

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Congratulations on your son being selected to represent the school at the English Schools National Cross Country Cup Final at Princethorpe College, Rugby on Saturday 6th December. We will be leaving school at 1pm on Friday 5th December. Your son will travel in a school tracksuit on the journey to Warwickshire.

We will be staying at the Mercure Daventry Court Hotel and Spa in Daventry on the Friday night, with an evening meal and breakfast included. As you will be aware, this is a particularly challenging time for school budgets, and we are working hard to ensure that opportunities like this remain accessible to all students. In recognition of your child's tremendous achievement in reaching the final of such a prestigious national competition, the school will cover the additional costs for food and transport.

We are asking for a minimum contribution of £45 towards the cost of your child's accommodation. The actual cost per pupil is £85, which means the school will be subsidising approximately £40 per student, as well as covering staff accommodation and food. While we are committed to supporting our students, these costs do place additional pressure on the school.

If you feel able to contribute the full £85, this would be greatly appreciated and would help us continue offering experiences like this in the future. However, please be assured that this is entirely voluntary, and the requested £45 contribution is all that is required.

If you wish to attend the event to support your child over the weekend and would like to stay at the same hotel, please contact the hotel directly to make your own booking. When calling, you may wish to mention that you are parents of a Southend High School team member. Please note that we will be travelling to Warwickshire by minibuss and, unfortunately, we are unable to offer transport for parents. Please note that Princethorpe College doesn't allow dogs on site.

Princethorpe College is a beautiful but rural site surrounded by B-roads, small villages and country lanes. There is no public transport or parking near the college and on-site parking is limited strictly to teams and officials. A park and ride system will operate from a nearby multistorey car park with shuttle buses providing the 10-15 minute transfer. To support the operations on site, all spectators must head straight to the multistorey and catch the shuttle buses directly in and out. The park and ride will operate from the multistorey car park at Jaguar Land Rover, Leaf Lane, Whitley, CV3 4LF (what three words = forces.tags.spits). No cars should be parked on the local country roads. Please also note that Princethorpe school doesn't allow dogs on site.

The Cup final starts at 12.15pm with the Junior Girls race. Full information can be found on the ESAA website (follow links to Cross Country Cup Final). We will stop on route on Friday and refreshments will be on sale at the venue, but it would be advisable to provide your son with food for Friday and Saturday lunchtime.



They will also need: Clothes for the evening, School vest, white shorts, white ankle socks, spikes, spending money, isotonic drinks, clothes to travel home in and a warm coat that will be provided by the school.

We should return home at approximately 7pm on Saturday 6th December. Your son will ring to confirm when we stop on the motorway.

Finally, thank you for all your support over the last few months of training. Encouraging your son to train in the morning and transporting them to school for a 7.45am start is very important to their success. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please make the payment under Trips and Visit via Wise pay. Deadline for payment is Friday 28th November. Please also fill in the offsite form below to confirm your child's place on the trip.

[National Cross Country - 6 December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

Kind regards,

Mr R Casey

Leader of Competitive Sport