

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Re: Invitation to Present at IRIS Student Conference – 25 June 2026

I am delighted to inform you that your son or daughter has been invited to represent the school at an academic research conference in London, hosted by the *Institute for Research in Schools*, IRIS. As part of their work on a citizen science project, they will be presenting their research posters to their peers and attending academics.

The conference is on Thursday 25 June, which is a non-pupil day in school. The venue is *Friends House, 173–177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ*, directly opposite Euston Station, running from 1000 until 1500. Staff will be contactable on the school mobile 07981770404 throughout the day.

Travel Arrangements:

- Students in the Sixth Form may travel independently to-and-from the venue, with parental permission. They should arrive by 0945, ahead of the 1000 start time.
- Students in Year 10 are encouraged to travel with the staff party to-and-from the venue, on the C2C train line. Students can either meet with staff at *Westcliff Station* at 0800 or join us on the designated train. Students should contact the school mobile (07981770404) should there be any difficulties. Full journey details are outlined below.

C2C Station	Departure Time
Shoeburyness	0800
Thorpe Bay	0804
Southend East	0806
Southend Central	0809
Westcliff	0811
Chalkwell	0814
Leigh-on-Sea	0817
Benfleet	0822
Basildon	0828

- Students should purchase their own return train tickets for the journey.



We ask parents/carers to indicate which option they would prefer for their child by completing the Trip Information Form on *ParentPay*. There is a small cost of £5.00 to contribute towards the administration fees for the event. Payment will need to be paid via *ParentPay*.

A pre-trip briefing will be held beforehand to support students in planning their journey and familiarising themselves with the local area on **Monday 22 June at 1310 in W1**. (Year 13 students are welcome to join us, or we will send them the details on Satchel.)

Conference Schedule for the Day:

10:00 – 10:45	Arrival and registration
10:45 – 11:00	Welcome
11:00 – 11:30	Student research presentations
11:30 – 12:00	Researcher panel discussion
12:00 – 12:15	Student lightning talks
12:15 – 12:45	Poster session one
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch (students should bring a packed lunch or money to purchase food locally)
13:30 – 14:00	Student research presentations
14:00 – 14:30	Poster session two
14:30 – 15:00	Keynote speaker
15:00 – 15:30	Closing remarks and evaluation

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their work, meet other young researchers, and engage with leading figures from the world of science. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm your son or daughter has shown throughout the project and hope this will be a memorable and inspiring experience.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the email addresses provided below or on the general enquiries email, enquiries@shsb.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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