

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Initial information for European Space Academy Trip, July 2027

I am delighted to inform you that we are once again running our 6-day trip to the European Space Academy, near Brussels, from **Monday 5th July to Saturday 10th July 2027**. This trip is aimed at students in years 9 and 10, and is an experience students still talk about when they leave school at the end of sixth form.

During the programme, trainees get hands-on astronaut experience, as well as learning about the mental, emotional, and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include Engineering, Space Technology and Aerospace Science.

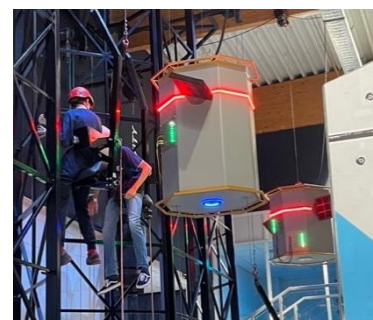


There will also be a morning kayaking in the Ardennes, and a visit to a local town. This is in the French speaking part of Belgium, so students will also get the opportunity to practice their language skills. The trip therefore supports your son's studies in science, maths and language, as well as offering experiences that they may not have previously had available to them.



The cost of this trip will be **£1,300.00** and includes meals, drinks with meals, all activities, transfers, and accommodation. We have endeavoured to keep this figure as low as possible and, for a 6-day trip including travel, accommodation, and all meals, this is excellent value for money. The total cost will be split into a more-manageable payment schedule when we ask for sign-up early next term.

Please be aware that there are **40 places available on this trip**, and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For now, though, this letter is to give you advance notice of the trip so that you can discuss it with your son. More information, and the form to sign up to the trip, will be provided in September.



Yours sincerely

Mr S Reynolds
Trip Organiser

