



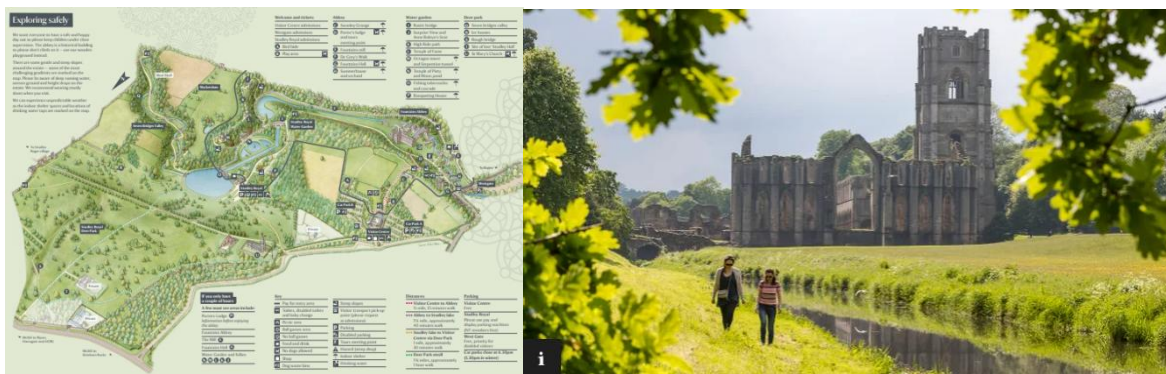
HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JML/LMS

29 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

History Department Trip to Fountains Abbey, Ripon, 2 July 2025



We have arranged for our Year 7 students to have the opportunity to visit Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Gardens, granted world heritage site status in 1986. Students have been studying the Reformation in the 1500's and during the visit will learn about the activities of a medieval monk, and the Dissolution of the Monasteries, with particular reference to the historical environment of Fountains Abbey. It is hoped that all groups will be able to explore the grounds and gardens, enjoying an extensive walk of around 4 km, which at times will be on uneven and steep ground – please take this into consideration when applying for a place on the trip!

The visit is on Wednesday 2 July 2025. We will travel by hired coach to Fountains Abbey leaving school at approximately 9am. We shall be setting off back from Fountains Abbey at approximately 3pm and therefore expect to return to school at approximately 4.15pm, dependent on traffic.

We are initially offering 140 places to Year 7 students: In the case that the trip is oversubscribed it may be possible for us to increase the number of places offered, and then the schools *selection process and over subscription policy* will apply. In addition, we have the discretion to remove from the allocation process the names of any students for whom there is documented evidence that their participation in the trip may compromise the health and safety of all those taking part as well as risk the reputation of the school.

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Food:

Students should bring a substantial packed lunch with **NO NUTS** and a bottle of water. There may be an opportunity to buy an ice cream or small snack, and we will picnic in the grounds. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals a packed lunch can be provided, please email finance@heckgrammar.co.uk for further details.

Medication:

Students should have any routine medication which they usually carry, for example inhalers.

Clothing:

The trip is fully outdoors, and with this in mind students may wear sensible outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather - non uniform. Trainers or comfortable walking shoes/ boots should be worn. It is necessary that staff can quickly identify students as there will also be many members of the public using the same areas. Therefore, students will be required to wear **their lanyard**.

Provision for weather:

It is hoped that it will be a bright sunny day – please check the weather forecast and be prepared to bring: A sun hat, sun cream, an extra water bottle, or a raincoat and extra warm top – we will be outside all day regardless!

Mobile Phones:

If you wish, students may bring mobile phones or cameras on the visit: They can let parents / carers know in the case of late return and take pictures to record the day. However, students should have phones away in their bags during the formal parts of the day, on the coach and should not be taking pictures of each other.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that students are expected to display the very highest standards of behaviour and courtesy.

Under the School Governors' Charging and Remissions Policy, we request a contribution of **£22.50** towards the cost of this activity. This includes the admission, travel and insurance. We must mention that without sufficient funding the trip will be unable to take place.

[Charging & Remissions Policy](#)

Please can you ensure payments are made via by ParentPay by **Thursday 15 May**. When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at school jlawrence@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. J Lawrence
Teacher of History