

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, undertaking fieldwork is a mandatory requirement for A Level Geography students. Coursework, known as the Non Examined Assessment (NEA), is worth 20% of the A Level qualification. As such, I am pleased to inform you that a residential fieldwork trip to Southwold, Suffolk, has been arranged for Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July 2026. We shall be staying at the Hatfield Hotel and Southwold Geography Academy will be providing expert tuition.

This trip will allow students to carry out their planning, data collection and begin the write up of their NEA's. The planned itinerary is as follows:

Day 1 introduces students to the requirements of the NEA with classroom sessions on planning and designing an effective study, before conducting a full tour of Southwold, highlighting the key geographical issues locally. A wide range of human and coastal methods are demonstrated, whilst further classroom sessions demonstrate sampling and GIS techniques.

Day 2 Students spend the morning designing their itineraries and methodologies before undertaking 5-6 hours of primary data collection.

Day 3 A further opportunity for data collection in the morning enables students to enhance the reliability of their data and ensures they leave Southwold with all the data they need and in a position to fully write-up their NEA's.

Whilst working, there will be times when they will be remotely supervised by staff and it is expected that they maintain high standards of behaviour, even when staff are not present. There will be a small amount of free time during which students will be required to make their own lunch arrangements. They will be issued with a school mobile phone number to maintain contact if there are any problems.

The cost of the trip is £280 per student, which includes accommodation, dinner and breakfast, tuition and transport costs. Please make the payment by 5 June 2026 via ParentPay. While the fieldwork element of the course is compulsory, participation in this residential trip is optional, though it offers a particularly beneficial opportunity for students to develop and complete their NEA with expert guidance. Should you decide that your child will not attend, appropriate arrangements will be made within school to ensure they are fully supported in completing the NEA component of the course, at no additional cost.

More information will be sent out shortly. If you have any queries regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at chi@shsb.org.uk.



I would like to congratulate your child for their continued effort and enthusiasm in their A Level Geography course.

Yours sincerely,

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