



# Southend High School for Girls

## AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below some updates for the start of term.

### **Year 12 media studies conference**

Year 12 Media students attended an inspiring conference today at the BFI. They met up-and-coming media professionals working in film, television comedy, journalism, and the music industry; they heard academics discuss media industries, power and ideologies and were able to put their questions directly to the speakers. This conference has enriched students' study of the A Level media curriculum and opened them up to new possibilities in terms of future careers and ideas and surrounding Media Studies. Highlights were hearing from:

- David Hesmondhalgh (set theorist and author of *The Cultural Industries*) from the University of Leeds and
- Simon Bird, famous for his starring roles in *The Inbetweeners* and *Friday Night Dinner*, talking about his career as a director of film and TV comedy.

An entertaining and enriching day out.

### **Year 13 PPEs**

Congratulations to all students that have completed PPEs. Most exams will finish by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January and Year 13 students will return to school as usual on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January except for art students.

### **Year 7 EDPM reports and Virtual Parents' Consultation Evening**

Year 7 parents will receive their child's EDPM reports today; a reminder on how to access these can be found [here](#).

In addition, the Year 7 Virtual Parents' Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The booking system will open to parents on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30am.

### **Parental webinar on online safety**

To complement the workshops students are having on E Safety, we strongly encourage parents and careers to join the online webinar on 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 8:00-9:30pm. The webinar will be delivered by 'The 2 Johns', retired police detectives who now deliver bespoke child exploitation training to professionals, parents, and children. The session will cover the most up to date risks of using the internet and social media apps, how to reduce these risks and advice on how to help your child if things go wrong. More information has been provided in a separate communication. There is no need to RSVP, and the zoom code required to join the session is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84365129057>

### **Workshops**

As part of our Personal Development programme, we have a range of workshops running this term. Students in Year 10 and Year 11 are having discussion-based workshops on consent in their Life Skills Lesson. Year 12 continue



their Relationship and Sex Education with a workshop on healthy relationships next week. Year 7 and Year 9 are having a presentation on online safety run by two retired detectives. As always, the facilitators of these workshops have commented on what an engaged and thoughtful audience our students are.

### ***Year 11 Taster Day***

All students will receive their personalised timetables on Tuesday for the A Level Taster Day. More information about selecting final A Level options for Sixth Form will be given to students during registration after the day.

To support Year 11 in their examination preparation, students have now received personalised intervention timetables. Thank you to all the teachers involved for delivering these extra sessions.

### ***GCSE and A Level examination contingency date***

JCQ (Joint Council for Examinations) have in place an 'Examination Contingency' date. Any examinations that might need to be rescheduled due to the unlikely event of a national or significant local disruption would take place on or before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. JCQ advise that all students are available up to and including Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, regardless of the date of their final examination. Hopefully this will assist you with planning for summer vacations. Students and parents / carers in Year 11 and Year 13 will receive detailed information regarding study leave, examination timetables and expectations for this period later this term.

### ***Free School Meals and bursary***

The government provides funding to schools to support students who may need financial assistance through free school meals and the 16-19 Bursary fund. For information about free school meals, please click [here](#) and for the 16-19 bursary [here](#).

### ***Key Dates***

The calendar on our website is regularly updated and contains key dates of activities and events that are taking place in school. A full list can be found [here](#).

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey  
Headteacher