

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### RE: KS3 Science Live! Conference + Science Museum visit

I write to invite your son to join us at the *KS3 Science Live!* conference in London on 6 March 2026. The visit will include the chance to see 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. The event is designed to stimulate and improve scientific literacy by connecting school science to the real world.

Following our Science Live conference we will then travel to the Science Museum, by coach, where we have secured a slot to explore the Wunderlab. This unmissable interactive gallery is perfect for curious minds to experiment and play with 50 eye-opening exhibits that help them feel like real scientists. They'll explore the science behind everyday life to imagine the world around them in new and exciting ways. We will be supported within the Wunderlab by the Science Museum explainers who are on hand to lead explosive live science shows and unforgettable demonstrations.

The school has secured 48 spaces, with pupils selected using a combination of academic record and engagement within Science and I am pleased to offer your son this opportunity to attend. The trip will cost £34.00 which includes entry to the conference, the use of the Science Museum's Wunderlab and the coach journey to and from the venue.

Lunch will not be provided so students are advised to bring packed lunches. There should be an opportunity for the students to visit the Science Museum shop, traffic dependent, where they can purchase gifts should they wish to do so, please do not send your child with a large amount of cash, they will be responsible for ensuring any cash they have on them is safe and secure. As a guide here is a link to the science museum shop: <https://shop.sciencemuseum.org.uk>.

All payments should be made on *WisePay* by Thursday, 8 January. Once you have made your payment, please complete the required "Offsite Visit Form" below:

[KS3 Science Live! Conference - 6 March 2025 – Fill in form](#)



Please see the below itinerary for the day.

07:15 Arrive at SHSB, front bus stops  
07:30 Depart SHSB by coach  
10:00 Arrival at the Emmanuel Centre  
10:30 KS3 Science Live! conference begins  
12:30 Conference ends  
12:40 Depart from the Emmanuel Centre  
13:30 Arrive at the Science Museum  
15.15 Depart from the Science Museum  
17.30 Arrive back at SHSB

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school's enquires email.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Shrimplin  
Teacher of Chemistry