



Ripon Grammar School

Visit to Lime Tree Observatory, Grewelthorpe on Monday, 6th October 2025

24 June 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to advise you of an upcoming school trip to Lime Tree Observatory in Grewelthorpe.

The trip is open to Y10 GCSE Astronomers (at the time of the trip).

The trip is **Monday 6th October 2025, leaving school at 5:30pm and returning at 8:30pm.**

Students will be treated to a fascinating astronomy talk including the history and construction of Lime Tree Observatory, and the opportunity to see actual meteorites. Afterwards, students will experience a planetarium show, and if the skies are clear, an opportunity to use the observatory.

Parents are requested to provide consent for their son/daughter to attend the trip by paying £12 using ParentPay no later than 3rd September. The trip will be cancelled if insufficient funds are collected.

Students should be dropped off and collected from the parking area opposite the school on Clothholme Road.

I visited the observatory myself as it was nearing completion and I was so impressed that I wanted to offer our students this opportunity.

Financial assistance for those claiming certain benefits is available, please contact the school Finance Office for confidential advice.

Yours sincerely

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