Secondary School Visits
2016-17
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
In this brochure you will find information about the Cathedral, our Education programme, the School Visits we offer Oxford, and details of how to book a visit.

Our visits are designed to inform them about Cathedral and University life which may serve to raise their own aspirations.

Whether your students are studying RE or Philosophy, History, Art or Architecture, Latin or Music, we hope to welcome you to the Cathedral over the course of the next academic year.

The Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral is unique in being the only Cathedral in the world which is also a college chapel.

There has been a place of worship here since Saxon times. The Church was built in the 12th century and dedicated to St Frideswide, the patron saint of Oxford and Oxford University. It became a Cathedral during the reign of Henry VIII. Charles I lived at Christ Church during the Civil War and there are many famous writers, scholars and artists associated with the Cathedral, which has some of the finest examples of architecture and stained glass in the country.

Christ Church Cathedral is not only beautiful and historic; it is also a working Cathedral, a living place of worship where prayers and services take place every day. Our visits usually include the optional lighting of a candle and a short period of quiet reflection.

Fine out more at www.ch.ch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/education
What We Offer for all Secondary pupils

Option 1: Cathedral Life
This option includes an introduction to the history and life of the Cathedral, followed by a guided tour. The tour includes early Saxon life in Oxford and the story of St Frideswide.

Option 2: Medieval Life and Pilgrimage
After an introductory presentation about the monastery, monastic life and pilgrimage, there is a tour of the remaining medieval parts of the Cathedral.

Option 3: Grill a Canon
Come and interview one of our senior cathedral clergy. This visit includes a half-hour tour of the Cathedral and a Question and Answer session. The visit lasts in total around an hour and a half. You may like to think about possible questions beforehand. This visit depends on the availability of our clergy, so please book as far in advance as possible.

Option 4: The RE Curriculum
Our visits encourage pupils to Engage, Enquire, Explore, Evaluate, Reflect and Communicate, in line with the Oxford Diocesan RE Scheme of work.

Your visit can be very flexible to support your AQA or OCR RE syllabus, using the Cathedral to address themes such as: the study of Christianity; a religious community of local significance; beliefs and concepts; identity and belonging to a faith community; forgiveness; world religions and interfaith studies; Science and Religion; Christian doctrine; Spirituality; Religion and the Arts; history of Anglicanism; or church Buildings.

Option 5: Other areas of the Curriculum, such as Art, Architecture, English, PSHE, History...
The Cathedral offers a rich resource for students across the curriculum. In small groups, they may be able to engage with texts and artefacts in the Christ Church archives or Upper Library. Students interested in Art may combine a visit to our Picture gallery with time drawing in the Cathedral. The Cathedral is a microcosm of English history and can be used to develop students’ knowledge of key historical periods, such as the Saxons, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, the Civil War, the Victorians and both World Wars.
What We Offer for Sixth Formers and FE students

Option 1: Post-16 Seminars for sixth formers and FE students
As well, as the secondary options above, we offer seminars for older students, which would be led by one of our Canon Professors on topics relevant to the AS and A Level syllabus. This can also be a chance for students to join with other schools, to be taught by world experts in the fields they are studying, and also have a taste of university-style learning.

Examples of potential topics include: Religion and Morality; Global issues, rights and responsibilities; Euthanasia; Forgiveness and Politics; Just War and Punishment; Christian doctrine; the Early Church; Patristics; Religion and Politics; Religion and Film; Religion and Literature; Morality and War; Ethics; or the Philosophy of a Suffering God.

Option 2: Bespoke visits to explore specific curriculum subjects, such as Art, Architecture, English, History, Philosophy, Tourism...
The Cathedral offers a rich, cross-curricular resource for small groups of sixth form students who wish to explore one feature of the building in more depth. Christ Church Picture gallery, our Library and our Archives may also be available to offer unique learning resources, and informative talks and tours on specific themes.

Practical Information for School (full-time UK education settings)

Our education visits, which include a tour of the Cathedral, normally take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

How to Book
Please apply to visit at least four weeks in advance.

To book, contact the Cathedral Education Officer, on 01865 286003 Email: education@chch.ox.ac.uk

Please inform us if any of your students have special needs.

Fees
£4.00 per student (excl. VAT) for standard visit. Accompanying adults are free.

• The minimum charge is £40 (excl. VAT) per session.
• Specialist workshops and full-day education events have proved very successful but may carry an extra cost and will be priced accordingly.
• Invoices will be issued to the schools by the Cathedral office.

A room may be available for the pupils to eat their packed lunches.

There is no parking available at Christ Church, but it is possible to drop off pupils in St Aldates where schools can enter through the Tom Tower gate. To find out the nearest coach park, please contact Oxford City Council. Tel: 01865-252489. We may be able to arrange parking for a minibus, or a vehicle for students with access issues, but would need the licence number, vehicle type and named driver in advance.

Further practical information will be sent to you once you have booked your visit.

You are welcome to make a pre-visit to the Cathedral. Please arrange this when you book.

More details can be found on our website at www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/education.
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