



Ripon Grammar School

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Dear Parent or Guardian

Religious Studies & Classics visit to Rome: July 2026

The Religious Studies department is thrilled to be proposing a school tour to Rome in July 2026. The purpose of the tour is to explore the many sites of religious, philosophical and classical interest that students will study as part of their A Level courses. We anticipate visiting sites including the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum, St Peter's Basilica & Vatican Museum to name but a few. We will be accompanied by local guides at each destination who will be sharing their rich knowledge with our students. The tour is open to current Year 12 students only.

The tour is scheduled to depart on Monday 6 July 2026 and return on Friday 10 July 2026. Unfortunately these dates do clash with Year 12 Work Experience week and parents and students will have to make a choice on this, although in previous years, students have been able to complete their work experience before or after the visit. I am not able to confirm exact times of flights currently, these will be confirmed once I know final numbers of students who wish to take part, however I expect to depart and return from Manchester Airport using Jet2. To facilitate the planning and logistics of this tour, I am working with WST travel company. Further information about the travel company can be found here: <https://www.ngttravel.com/our-brands/wst>

The price for this 5-day tour will be £1135.00 This can be paid either as a one-off voluntary contribution or through a series of regular contributions. Parents are requested to provide consent for their son/daughter to attend by paying a **non-refundable deposit of £70 using ParentPay no later than 3 November 2025**. The schedule of future contributions will then be provided in a follow-up letter. Unfortunately, the tour will be cancelled if insufficient funds are collected. Financial assistance for those claiming certain benefits is available; please contact the school Finance Office for confidential advice.

Upon receipt of the initial deposit, I will then write with further information and a schedule of payment dates as provided by WST. It will be a requirement that all students have a valid passport.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: cornishh@ripongrammar.com

Yours sincerely

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