

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 showing them 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 trip, which was initially offered to a select group of students, has not yet been filled. As a result, we are now pleased to open the opportunity to the entire year group. There are still 31 places available, and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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, 19th 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.

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 the schools enquiries email.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Rivers
Teacher of Science