



Ripon Grammar School

September 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 Field Trip to Malham, North Yorkshire on Thursday 1st October 2026

As part of our Year 7 Geography topic of 'Fantastic Places' and in preparation for the subsequent topic of Rivers, our Year 7 students are invited to attend a field trip to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales. Students are expected to experience the awe and wonder of the stunning scenery of this unique landscape including Janet's Foss waterfall and Malham Cove's famous limestone pavement (filming location for Harry Potter). In addition to gaining an appreciation for the processes shaping this landscape, students will start to develop their fieldwork enquiry skills and will also allow for further opportunities for getting to know each other and teamwork. **The field trip will take place on Thursday 1st October 2026.**

You son / daughter will be required to arrive at school and register at the front of Bishopton House / Clock Tower **at 8.45am** ready for a prompt departure. We will travel by coach to Malham. The journey will take approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Students will then spend the day walking a circular route around the area and **will return to school at approximately 4.30pm**. I apologise for the inconvenience of a late return, but as you can appreciate, there is some distance involved and we would like to make the most of this day trip for the students. Please make arrangements for your child to be collected safely from school.

Students will not be required to wear uniform. Instead, we recommend that students wear appropriate clothing for the unpredictable British weather! Students are not to wear jeans or shorts and must have a warm layer and waterproof jacket. Much of the trip can be difficult under foot and therefore we request students wear suitable footwear, i.e. walking boots/shoes or sturdy trainers.

All students must bring a drink, packed lunch and any personal medication (e.g. inhalers, EpiPens) in a small backpack. Students will not require any books or stationery this day. There may be an opportunity to purchase a drink/ice cream, so students can also bring a small amount of money, however this opportunity cannot be guaranteed.

Please be aware that the running of this trip is weather-dependent for safety reasons and may need to be cancelled or rearranged depending on the forecast in the week leading up to the trip. A final decision will be made on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th September, and if the trip is to be cancelled or rearranged, all parents will be sent an email.

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We request a voluntary contribution of £10.50 per student towards the cost of coach hire. If insufficient voluntary contributions are made we may need to cancel the trip. Please return the consent and voluntary contribution via ParentPay by **Friday 25th September 2026**.

Thank you very much in advance for your support in preparing your son / daughter for this Geography field trip. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Mr Harding, Head of Year 7, if you have any queries regarding your child attending the trip.

Yours sincerely

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