

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Re: Northern Ireland Citizenship & Geography Trip Autumn 2023

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

This trip has previously been open to Citizenship students *only*. However, as there are some places which remain available this year, it has been decided to open the opportunity to Geography students who would benefit from the significant curriculum cross over.

The trip is designed to complement and expand on topics in the GCSE Citizenship and GCSE Geography curriculums. The elements of the visit focused on the troubles in Belfast and Derry gives a dynamic case study for understanding urban regeneration, regional divides and the interaction between humans and their environment. In addition, our visit to the Giant's Causeway will be a brilliant opportunity to experience first-hand a volcanic landform.

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 will provide opportunities to enhance students understanding of Northern Ireland and equip them with a better understanding of place which will not only be useful at GCSE but feed into A Level for those who go on to study the subject further.

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 only be guaranteed with receipt of the non-refundable deposit of £150 via wise pay. Later instalments are expected to be in April, June and September. **Places will open to Geography students tomorrow at 1pm (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March)**. You will find the item available under the "Trips and Visits" section. If you have any concerns about your Wise pay access, please contact Mrs Howley.



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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Teacher of Politics and Citizenship

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