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Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: GCSE Educational visit – Seafoods Direct, Colchester – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

We are pleased to offer GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students the opportunity to attend an educational visit to Seafoods Direct in Colchester. This will take place during the school day on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

This visit will provide students with valuable insight into the seafood industry, including sourcing, sustainability, food preparation and business operations. It is an excellent opportunity to enhance their understanding of key topics within the GCSE curriculum.

Pupils will travel to and from the venue by minibus. The visit will be split into 2 groups of 15 students, with staggered visiting times:

AM Group – 8:40am – 11:40am

PM Group – 12:00pm – 3:00pm

There are 30 spaces available. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated fairly and a second opportunity to attend will be offered later in the year to students who were unsuccessful in gaining a place on this occasion.

If your child is attending the afternoon session (details of which will be confirmed once spaces are allocated), please be aware that they will need to bring a packed lunch with them. Lunch will be provided to students in receipt of free school meals.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the consent form [here](#) by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**. **There is no cost for this trip.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms Hollands via the school office.

We look forward to what promises to be a highly informative and engaging visit.

Yours faithfully

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