



Southend High School for Girls

An Academy Grammar School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope I find you well and that you have been enjoying the sunny weather.

Return to school for Year 10 and Year 12 success

The return to school for Year 10 and Year 12 has gone really well. Although it felt rather odd to have my temperature checked on entry to the building and then use the hand sanitiser station, it was, of course, reassuring.

Students and staff all said that they enjoyed being back at school. I particularly enjoyed walking around the school and talking to students this week, even in the 30-degree heat! As you will be aware, we also timetabled well-being checks for all Year 10 and Year 12 students; these have been very well received.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved in organising and delivering the return to school programme for Year 10 and Year 12. In addition, I would like to thank parents and students for working with us in making it so successful.

Reminder about assessments and reports: Year 7 - 13

Last month I outlined the assessment and reporting arrangements for this half term. As we approach the end of June, I thought that you may find it helpful to receive a reminder about your child's dates and the details of their assessment and reporting schedule.

Year Group	Assessment during Summer Term 2020	Information reported to parents	Target Date
7 and 8	No formal exams. Assessment through the learning activities taking place within the virtual school.	Data based report showing achievement and effort in each subject. Achievement will be reported in terms an EDPM grade - this shows where on the Emerging, Developing, Proficient and Mastery scale your child has ended year 7/8 (full descriptors will be provided). Effort will use the schools' standard effort grade descriptors.	End June
9	No formal exams. Assessment through the learning activities taking place within the virtual school including a common assessment task that will be completed by the whole year group.	Data based report showing achievement and effort in each subject. Achievement will be reported in terms of a currently working at grade (this will be informed by the common assessment task), an EDPM grade - this shows where on the Emerging, Developing, Proficient and Mastery scale your child has ended year 9 (full descriptors will be provided) and an effort grade using the schools' standard effort grade descriptors.	End July

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10	No formal exams. Assessment through the learning activities taking place within the virtual school including a common assessment task that will be completed by the whole year group.	Data based report showing achievement and effort in each subject. Achievement will be reported in terms of a currently working at grade (this will be a GCSE grade informed by the common assessment task), an estimated grade (again, a GCSE grade that your child is likely to achieve based on current effort and achievement), an effort grade and a RAG rating . This is a red/amber/green rating that will highlight to you where extra focus will be required before the mock exams next year.	Mid July
12	No formal exams. Assessment through the learning activities taking place within the virtual school including a common assessment task that will be completed by the whole year group.	Data based report showing achievement and effort in each subject. Achievement will be reported in terms of a currently working at grade (this will be an A level grade informed by the common assessment task), a preliminary UCAS predicted grade (again, an A level grade that your child is likely to achieve based on current effort and achievement, this will be reviewed again early next academic year), an effort grade and a RAG rating . This is a red/amber/green rating that will highlight to you where extra focus will be required before the mock exams next year.	Early July
11 and 13	No assessments	Graduation report with summary statements from each of your child's teachers.	End July

Student success and achievements

Firstly, thank you to Danielle, Charlotte and Eleanor in Year 13 for finding their SHSG uniforms again and coming into school to make some superb videos for our new students. They were joined in the real and virtual world by Tess in Year 11 and Evie, Evie and Anqi in Year 7. We were so proud of their professionalism and would like to share their presentations:

Eleanor in Year 13

<https://prezi.com/v/6tcqrw0rxp1h/>

Danielle and Charlotte in Year 13

<https://prezi.com/v/h-1twhnq7phi/>

Tess in Year 11

<https://prezi.com/v/wad8axdegyys/>

Evie, Evie and Anqi in Year 7

<https://prezi.com/v/e53vovypnlpf/>

These students completed the videos in one take!

Our June Gazette will be emailed on Monday. Again, there are numerous student achievements celebrated in the Gazette. Students in years 7 to 11 completed some excellent work in response to the astronomy-photography competition. Also, Hannah G in Year 8 created a scale model of the solar system using her trampoline bed as the sun. Georgia B in Year 8 rose to the challenge of Mental Health Week: her acts of kindness have been to bake for her neighbours on the VE Day anniversary. Our Gazette goes far and wide and even reached the north of England, where my father now has one of our student's VE Day paintings next to my grandad's war medals!

Other successes have been awarded and recognised for local and international competitions recently in lockdown. Kate W has been awarded Regional KS4 Winner for Essex in the Poetry by Heart Competition. I am also delighted to announce that Maisie R in Year 13 has made the longlist in the Production category for the video she made for her Media Level coursework, 'Pink Lemonade' in the highly prestigious English and Media Centre production competition. This will be screened at a red-carpet event at the British Film Institute in London. You may be interested to watch Maisie's video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=256&v=ISSMrxwXtYA&feature=emb_title

We also applaud our students' achievements in the *Education Perfect Languages Championship* final results: 1st overall in England for: French, German, Japanese, Russian and Samoan. 8th place in the world overall!

Year 11 preparing for Year 12

During lockdown, the Sixth Form Team and other members of staff (plus alumni) have been putting a comprehensive programme together for Year 11's preparation, transition and induction to our Sixth Form. This will go out next week along with information and initial plans regarding arrangements for receiving results in August and places in our Sixth Form for September.

Year 13 will also receive information about arrangements for receiving results.

Headteacher videos

Back by popular demand! My apologies for not making a video recently. Now we have organised the Year 10 and 12 return to school and I have had a haircut in my garden, I can spend some time on a weekly video message to take us to the summer holidays.

Stay safe.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Carey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jason Carey
Headteacher