



Ripon Grammar School

Visit to Lime Tree Observatory, Grewelthorpe

5 October 2023

AMENDED TIMINGS - to take advantage of earlier night skies at this time of year.

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 current Y11 GCSE Astronomers.

The trip is **Tuesday 21 November 2023, leaving school at 6:30pm and returning at 9pm.**
Leaving school at 5:30pm and returning at 8:20pm.

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 their observatory.

Parents are requested to provide consent for their son/daughter to attend the trip by paying £9 using ParentPay no later than 24 October. 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. We will be using the school minibus.

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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