



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Philosophy, Ethics and Religion Rome Trip 2026

Friday 13 February – Monday 16 February 2026

The Philosophy, Ethics, and Religion department is delighted to offer an educational trip to Rome. Designed to complement our GCSE curriculum, this excursion will provide students with an invaluable chance to explore the area's profound religious and secular history and culture.

The itinerary for the trip includes the following, although timings may vary dependent on flight times; if time allows, we will also add further sites and activities!

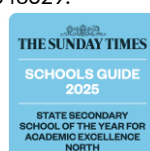
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday 13th	School to airport. Flight.	Arrival, check in. Historic Rome Tour (Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Church of San Luigi dei Francesi).	'Down time' to allow students to explore a little, get some gelato etc! Meal at the hotel. Rep guided activity.
Saturday 14th	Breakfast at the hotel. Ancient Rome highlights (including Colosseum, Palatine Hill, Roman Forum).		'Down time' for students. Meal at the hotel. Rep guided activity.
Sunday 15th	Breakfast at the hotel. Religious sites (including The Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Scala Sancta, St Peter's Basilica, Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano).		Meal at the hotel. Rep guided activity.
Monday 16th	Breakfast at the hotel. Last minute sight seeing/souvenir shopping.	Hotel to airport. Flight. Airport to school.	

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As we aim to travel on Friday 13 February 2026, in order to arrange the best deal and timings, we may need to travel from an airport further away and may, in turn, need to leave school at unsociable hours to transfer – as soon as timings are known, this will be communicated to parents/carers.

We have negotiated a fantastic deal with our travel partners, Ottimi and the trip will include:

- Transfer to and from school to the airport
- Flights to Rome
- Accommodation
- Half board when in Rome (including breakfast and an evening meal)
- All excursions and admission fees
- Tourist taxes
- Insurance
- Evening activities
- Tour co-ordinator provided by our travel partners; Ottimi

We anticipate the cost of the trip will be ~£980.

The trip will be open to Philosophy, Ethics and Religion students in current years 9 and 10, but may be extended to other year groups if the trip does not fill in the first instance. May I take this opportunity to remind parents that the students are expected to display the very highest standards of behaviour and courtesy at all times.

If you would like your child to attend the Rome trip, we require a £300 deposit (payable in two £150 instalments) through ParentPay by Wednesday 25 June and a commitment to pay future instalments.

- Initial deposit of £150 to be paid by Wednesday 25 June 2025.
- Remaining deposit of £150 to be paid by Thursday 17 July 2025.
- Instalment of £340 to be paid by Thursday 28 August 2025.
- Final Balance of £340 to be paid by Thursday 30 October 2025.

In addition, we would suggest £10-£20 per day for students to spend on lunch, souvenirs etc. Although this is ultimately at your discretion.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in line with our Educational Visits selection protocol based on the applications we receive. I will then contact parents and students who have been allocated a place. If your child is not selected your deposit will be refunded.

Please note that by paying the initial deposit, you are committing to pay the full balance by the agreed deadlines. After Wednesday 25 June, should you decide that your child can no longer attend the trip, we will refund any monies paid only if a replacement student can be found. At the time of writing, the airline fee for amending a passenger name is approximately £230.

We will hold a parents' and students' evening in the new academic year to provide you with as much information as possible in advance. Under the School Governors' [Charging and Remissions Policy](#), this includes all the details outlined above. Insurance is included in the price (a copy of the policy can be provided), but you may have or wish to take out your own insurance.

The payments for the trip must be done via ParentPay by the dates shown above. 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. Please can I ask you to complete the deposit payment on ParentPay as per the schedule above. Please be aware that should your child be unable to attend the trip due to medical emergency then we would require official confirmation of this at the time.

Unfortunately, our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, so no refunds would be available in this circumstance.

It is parents' responsibility to ensure that your child will be able to attend this trip with their current passport and visa status. School will not be responsible for any costs incurred due to cancellation caused by a student being unable to travel due to passport/visa restrictions. It is therefore vital that you check this as any payments made will not be refundable in such circumstances, and indeed further payments to the full total may still be due. Many airline policies specify that passports should have an additional six months on the expiry date – after the dates of the trip.

I am thrilled to be able to offer this trip and I hope that your child can join us. If you have any further questions, please contact me at school via DAmond@heckgrammar.co.uk or adminoffice@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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