

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: GCSE Science Live! Conference

I write to invite your son to join us at the GCSE Science Live! conference in Ipswich on 2 March 2026. The visit will include the chance to see and hear five of Britain's top scientists, all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. The scientists are carefully chosen for their ability to communicate with students of this age in a direct and exciting way.

The day will be fast-moving, exciting, thought-provoking and will give students the chance to raise issues with the scientists whilst demonstrating that science really does offer solutions for many of the world's great problems. Each pupil will receive a booklet with details about each scientist, the lectures and some general articles about studying science and working as scientists. It also aims to help improve pupils' Science GCSE results with top tips on examination success from an experienced science examiner.

The school has secured 49 places and pupils who have been identified as more able and talented in one or more of the sciences have been selected. I am pleased to offer your child this opportunity to attend. **The trip will cost £42.50** which includes entry to the conference and the coach journey to and from the venue. Lunch will **not** be provided so students are advised to bring packed lunches. **All payments should be made on WisePay by Friday, 5th December and places will be offered on a first come first served basis.** Should you have any difficulty in accessing your account, or any concerns about payment, please contact Mrs Payagala in the Finance Office on finance@shsb.org.uk at your earliest convenience.

If we do not fill the places by the deadline, we will open the trip up to the rest of the year group.

Once you have made your payment, please complete the required "Offsite Visit Form" below:

[KS4 Science Live! Conference - 2 March 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Please see the below itinerary for the day. Please be aware that the timings are approximate and will be dependent on traffic.

08:00	Arrive at SHSB, front bus stops
08:15	Depart SHSB by coach
10:15	Arrival at Regent's Theatre, Ipswich
10:45	GCSE Science Live! conference begins
15:00	Conference ends
15:30	Depart from Regent's Theatre, Ipswich
17:30	Arrive back at SHSB

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via enquiries@shsb.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Rivers
Teacher of Science

