

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Northern Ireland Citizenship Trip Autumn 2023

Following an extremely successful trip to Northern Ireland in Nov/Dec 2022, the Citizenship department are proposing to run another *new and improved* trip to Northern Ireland in Nov/Dec this year. The trip will once again take place over a 3-day period. We will depart on Wednesday 29th November and return on Friday 1st December 2023.

The trip is designed to complement and expand on topics in the GCSE Citizenship Curriculum focusing on the troubles in Northern Ireland and devolution. The trip includes a packed programme of activities, both academic and cultural, including visiting Stormont (the Northern Ireland Assembly), the Museum of Free Derry, walking tours in Derry and Belfast as well as visits to the Crumlin road gaol, the Giant's Causeway and the widely acclaimed Titanic Museum. All of these visits provide opportunities to enhance students understanding of content across Themes A, B and D in their Citizenship GCSE course.

The total cost of this trip will be approximately **£645.00**, which includes bed and breakfast accommodation, all transfers, local taxes, entrance and activity costs and evening meals on the Wednesday and Thursday. The exact amount will depend on the flight costs which we will confirm as soon as possible. The only elements which are not included are lunch and snacks each day as well as food for breakfast(Wed)/dinner(Fri) whilst we are travelling through airports.

Please note, as **there are only a limited number of places available**, the places on the trip will be offered on a first-come first-served basis in terms of receipt of the non-refundable **deposit of £150** via wise pay. Later instalments are expected to be in April, June and September.

The option to purchase a place will be released on Wise pay at 1pm on Monday 6th March, you will find the item under the "Trips and Visits" section. We request that all payments are made by the deadline of Wednesday 15th March. If you have any concerns about your Wise pay access, please contact Mrs Howley in advance to ensure you have access ahead of the places opening.

You will understand that staff remain *in loco parentis* throughout the duration of all school trips. We will need to be confident that each pupil will respond to expectations, and those who have not demonstrated a



sufficiently good record of behaviour may forfeit the opportunity to join the trip. As the trip will be departing during term time your son will also be expected to catch up any missed work on return.

Please review the school's Trip Code of Conduct via the link below, and ensure your son is aware of, and committed to, the required standards of behaviour.

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1070>

If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school's enquiries email.

Yours sincerely,

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