

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Re: Northern Ireland Citizenship Trip 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Following successful trips to Northern Ireland in 2022 and 2023, the Citizenship department are proposing to run our annual Northern Ireland trip at the end of November this year. The trip is currently open to students in year 10 studying GCSE Citizenship (so any students unable to attend last year have the option to do so this year) and any student in year 9 who has selected to take GCSE Citizenship as one of their options. The trip will once again take place over a 3-day period. We will depart on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and return on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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 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 **£675.00**, which includes bed and breakfast accommodation, flights, coach hire, 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) and dinner (Fri) whilst we are travelling through airports.

Please note, as **there are 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 WisePay. Later instalments are expected to be in May, July and September. Places will open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at midday on WisePay. If you have any concerns about your WisePay access, please contact Mrs Wightman at [Finance@shsb.org.uk](mailto:Finance@shsb.org.uk) 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=2633>

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Sainsbury

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