

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s),

RE: Year 12 Biology students – Day Trip to Darwin’s House, Kent - Monday 6th July 2026

The Science Department has arranged a Day Trip to Charles Darwin’s House, Luxted Road, Downe, Orpington, Kent, BR6 7JT for interested students in Year 12 studying A Level Biology. A visit to Down House offers students a unique opportunity to bring key A-level Biology topics to life beyond the classroom. Students will explore real examples of evolution, natural selection, classification, ecosystems and plant adaptations through the museum, gardens and greenhouses, while also gaining valuable wider scientific knowledge to support the synoptic Paper 3 essay. This trip will help students deepen their understanding of the AQA specification by experiencing the origins of some of the most important ideas in Biology first-hand.

Students will depart from Southend High School for Boys in the school minibus at 9:45 am on Monday 6th July 2026. Students who have a timetabled lesson during Period 1a are expected to attend this lesson before the trip and should therefore arrive at school in full uniform. Students may change into their own clothes for the trip after Period 1a. We anticipate returning to school at approximately 3:30 pm, although this may vary depending on traffic conditions.

If you wish for your son/daughter to attend this visit, please make the payment via ParentPay to confirm your wish for your child to attend.

The **total cost of this visit is £12**. This amount will be payable via ParentPay **by the deadline of Wednesday 24 June 2026**. Students can choose to either bring a packed lunch or money to purchase food from the café on site.

Should you have any concerns about making the payment due please contact finance@shsb.org.uk, or if you believe your child is eligible for bursary funding, please contact bursary@shsb.org.uk.

We are currently seeking a few more participants to enable the trip to go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Yates
Trip Organiser

