

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries



Visit the stunning Galleries high above the east end of the Abbey and view some of the rare and unusual objects in the Abbey collection. Gallery must be booked as an add-on tour.

Tour + Galleries visit duration: **2 hours**
Cost: **£5**



Special Events



Question Time

Wednesday 13th November 2019,
13:00 - 15:30

Debate current issues with a panel of distinguished speakers.

£5 per student max 15 students per school Post-16

Science & Religion Conference

Wednesday 12th February 2020,
10:00 - 15:30

How should we tackle Big Questions – where both science and religion seem to have something to say? Discover new ways to think about the meaning of life and the challenge of AI through interactive activities and conversations with leading academics in science, theology and other disciplines.

£4 per student KS4

Booking Information

Contact us

learning@westminster-abbey.org

020 7654 4965

Please have the following information available:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of date
- Tour or workshop title (if known)
- Number of children and adults
- Year group or key stage

We are unable to offer guided visits or workshops in July.

Sessions can be adapted for pupils with Special Educational Needs; please call us to discuss specific requirements.

Visit our website

www.westminster-abbey.org/learning

for more information on:

- Free visits for eligible schools
- Downloadable resources
- INSET
- Video Conferencing
- Virtual tour

Worshipping With Us

Westminster Abbey is a working church. School groups are welcome to attend any of our regular services by prior arrangement. Please check our website for times.



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Westminster Abbey



KS3, KS4 & Post-16 2019/2020 Schools Programme



Faith at the heart of the nation

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Westminster Abbey is a living church at the heart of the nation's story where more than 1,000 years of British history and pilgrimage can be explored under one roof. A warm welcome awaits all in this sacred space.

All tours duration: **1.5 hours**
Cost: **£4**

Abbey Highlights TOUR



Our Abbey Highlights Tour includes:

- Coronation Chair
- Cosmati Pavement - site of coronations
- Royal tombs
- Grave of the Unknown Warrior
- Poets' Corner

This tour can be tailored to suit your study topic.



Religious Education TOURS



Christian Life and Worship

Explore key Christian beliefs and worship in the Abbey. Discover symbolic objects, actions, words and images with a focus on Baptism and Holy Communion. [KS3, KS4 & Post-16](#)



Pilgrimage

Why have people come to the Abbey as pilgrims for nearly a thousand years? Visit the Shrine of St Edward, and consider what pilgrimage means to Christians today. [KS3 & KS4](#)

Abbey and Parliament

See where Parliament met in medieval times and explore the historical and contemporary links between the Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. [KS3, KS4 & Post-16](#)



Religion and Science

Some of the greatest, and most controversial, scientists are buried or remembered at Westminster Abbey. This tour explores the relationship between science and religion in the past and today. [KS3, KS4 & Post-16](#)

Religion in Public Life

Consider what Britain as a 'Christian country' means in the Coronation Church, where Benedictine values of hospitality, mutual respect and tolerance continue to contribute to contemporary society. [KS4 & Post-16](#)

Meet a Priest

Put your questions on Christian teaching and moral, ethical and social issues to a member of the clergy. Can be combined with any RE tour of the Abbey. [KS3, KS4 & Post-16](#)

Tour + Workshop duration **2 hours**
£5 per student



History TOURS



Henry VII: Building a Legacy

Find out how Henry VII established and consolidated his dynasty with this detailed look at the Lady Chapel and the Shrine of St Edward. Tour includes rare access to Henry's tomb. [KS4 & Post-16](#)

Dissolution: Before and After*

600 years of monastic life ended here in 1540. Investigate the pre-Reformation church exploring themes such as church fabric and wealth and religious doctrine. Discover the story of how one of the most powerful monasteries in the land was dissolved. [KS4 & Post-16](#)

Enquiring into Elizabeth*

Discover what sovereignty meant to Elizabeth I as you stand at the Coronation site and find out how her religious settlement affected Westminster Abbey. [KS4 & Post-16](#)

*These sessions can be booked as part of a joint offer with The National Archives at Kew.



The ARTS

Gothic Abbey

Explore the differences between Medieval Gothic and Victorian Gothic on this architectural and literary tour. [KS3, KS4 & Post-16](#)

Art in the Abbey

Explore 1,000 years of art, from medieval wall paintings to the brand new Queen's Window designed by David Hockney. Includes opportunities for sketching. [KS3, KS4 & Post-16](#)

Shakespeare

Faith, power and death: explore the cultural context of Shakespeare's plays in Westminster Abbey and visit the graves and memorials of Tudor and Jacobean playwrights. [KS3, KS4 & Post-16](#)

