



17 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### THAMES FREEPORT EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME – TRIP TO LONDON

As part of the Thames Freeport Exceptional Scholarship Programme, we are pleased to offer your child a wonderful opportunity to spend a day in London on Friday 20 March 2026.

Your child should arrive at The Academy no later than 7:30am and come straight to room 239. We will depart from the Academy at 8:15am by minibus to Tilbury Town train station, with the intention of returning to Tilbury Train Station at approximately 4:10pm, where students will be dismissed. Please note, the itinerary outlined below may be subject to change:

TIMINGS	ACTIVITY
7:45am	Presentation by Mrs McLaughlin in room 239
8:15am	Depart Gateway by minibus to Tilbury Town train station
8:45am	Board train to London Fenchurch Street
9:30am – 1:00pm	Walk from London Fenchurch Street to South Bank, back to London Bridge with informal guided walking tour, including visit to Globe Academy for Presentation Training. Brunch at Bill's London Bridge is included
1:00pm (approx.)	Clothing purchase, H&M
3:30pm (approx.)	Depart London Fenchurch Street
4:10pm (approx.)	Arrive Tilbury Town train station. Students dismissed from here

Students will need to dress in full school uniform (no trainers) for the purposes of safety and identification. Whilst all food, drinks, travel costs and clothing allowance will be provided, students should bring a bag with their Gateway journal, a pen and if they wish, some snacks, drinks and a phone charger and charging cable if they have them.

This is the first step in your child's journey on the Exceptional Scholarship Programme and we hope it will be a memorable and motivational day. To confirm your child's attendance, please complete the Google Form using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Vsz3CQNRGKVBVDhi6>. You do not need a Google account to complete the form, though you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome.

Please ensure the form is completed and submitted by **Thursday 19 March 2026**. Unfortunately, students without a completed consent form will **not** be able to attend.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01375 489000 or via email at [david.zeffie@theglc.org.uk](mailto:david.zeffie@theglc.org.uk). Details of this event will also be available on the Academy website.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Zeffie

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