

Southend High School for Boys

Dear Parents . . .

Summer Holiday letter



The end of a school year invariably brings a number of staff departures. The extent to which the success of a school depends on the qualities and dedication of its employees is obvious: sometimes, however, it is only at the point of saying 'good bye' that we find ourselves fully able to make this connection, and express our gratitude and appreciation.

First, I would like to extend thanks to **Mrs Leoi** (finance), **Mrs Holland** (History) and **Mr Monk** (English), each of whom has brought energy, commitment and expertise to their temporary roles. We welcome back **Mrs Howley** and **Mrs Foley** from maternity leave.

Two colleagues joined us in 2017 and have served two full years at the school: **Mr Medlock** (PE) and **Mrs Garcia** (Leader of Spanish). Both are moving on to similar roles in schools in new locations and with new possibilities; we thank them both for their sustained professionalism and know how many pupils have benefitted from their superb contributions.

We also offer grateful thanks and best wishes to two members of our support staff team, who over a number of years, have afforded expert assistance in their specialised areas. **Mr Reilly** moves on from his role as an IT support technician to work with a major recruitment company; **Mrs Hathaway** moves from her role as a Learning Support Assistant to undertake teacher training.

Finally, we say 'goodbye' to two of our science teachers. **Mrs Coyte** has taught countless Biology classes across her two decades in the school: her insights and knowledge have aided a plethora of students to progress onwards, for example, into undergraduate study with confidence and understanding. We thank her, additionally and especially, for her work in promoting and securing for the school, the Healthy Schools Award. Meanwhile, **Miss Partridge** moves onwards from her leadership of our Physics department having given dedicated and commendable service: not only in the teaching and development of her subject, but also in establishing and sustaining our Duke of Edinburgh Award provision. Her 'voluntary' contributions, offered without any expectation of reward or recognition, have been transformational for many pupils at the school. Thank you.

The school is pleased to have recruited teacher replacements in each of these subject areas: we are fully-staffed for the timetable in September.

In our final school assembly of the term, we will be issuing a challenge to all of the pupils to ensure they do not 'waste' their Summer Holiday. We do hope they, and you, all have fun together. We know that many pupils will be ready to rest too!

In line with our 2020 Vision, we will be encouraging all the pupils:

- ✓ **to "live life live"** – not 'secondhand' through the screen of a computer or mobile phone. Our suggestion was that they each tried to live a week without any screen time!

- ✓ **to complete a physical challenge** – perhaps inspired by our sponsored walk, by the ever increasing (150) pupils who cycle to school, or Duke of Edinburgh, or some other school activity. Our suggestion was that each pupil identifies and completes a new physical challenge.
- ✓ **to engage with family and friends** – avoiding the tendency to retreat when guests arrive, we advised the pupils to look to learn from relatives and family friends, asking questions and finding out new stories or perspectives.
- ✓ **to complete a mental challenge** – our recommendations included learning to play chess, completing puzzles, or even learning to navigate a journey with a map!

We wish all the school community a restful holiday and express our appreciation for all those staff who will be working through the Summer on premises developments, the school accounts, examination results, University applications and more.

Sports Day

We welcome parents to join us at Sports Day on **Tuesday 16th July** from **1.00 pm** on the school field.

Term finishes on Friday, 19th July, and we would expect the final assembly to have finished in time for pupils to leave at 12.45 pm. Please make arrangements for your child to leave the site at that time – we are unable to offer supervision for pupils during the afternoon.

Exam results for A/AS level and GCSE candidates are available in the Main Hall from 9.00 am on **Thursday 15th August and Thursday 22nd August** respectively.

School commences for the new academic year on **Tuesday 3rd September: Year 7 register at 8.30 am; Year 12 register at 9.30 am; Years 8-11 & 13 register at 10.00 am.**

Lessons begin period 3 on the first day of term and timetables are indicated below; pupils should ensure that they have relevant equipment and books with them.

Timetable for first day of Autumn Term: Tuesday 3rd September 2019

New tutor group	3	4	5
7EA1	PSE	Design and Technology	English
7EA2	Geography	IT	History
7EA3	French	Art	Food Technology
7ST1	Religious Education	English	Maths
7ST2	Geography	English	Maths
7ST3	German	PE	Maths
8EA1	Science	Maths	Geography
8EA2	Science	Maths	French
8EA3	Science	Maths	English
8ST1	Spanish	Maths	English
8ST2	Design and Technology	Maths	English
8ST3	Geography	Maths	Spanish
9EA1	Games	Option J Art Business Citizenship Computing Geography Science	Option H Computing Design and Technology History Science Spanish
9EA2			
9EA3			
9ST1	Maths		
9ST2			
9ST3			
10EA1	Science	Religious Studies or PE	Science
10EA2			
10EA3			
10ST1	English	Science	Religious Studies
10ST2			
10ST3			
11EA1	Option T Art Business Citizenship Computing Drama Economics History Spanish	Science	Games
11EA2			
11EA3			
11ST1		English or Religious Studies	PSHE
11ST2			
11ST3			
Sixth-form	<i>Sixth form should be prepared for any lesson.</i>		



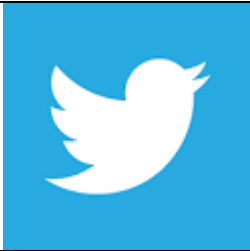
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