



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JML/TCC

20 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

History Department Trip to Fountains Abbey, Ripon, Tuesday 7 July, 2026



We have arranged for the **whole of Year 7** to visit Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Gardens, a world heritage site.

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, and contact me if you have concerns about this.

We will travel by hired coach to Fountains Abbey leaving school at approximately 09:00. We will be returning from Fountains Abbey at approximately 15:00 and therefore expect to return to school at approximately 16:15, dependent on traffic.

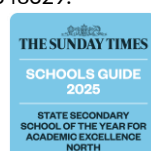
Students are reminded about the need for exemplary behaviour while travelling to Fountains Abbey, and at all times on the trip. In addition, we have the discretion to remove from the trip students for whom there is documented evidence that their participation in the trip may compromise the health and 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 epi pens and 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 switched off and away in their bags during the formal parts of the day: Phones are not to be used unless instructed on the coach, and students should not take pictures of each other.

Under the School Governors' [Charging & Remissions Policy](#), we request a contribution of £20 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.

Please can you ensure payments are made via by ParentPay by **Wednesday 3 June 2026**. 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 schooljlawrence@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. J Lawrence
Teacher of History