

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### 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, we are running our annual Northern Ireland trip at the end of November this year. Last year, for the first time we opened the trip to students who are studying Geography GCSE alongside those studying Citizenship. I'm pleased to share that we are once again able to open this trip up to students in year 9 who have chosen to study Geography as one of their option subjects next year. 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 and 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 **£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)/dinner (Fri) whilst we are travelling through airports.

Please note, as **there are a limited number of places available**, the places on the trip are first-come first-served and 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 are open from today for students to sign up, with a final sign up deadline of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at midday. If you have any concerns about your Wisepay access please contact Mrs Wightman, [Finance@shsb.org.uk](mailto:Finance@shsb.org.uk).

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.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Sainsbury  
**Trip Organiser**