

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: European Space Academy Trip, July 2025

This year, we are again running our very popular 6-day trip to the European Space Academy near Brussels, from Monday 7th July to Saturday 12th July 2025., which will be a joint trip for year 10 and year 9. Due to a number of withdrawals, we still have **10 places available**, and we would now like to offer this to your son.

During this week-long programme, 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 **£1,200.00** and includes meals, drinks with meals, all activities, transfers, and accommodation. This total will be split into the payment below.

Instalment 1: £600.00, due by 17th January 2025

Instalment 2: £300.00, due by 7th February 2025

Instalment 3: £300.00, due by 28th March 2025

Please be aware that if the trip is oversubscribed, teacher feedback, including on behaviour, will be used to allocate places.

To secure a place on this trip for your child, please access and complete the Microsoft Form which is linked below. **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/jTNH46vVCh>

The link to this form will expire at 11.45pm on 13/01/2025.

If your son is selected, you will be emailed 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 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