

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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May 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### Re: Proposed Amsterdam Science trip Summer 2026

The Science Department proposes to take a 4-day trip to Amsterdam, Netherlands, departing Saturday 16 May 2026, returning Tuesday 19 May 2026. This trip will compliment and expand on topics in the KS3 Science Curriculum and provides an opportunity to experience a different European culture.

The trip includes a packed programme of activities, both scientific and cultural, including *the NEMO Science Museum*, *CORPUS Museum of the Human Body*, *Naturalis* workshop, *Micropia*, *Anne Frank's House*, a canal tour of Amsterdam and an afternoon in a Dutch theme-park, *Efteling* (subject to flight-times). Please find the full proposed-itinerary overleaf.

The cost of this trip will be **£1050** which includes a contingency in case of flight-cost variations. The price includes half-board accommodation (which includes a daily lunch allowance), all transfers, local taxes, entrance and activity costs. Provided this trip received enough interest, payments would fall due in accordance with the schedule below:

Deposit:	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	£300
Instalment 1:	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	£250
Instalment 2:	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	£250
Instalment 3:	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	£250

If you wish to register your interest in your son attending this trip, please complete the **expression of interest** on *WisePay*. This can be found under the 'Register Interest' tab on the homepage.

As there are **only 40 places available** if the trip is oversubscribed, pupils who have made good progress in Science, with positive teacher feedback on effort and behaviour in lessons will be prioritised when awarding places. Please note, whilst this trip is initially open to all students who will be in Year 8 & 9 next academic year, the trip is intended to support the Year 8 Science curriculum. As such pupils in current Year 7 will be prioritised if the trip is oversubscribed.

I will write to confirm the trip will proceed and whether your son has been offered a place by Friday 6 June, after which we ask that you pay the **deposit as set out above on WisePay by Friday 13 June**. Failure to make this payment by this deadline will result in this place being forfeited to another student on the 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.

If you have any further 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 J Hill**  
Leader of Science



**Sample Itinerary** (Subject to confirmation upon booking):

**Day 1**

- Outbound Flight LGW to Schiphol - TBC
- Overseas airport coach transfer from Schiphol to City Centre
- 60 min Stromma Canal Cruise (time depending)
- Evening meal and overnight at StayOkay Amsterdam Oost

**Day 2**

- Breakfast
- Anne Frank's House - SCHOOL MUST BOOK DIRECT
- Bodyworld
- Micropia Science Museum
- Evening meal and overnight at StayOkay Amsterdam Oost

**Day 3**

- Breakfast
- 1x full day coach hire
- Corpus Museum
- Naturalis Bio Diversity Centre
- Evening meal and overnight at StayOkay Amsterdam Oost

**Day 4**

- Breakfast
- Return coach to Efteling Theme park from City Centre
- Efteling Theme park
- Overseas airport coach transfer to Schiphol Airport
- Inbound Flight from Schiphol to LGW - TBC