

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Ripon Museums – Crime and Punishment Experience

We are pleased to inform you about an exciting and enriching opportunity for our Year 11 students to participate in an educational visit to the **Ripon Museums** on **Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th October 2025**. The groupings will be finalised closer to the trip and students will be informed which day they will be attending.

This trip directly supports their GCSE History studies, particularly the Edexcel Paper 1 unit on *Crime and Punishment* and the historic environment focus on Whitechapel.

The visit will include the **Courthouse Museum** and the **Prison and Police Museum**, with students split into two groups and swapping locations after lunch. Across the day, students will take part in:

- A **mock trial** role play session ("Tools of the Trade") in the historic Courthouse.
- A **role play and object handling session** focusing on **early policing and poaching** in Ripon.
- An **enquiry-based trail** through the Prison and Police Museum, exploring methods of punishment, especially during the **Victorian era**.

The experience has been carefully planned in collaboration with Ripon Museums and is designed to deepen students' understanding of policing, crime and punishment in both the Whitechapel context and wider historical periods.

Each day will accommodate **45 students**, and the trip will be staffed by a minimum of **four teachers**, ensuring high levels of supervision and engagement.

Transport: Travel by coach around 9am, arriving back before the end of the school day

Lunch: Students must bring a packed lunch and any drinks they require

Clothing: Students will be in school uniform and should bring a waterproof coat

Please complete the online form [here](#). Please ensure you include any relevant medical information or allergies on the form. A risk assessment has been conducted for this trip, and students will be briefed on expected behaviour and safety guidelines before departure.

The **cost of this trip is £20** which covers coach travel and museum entry. We request that payment be made via Arbor preferably by **Friday 5th September** at the latest to secure a place on the trip. If you need some financial assistance to meet this cost, please contact RSFinance@rs.rklt.co.uk, we will be able to support and can set up an instalment plan.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me: graingerd@rs.rklt.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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