



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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Ripley School Rewards Trip to Alton Towers – Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to remind you of the upcoming rewards trip to Alton Towers on Friday 18th July. As the trip approaches, we would like to provide you with the final logistics to ensure a smooth and enjoyable day for all students.

Departure Details

- **Arrival at School:** Students should arrive at school for the normal start time of 8:40 am.
- **Registration:** At 8:40am students are to make their way to the top tennis court where they are to line up in their coach sub-groups for registration, before coach boarding.
- **Coach Departure:** Coaches will begin to leave the school promptly at 8:55 am.

Coach Allocation

Each student will be allocated a specific coach and placed into a coach subgroup led by a member of staff. Students will be informed of their coach subgroup by their tutor. Lists will also display on the screens around school.

Please note that coach groups are for transport only. Students can move freely around the park. Coach groups will not be changed.

Return Details

- **Pick-up from Alton Towers:** 5:30 pm.
- **Arrival back at Ripley:** Between 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm, depending on traffic.



Important Information

- **Weather Preparation:** At the time of writing this letter, the weather forecast indicates a 30% chance of rain and a high of 25°. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the British weather. Please ensure sun protection has been applied.
- **Medication:** Any medication that needs to be managed by staff should be handed to the group leader during registration at the top tennis courts.
- **Footwear:** Flat footwear only.
- **Buddy System:** Students must stay in pairs or groups of three at all times. No student should be alone. If you would like to discuss the buddy system with a member of staff, please speak to myself or your Head of Year.
- **Identification:** Students are not required to wear school uniform but will be issued a Ripley lanyard with an emergency contact card. This must be kept on them at all times in the park.
- **Mobile Phones:** Students are permitted to bring mobile phones, but they are responsible for their own devices. The school will not be liable for any damage or loss. Phones will be confiscated if used inappropriately.
- **Check In:** Students are required to check in with staff and register at the meeting point at some point between the hours of 12:00pm – 2:00pm. This is a standard quick check-in which lets our staff know that students are safe and well.
- **Food:** Students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from our canteen. These will be available for collection between 8:20am and 8:40am. Students may bring a small amount of money for food and drink whilst at the park. They are welcome to bring a rucksack with a packed lunch and drink to save on costs; please note that all bags will be checked by park staff on entrance. Alton Towers provide free water filling stations. Latest prices from Alton Towers state that children meals range between £5 - £8.

Meeting Points

- **Staff Presence:** Staff will be on a rota around the park with two staff positioned at all times in the staff zone on the stage field near the entrance throughout the day. Students will be shown this position in form time prior to the trip and on arrival at the park.
- **End of Day Meeting:** The group will reconvene at 5:00pm at the stage field checkpoint for registration. All students must be off rides and out of queues by 4:45pm.

We look forward to a fantastic day out and appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child is prepared for the trip.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Kind regards,



Mr C Hudson