



22 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

# RE: Southend coastal day trip- Wednesday 18th October 2023

This year we are delighted to be offering all of our Year 10 GCSE Art pupils the opportunity to spend the day at Southend. As part of the students' coastal environments coursework project, they will be assessed on recording from direct observation and taking primary photography. This will be an unforgettable opportunity for students to draw, take photographs and develop their critical thinking skills.

I am proposing to take your son or daughter for a day trip to Southend coastline on Wednesday 18th October. This would be a day trip, leaving school at 7.30am and returning at approx 5pm.

On the day students will visit the sealife adventure aquarium, the pier, an art gallery and spend time along the coastline. The total cost of the trip will be £34.50. This includes travel expenses, entry to the sealife centre and insurance Payment for this trip should be made via ParentMail no later than Friday 6th October 2023. This is a voluntary donation but if we do not receive enough donations, the trip will not go ahead. If you find it difficult to pay for this activity, please contact Mrs Fallows: cfallows@bestacademies.org.uk.

Further information concerning assistance available is detailed in BEST's Charging & Remission Policy, which can be found on the academy website or hard copies are available from the academy.

Please complete this google form <a href="https://forms.gle/8mDsFmDwYD3utPAA7">https://forms.gle/8mDsFmDwYD3utPAA7</a> to give consent for your child to attend this day trip. Deadline to complete this form is Friday 13th October 2023.

#### **Key information:**

## Mobile phones and other electronics

These are all taken at the pupils' own risk. Trip staff reserve the right to remove any device they believe is not being used appropriately.

#### **Food**

Pupils will need to take with them lunch for the day and will have the opportunity to buy food/snacks there if they wish. Please indicate on the google form below if your child is entitled to free school meals and would like to order on from the school kitchen.

### What to take

- Comfortable footwear is essential as we will be doing a fair bit of walking.
- Students should have some warm clothing and a waterproof jacket.
- Phones/camera
- Drawing equipment
- Small amount of spending money if they wish to buy food/souvenirs

We look forward to having all our children join us for this exciting day out.

Kind regards

Miss Smith















Principal: Mrs J Young