



Ripon Grammar School

**Visit to Lime Tree Observatory, Grewelthorpe
on Tuesday, 17th November 2026**

28^h September 2026

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 our new Y10 GCSE Astronomers

The trip is **Tuesday 17th November 2026, leaving school at 5:30pm and returning at 8:15pm.**

Students will be treated to a fascinating astronomy talk including the history and construction of Lime Tree Observatory and they will experience a planetarium show of the night sky. If the skies are clear, we will have an opportunity to see the Moon in exceptional detail and Saturn using their telescopes.

Parents are requested to provide consent for their son/daughter to attend the trip by paying £15 using ParentPay no later than 3rd November. 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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Teacher of Physics & Astronomy

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