

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

The summer of 2026 will see an SHSB tradition continued – our biennial Big Bike Ride. We are in the process of finalising arrangements and it will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July for Years 7, 8 and 9. This will be a great opportunity for pupils to have fun and keep fit together, as well as providing a further impetus to encourage the boys to use their bikes for leisure, sport and local journeys.

Mr March has planned an exciting route for the pupils to follow, which will be marshalled by staff and prefects. The route uses sections of urban roads as well as extended cycle paths. The aim is to complete a round trip from the school to East Beach, Shoeburyness, approximately 14 miles. We will also be providing lunch for the boys at East Beach.

To participate in the ride, pupils must bring their own (or a borrowed) bike to school. All bikes must be checked as roadworthy before the event. Please check your son's bike at home (please find attached a checklist which should help you). If the bike does not pass a basic safety check your son will not be allowed to ride. Please note that all participants will be expected to wear a properly fitting cycle helmet.

If your son is not participating in the bike ride, he will be completing a walk along the seafront; meeting at Southend Pier and walking to East Beach, for lunch and back again. Further details of the timings of the walk will be forwarded to you in due course. If your son is unable to take part in either the bike ride or the walk for medical reasons, he will be able to assist with our marshalling. Please let us know if this is the case so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

To cover the cost of the food and logistics for the day, whether your son is cycling or walking, we are asking for a contribution (payable via Parent Pay) of £10.00 per pupil including lunch and £5.00 per pupil for those bringing a packed lunch. If your son would like to bring a packed lunch, he will have to carry this with him throughout the day. Students are welcome to bring their own money for ice cream and drinks. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, please indicate this on the form.

In order for your son to attend this event you will need to complete the school's 'offsite visit form' which can be found on ParentPay. The form also asks you to specify whether your son will be taking part in the bike ride or the walk, and what his food choice is. Please complete and submit this form and make payment via Parent Pay no later than **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

Finally, please find below a link to the school's code of conduct for offsite visits; please ensure that your son is aware of, and committed to, the required standards of behaviour.

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1070>



If you have any questions relating to this event please e-mail [enquiries@shsb.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@shsb.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J L Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr J L Brandon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G D March', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr G D March