
 21/05/19 – Year 8 Cricket vs FitzWimarc (H)
 21/05/19 – Year 7-10 Track and Hammer Athletics vs Eastwood (A)
 22/05/19 – Year 10 Tennis vs Felsted (A)
 22/05/19 – Year 9 Cricket vs STM (H)
 22/05/19 – Essex Multi-Events Athletics @ Brentwood
 23/05/19 – Year 7-10 Field Athletics vs Eastwood (A)