

2022 - 2023

Learning Programme

Heritage - Faith - Architecture - Culture



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Award-Winning Learning at Worcester Cathedral



Learning at Worcester

Watching students walk into the Cathedral for their first school trip in over 2 years has been a joy. Students arrived with even more bounce and excitement than usual for their trip and it has been a pleasure to be able to provide awe, wonder and of course some cultural capital as they learnt outside the classroom.

Our programme has been developed over 20 years and is ever changing to meet the needs of your pupils and school curriculum. We have a wide range of topics for you to choose, from **Christian Worship, King's and Prince's**, to **STEM and Poetry**.

We can't wait to meet you all and welcome you to the Cathedral this year.

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Teacher and student feedback from 2021/22



"Interesting" "Fun" "Amazing"

"a learning experience for both the staff and students."

"the sessions were bespoke to our learning objectives."

"The guides were engaging and informative, and the pupils loved them!"

"We were made to feel very welcome. The organisation was well structured and the whole day ran smoothly. The whole experience was pitched at the perfect level to both educate and entertain the students."





GCSE RE Conference

Wednesday 23 November 2022
9:45am - 2:30pm

Go Deeper into the GCSE RE Curriculum

Postponed until Spring 2023



Interfaith Discussion

Holy Communion

Pilgrimage

Exam Technique

More to be confirmed

£6 per student

Staff free

Discount for PP students

Free Tea & Coffee for teachers

Find out more or book:

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Award Winning Learning

- Award winning learning activities for all ages and abilities built around the story of Worcester Cathedral and linked to your curriculum.
- Awarded a Sandford Award in 2021 for creating engaging experiences that contribute to the understanding of our heritage and we hold a Quality Badge awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the classroom.
- EYFS to KS5 - HE , FE and Adult Education.
- You can come to us, we can come to you, or have a virtual visit.
- Explore boxes available to bring awe and wonder to your classroom.
- Affordable prices with discount for Pupil Premium students.



Undercroft Learning Centre



In 2021 we brought into public use our old Monastic cellar for the first time. This 900 year old space is now a learning centre for the community.

For your school it will be your base for the day and where many of your activities take place. An ancient and modern space from which your class will engage with the Cathedral.

The Undercroft Learning Centre has won awards for its design as well as for the work we are doing!

Plan your visit

We build bespoke visits to meet your learning aims. Most schools come with a particular subject and objectives in mind and we have a wide range of activities ready to meet these:

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Poetry/Literature	page 10



Typical Day

Full Day

10:00 Arrive & Introduction
10:15 Tour
11:20 Break
11:40 Workshop 1
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Workshop 2
1:50 Plenary
2:00 Depart

Half Day

10:00 Arrive & Introduction
10:10 Tour
11:10 Break
11:30 Workshop
12:00 Depart or stay to eat
lunch in Undercroft

Prices

£6 - Full Day visit

£4 - Half Day visit

£3.50 - Tour only

Discounts for Pupil
Premium Students

Accompanying staff are free.
Prices subject to change, please check our
website for the latest.
Additional charges may apply.

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Religious Education

Tours

"Wonder" through the Cathedral and see how it has been used for worship throughout its near 1000 year history.

Almost all visits will involve a tour of the Cathedral, adapted to your topic and age group, from Key Stage 1 to Higher Education.



Place of Christian Worship

KS 1, 2, 3

First and foremost the Cathedral is a place of Christian Worship. Alongside a tour we include a variety of differentiated workshops that can help your students understand the role of the Cathedral in the Christian faith and how worship continues to this day.

KS 1: Creative Prayer, Reflective Prayer Stones, Creation Stories, Symbols of Christian Faith, Stained Glass Windows or other Craft.

KS 2, 3: Caring for our Creation, Holy Communion or Baptism, Stained Glass Window Drama, Incarnation, Trinity, Kingdom of God & the Lord's Prayer, Creative Prayer or Prayer Stones, Related Craft.

Pilgrimage

KS 2, 3

A central part of Cathedral life traditionally and of modern faith today. Learn about St Wulfstan, the Anglo Saxon founder, ancient pilgrimage and the practice today and go on a reflective journey.

Sacraments

KS 3, 4

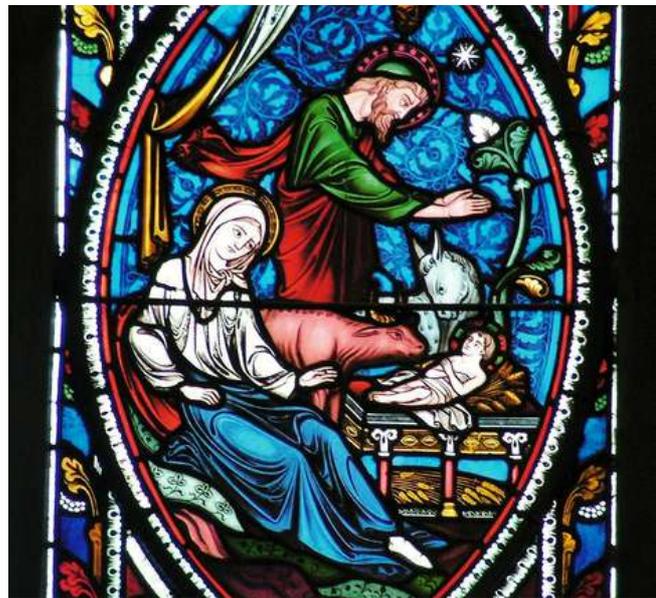
New for 2022/23 is the opportunity to sit in on a communion service. Firstly, explore what the sacraments are and how key services work, then observe the service, followed by an opportunity to discuss what happened with the Priest in charge. *Observing the service is available Wednesdays only.*



Discover Christmas/Easter

KS 2, 3 - Seasonal only

Explore the events from 2000 years ago that inform these festivals today and discover what Christians believe and are celebrating.



Meet a Canon

KS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

An opportunity to meet one of our priests at the Cathedral, find out what they do, and ask them some of the more challenging questions about life and faith.



And there's more

Many visits include a cross-curricular element and arts, craft or drama activities. See pages 8 - 10 for more details or get in touch to discuss the plan for your visit.

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History



King John

KS 2, 3

Who was King John and how does he match up to his legend? What was his role in the Magna Carta and how does that impact us today? Why is he buried at Worcester Cathedral and where is his thumb?



Experience Tudor England

KS 2, 3

Arthur, Prince of Wales, the first Tudor Prince, the boy who would have been king. What would history have been like if he had lived? What was it like to be alive in Tudor England? Learn about Arthur's position in the family and what happened after he died.



Reformation

KS 4, 5

England changed forever during the reign of Henry VIII as the church split from Rome. What connection did key people in the reformation have with Worcester? What was the impact on Worcester Cathedral and those that worshiped here? What happened to the monks?

History

Cathedral at War!

KS 2, 3

The Battle of Worcester concluded the English Civil War and the Cathedral played a central role. Visit Charles II's lookout point, see the tomb of his top Lieutenant, re-enact the battle and learn how to use a pike!



Normans

KS 3, 4

The Normans built the Cathedral in 1084. What do we know about their role in Cathedral life in the 11th and 12th Century. Come and explore their architectural style and the legacy they left.



Monastics

KS 2, 3

Worcester Cathedral started life as part of a medieval monastery. Now it's your chance to be a monk for a day. Take a vow of silence and a promise to observe the rule of Benedict and explore what life as a monk was like in medieval Worcester. As part of a local history study explore the role and importance of monastery in local life.





And much more....

How to build a Cathedral KS 2, 3

How was the medieval Cathedral built? Discover how Science and Maths work to keep the Cathedral standing today? And meet a modern day stone mason (subject to availability).

Maths KS 1, 2 NEW FOR 2022/23

Investigate height, width and length. Explore patterns and shape and link Maths lessons with the design of the Cathedral.

Art, Drama & Music ALL YEARS

Art, Drama and Music are an integral part of many of our visits but they can also be the focus, for example a photography visit or a visit to sketch the beautiful architecture of the Cathedral, or explore the music and its long history at the Cathedral.



Poetry ALL YEARS

*Book a creative workshop or spend the whole day
At our beautiful Cathedral, so do not delay.
You'll have an experience of literary bliss
Writing poems and verses much better than this!*



Our Earth, Our Cathedral KS 2, 3

What impact does Climate Change have on a Cathedral? What is our role as a church in caring for our planet? Explore with us how we can care for Our Earth and Our Cathedral.

Climb the Tower KS 2 upwards

Make the memorable ascent up the 252 steps to the top of our tower and look across Worcestershire.

Extra charges apply, subject to weather and staffing.



FAQs

Where will we be based?

Most visits have exclusive use of Undercroft Learning Centre for the day although larger groups maybe based elsewhere.

What toilet facilities are there?

The Undercroft toilets are not available to the public and will be yours for the day. There are also public toilets for larger groups.

Can we visit ahead of time?

Yes, we actively encourage this. You can arrange it with us so we can meet you and go through the locations. We can also do a call or zoom/teams to discuss your visit.

Do you provide a risk assessment?

We provide all schools with a guideline risk assessment that can be used to create your own risk assessment.

What are your prices?

Prices at time of print are on page 5. For the latest prices try our website, including our Pupil Premium discount rate.

Can we do a self-guided visit?

Yes, of course, however, we recommended a guided visit so that you can benefit from the vast knowledge and experience of our guides. We do ask self-guided visits to book and pay a contribution.

Do I need to book?

All group visits including self-guided should book so that you can ensure access to the Cathedral. We recommend booking a half-term in advance.

Do we pay on the day?

No, we invoice afterwards for the exact number that attended.

What SEND provision do you have?

We work with you to ensure we meet the needs of your students. Adapted resources and support materials are also available.

What about accessibility?

The Undercroft is accessible via level flooring and contains a hearing loop. Most of the rest of the Cathedral is wheelchair accessible, although the Crypt is not. We do have provision to support tours with wheelchairs.

How do I book?

Complete a booking form at worcestercathedral.co.uk/learning or email schools@worcestercathedral.org.uk or call 01905 732919.



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