

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Parliament Trip - Westminster

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter is invited to attend our trip to the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court with A Level Politics students in January. The trip will be taking place on **Monday 19th January**. Students will take part in a tour of Westminster and a workshop in the Parliament Education Centre - an excellent opportunity to enhance their understanding of topics covered in their UK Politics and Government modules.

After our visit to Parliament, we will also visit the Supreme Court for a self-guided tour to learn more about the role of the court and how it fits into our political and legal system in the UK; linking to the relations between the branches module on their UK Government paper.

We propose that your son/daughter can make their own way to London by train and meet us at **Westminster Tube Station at 9.15am** (the exit facing Big Ben). Alternatively, they can meet us at Leigh-on-Sea train station at 7.30am, where they will be accompanied by members of staff. I will formally dismiss the group from the Supreme Court at around 3.30pm. From this point onwards the students will no longer be in our care. If there are any students who would like to be accompanied back to Leigh-on-Sea station on the C2C line, then please indicate that in the consent form via this link: [Parliament Trip - Westminster - 19/1/26 – Fill in form](#).

Students can choose to bring a packed lunch or there will be an opportunity for them to buy their own. Your child is also **required to wear full school uniform** for the duration of the trip and conduct themselves appropriately as ambassadors for the school.

Due to the nature of the travel arrangements and the opportunities for independence during the visit to London, we will be taking a school mobile phone for staff use. We will also request students' personal phone numbers so that they can be contacted directly, if necessary, in the interests of both communication and student safety.

There is no cost for the trip. However, your son/daughter will need to pay for their own train travel. Please complete the form via the link above to secure your son/daughter's place by **Friday 9th January**. Please note there are a limited number of spaces on this trip and they will be allocated at a first come, first served basis. If you have any difficulties, please contact the Finance Office at finance@shsb.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Whifin

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Senior School Improvement Leader

