

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Take your child to work day

At Southend High School for Boys, we believe that work experience can help motivate pupils and give them a better understanding of the world of work along with any skills required e.g., team working, time-keeping etc.

This academic year we are running a 1-day programme where our Year 9 pupils' will be invited to engage in a day of experiencing a workplace on 3rd June 2026.

Whilst we understand that some parents will not be in a position to have their children with them, or that their jobs or workplace would be highly inappropriate for this programme, it is hoped that you will be able to arrange for your child to shadow you at work for just one day. Alternatively, parents could consider asking close relatives if they could accommodate their child for that day.

It is not the intention of this programme to serve as an occupational taster day for the pupils' career aspirations, but rather give an insight into what it is like to be engaged in a working environment. At the start of the summer term, pupils will undertake some preparation work where they will be given guidance on what we expect them to record on the day e.g., jobs they are shadowing, aspects of the business they were involved in and a subjective review of their day.

Later in the year, I will write again to ask you to complete some basic permission forms with details of the intended workplace. In the meantime, please be kind enough to make enquiries at your place of work to ensure that your child would be able to spend a day there, will be covered under the company's business insurance policy and that their attendance will comply with any Health and Safety policy requirements

If you have any queries, please do contact me by email ceh@shsb.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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