

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 9 Geography Trip to Belfairs Woodland Centre– 6th and 7th October 2025

As part of our GCSE Geography curriculum, the school has arranged for pupils in Year 9 to undertake an ecosystem study using the expertise of the Essex Wildlife Trust Education Department at Belfairs Woodland Centre.

The purpose of the trip is to broaden fieldwork investigation skills and subject knowledge of the Ecosystem topic (3.1.2. Section B Living world) which is assessed in Geography Paper 1 at GCSE. This trip will take place over two days, with pupils split into two groups. The day your son will be attending the visit will be confirmed shortly. Pupils and staff will be departing Southend High School for Boys for Belfairs Park, on foot, at 8.40am. Pupils must be ready to register at the flagpole by no later than 8.30am. It is anticipated that activities will finish between 2.30-3.00pm (times may change slightly, but pupils will be informed prior to the visit). Pupils will return to school, on foot, with an accompanying teacher. Pupils will not be required to wear school uniform on this day, however, please ensure that your child is prepared for this trip with suitable clothing, walking shoes/wellington boots and a waterproof jacket if necessary. Please also ensure your child is prepared with pens, pencils and a notepad. Pupils will also need to bring a packed lunch.

The total cost of this visit is £18.00, which covers all activities at Belfairs Park. You will find the option to pay on Wisepay under the “trips and visits” section; please ensure that payment is made by **tomorrow 2 October 2025**.

In order for your child to attend this visit you must complete the school’s offsite visit form. This is available via the hyperlink below. Please ensure that this is completed by **tomorrow 2 October 2025**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/V48QteuTGz>

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Hemmings
Trip Organiser

