

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Proposed European Space Academy Trip, July 2024

We propose to take a 6-day trip to the European Space Academy near Brussels, departing on Monday 8th July 2024. This trip is academically demanding and therefore places are limited to those students who have achieved high grades in Science and Mathematics and good effort throughout Year 9 and the beginning of Year 10. I am very pleased to inform you that your son has achieved these levels and I am able to offer him the opportunity to take part in this trip.

During this week-long program, trainees get hands-on astronaut experience, as well as learning about the mental, emotional, and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include Engineering, Space Technology and Aerospace Science. As the camp is in the French speaking part of Belgium, students will also get the opportunity to practice their language skills.

The cost of this trip is **£1,100.00** and includes meals, drinks with meals, all activities, transfers, and accommodation. This total will be split into the following payment schedule:

Deposit:	£150.00, due by 13th October 2023
Instalment 1:	£300.00, due by 15 th December 2023
Instalment 2:	£300.00, due by 9 th February 2024
Instalment 3:	£350.00, due by 28 th March 2023

Please be aware that there are **limited places on this trip, which will be offered on a first-come first-served basis**. Please read the information below carefully as it details the process of how you can secure a place on this trip for your child.

On Thursday 28th September at 8pm, an MS Form will become available for you to complete, the link to this is below. Please access and complete this form if your child wants to attend the Space Academy. **Note that that this form is NOT a way to show speculative interest; it is a firm commitment to attending the trip and to paying the required deposit by the deadline date.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/qYjWPn6KZZ>

The link to this form will expire at 8am on Monday 2nd October.



If you are amongst the first 32 to complete this form, you will be emailed on Thursday 5th October to confirm your child's place on the trip and to let you know how to make your deposit payment. Please note, by accepting a place on the trip you are committing to the payment deadlines as set out above. If you no longer wish for your child to attend, please let us know at your first opportunity so that we can offer the place to students on the reserve list.

If you are unsuccessful in securing one of the first 32 places, your child will be kept on our reserve list.

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.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Reynolds
Trip Organiser