

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **RE: Lecture at the Royal Institution – *A user's guide to the new biology***

The Science Department have reserved twenty tickets to Phillip Ball's lecture, *A user's guide to the new biology*, at the *Royal Institution (RI)* on Monday 12 February 2024. This lecture will explore the new biology, a leading-edge new vision of biology that will revise our concept of what life itself is, how to enhance it, and what possibilities it offers. Phillip Ball is a freelance writer and broadcaster and was an editor at *Nature* for more than twenty years. More information on the event can be found on the RI's website: <https://www.rigb.org/whats-on/users-guide-new-biology>

The lecture will be of interest to those taking Advanced Level Biology and of special interest to those that wish to read Biology or related fields in higher education. Tickets can be purchased on *WisePay* for £14.50, not inclusive of travel. Since only twenty tickets are available, places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

We ask that students make their own way to and from the *RI*. We will meet as a school party shortly before the lecture at 1830 hrs outside the venue (21 Albemarle Street, London, W1S 4BSI) where tickets will be distributed for an 1845 hrs start. The lecture should last one hour, with a short Q&A session, finishing no later than 2030 hrs. Teachers will be at the event to supervise but we will not be accompanying students for the journey each way. Students do not need to wear school uniform but are asked to be respectful of the venue and its history.

Should your son or daughter wish to join us for the evening, I would be grateful if you would complete the form below, including a mobile number we can contact them in the event of disruption or an emergency on the evening, no later than Friday 17 November. I will be contactable on a School mobile phone during the evening which I will inform you of closer to the trip date.

<https://forms.office.com/e/D0exBHWkFm>

Please review the school's trip code of conduct here:

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

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school's enquiries email, [enquiries@shsb.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@shsb.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,  
Mr D Hill  
Leader of Science

