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# Educational Visits : Secondary

# Introduction

**St Paul's Cathedral acts as an important meeting place for people and ideas, and as a centre for the arts, learning and public debate. But most of all it is YOUR Cathedral!**

## St Paul's

is London's Cathedral and it embodies the spiritual life and heritage of the British people. It is the seat of the Bishop of London and a centre of prayer, worship and debate for the people of the city and its surrounding boroughs.

## Learning at St Paul's

We offer curriculum based **Themed Guided Visits** for all key stages covering the following areas:

**RS/RE** - Christianity; Places of Worship; Symbolism; Beliefs and Practices; Festivals; Religious and Moral Stories; Rituals and Pilgrimage.

**Art** - Religious Art; Icons; Mosaics; Sculpture; Historical Architecture and Design.

**History** - World War 2; Study of a Significant Local Place.

**Maths and Science** - Forces; Materials; Light; Sound; Shapes; Size; Geometry; Measurement.

**Citizenship** - skills and knowledge to weigh evidence, debate and make reasoned arguments; develop an awareness of religious diversity and the need for mutual respect and understanding.

## Worship

St Paul's is a working church with services four times a day. School groups are welcome to attend any of our regular services. Please check the website for details <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/> or enquire when you book.

## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

Bringing your school group to St Paul's can also enhance your provision of SMSC, including British Values:

- Explore beliefs and experience; respect faiths, feelings and values; reflect; investigate moral and ethical issues; offer reasoned views; participate in culture opportunities; understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.
- British Values; tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

## Feedback

We are always looking to develop and improve upon what we offer, and so your feedback is extremely important to us. You will be given a feedback form on the day of your visit. Please complete and return it so that we can continue to monitor and develop our visits. Alternatively you can email us with any feedback at [learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk)

## Resources

We provide a variety of downloadable resources to aid preparation for your visit, or to use while you are here. These may be found on our website: <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/schools-families/resources-for-teachers>

# General Visit

This cross-curricular visit combining Religious Studies, Art and History is ideal for Enrichment Days and will be tailored to meet your particular learning objectives.

## Discover St Paul's

An introduction to an iconic space.

You will be guided around the Crypt and Cathedral Floor during which time you may:

- Explore the religious symbolism of the Cathedral's artefacts and art.
- Find out about St Paul and look at the paintings in the dome that tell the story of his life.
- Learn about how historical events such as the Great Fire of London in 1666 and World War 2 have shaped St Paul's.
- Visit the tombs and memorials of Nelson, Wellington, Florence Nightingale and Sir Christopher Wren.
- See works of art by artists such as William Holman Hunt, Henry Moore and Bill Viola.
- View the mosaics in the Quire.
- Think about the role the Cathedral plays in London today.



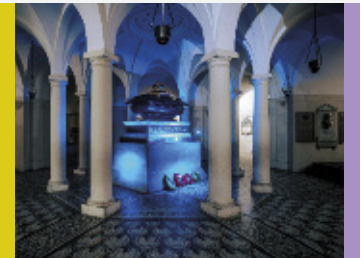
### Aims of the visit:

To introduce students to all aspects of St Paul's Cathedral, past and present. To explore how history, religion and art overlap.

### Duration:

**60 mins.** Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

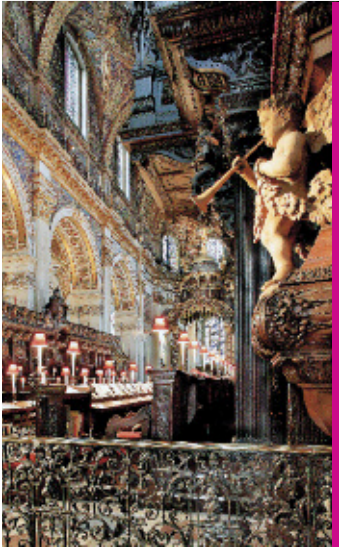
**Key Stage Suitability:** KS3, KS4 & KS4





# Religious Education

Linked to units of study for RS/RE



## Sacred Space

**St Paul's role as a place of Christian worship.**

- Encounter religious symbolism through exploring the design of the Cathedral.
- Look at furnishings (altar, pulpit, lectern, baptismal font) and understand how they are used for prayer and worship.
- Explore events in the life of Jesus as the key figure in Christianity, and investigate what his incarnation means for Christians today.
- Find out about the daily service of the Eucharist/Holy Communion and its importance in churches around the world.
- Consider how sculpture, paintings and mosaics in the Cathedral depict festivals such as Christmas, Easter or Pentecost.
- Examine Christian theology through close consideration of a piece of artwork.
- Experience a short time of reflection through lighting a candle, and think about how this practice might be used as a religious ritual by both Christians and members of other faiths.

### **Aims of the visit:**

To bring the Cathedral alive as a place of prayer and worship. To enhance teaching of the National Framework for RS/RE/local syllabi units on: practices and ways of life in religions, worship, beliefs, ritual, symbols and religious expression, sacred places, and sacred occasions for believers.

### **Duration:**

**60 mins.** Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

**Key Stage Suitability:** KS3, KS4 & KS5



# Religious Education

Linked to units of study for RS/RE

## The Big Issues

### Exploring Christian ethics.

#### This visit is in 2 parts:

- Part 1: Guided Tour

Whilst being guided around the Cathedral students' attention will be drawn to areas, objects and art that relate to issues such as war, peace, remembrance, suffering, birth, and morality.

- Part 2: Q&A

In the classroom students will meet a priest to engage in discussion on moral/ethical issues such as:

- Sanctity of life/euthanasia
- Suffering and death
- Human rights
- Sexuality
- War / Just War / Pacifism
- Belief in God

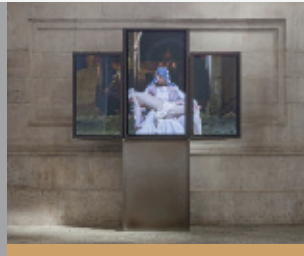
To help us to prepare for the Q&A you will be asked to submit student sample questions prior to your visit.

#### Aims of the visit:

To challenge and engage students through deep thinking, discussion, and debate on a variety of philosophical and ethical issues affecting the world today.

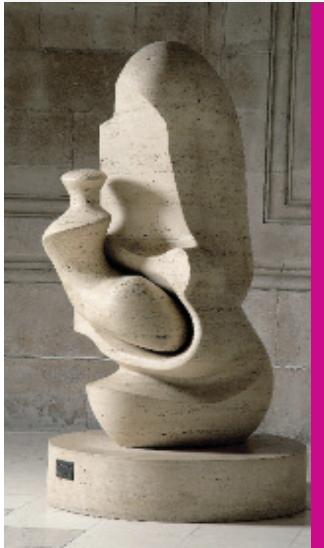
**Duration:** 90 mins. Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

**Key Stage Suitability:** KS3, KS4 & KS5 Particularly suited to students of GCSE RS and A Level RS (Christianity, Philosophy or Ethics)



# Art

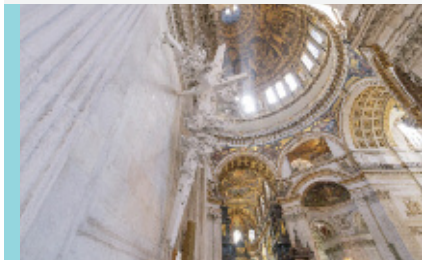
Linked to units of study for Art and RS/RE



## Sacred Art

**Exploring Christianity through art.**

- Encounter pieces of art from the 18th century to the present day.
- Visit Artists' Corner where many pivotal artists are buried.
- Discover paintings, sculptures, icons, video installations and mosaics that depict Christian themes, stories and key figures.
- Encounter works by artists such as William Holman Hunt, Henry Moore and Bill Viola.
- Explore how theology is communicated through a variety of visual media.
- Reflect on how art can be a form of religious expression and what it can tell us about faith and Christian beliefs.



### **Aims of the visit:**

To discover, observe and respond to the amazing examples of art and design in the Cathedral. To examine art as a tool for theological reflection. To encourage thought and debate about the value of art in a sacred space.

**Duration: 60 mins.** Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

**Key Stage Suitability:** KS3, KS4 & KS5





## A Cathedral at War

### St Paul's during the Blitz.

- See where bombs fell on the Cathedral during WW2.
- Look at the Churchill Gates and discover what they tell us about the life of Winston Churchill.
- Think about and discuss the effects of the Blitz on Londoners, for example evacuation and rationing.
- Examine historical sources from the Blitz to evaluate their representation of the past.
- Encounter bravery, sacrifice and survival through stories of the St Paul's Watch.
- Learn how the Cathedral rose from the ashes of the bombed city and remains a centre of thanksgiving, celebration and remembrance.
- Pause to light a candle and quietly reflect on wars/suffering in the world today.

#### Aims of the visit:

To explore how the Cathedral survived the Blitz. To encounter historical sources and oral histories relating to WW2 and the Blitz. To reflect upon the Cathedral as a place of remembrance and reconciliation.

**Duration: 60 mins.** Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

**Key Stage Suitability:** Upper KS3 & KS4





# Maths and Science

Linked to units of study in Maths and Science

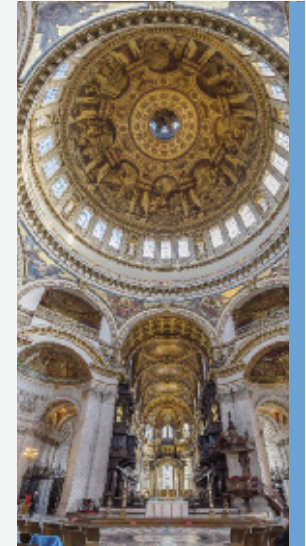


## Building a Cathedral

**Discover Wren's masterpiece of design.**

- Spend time pondering the design of one of London's most treasured buildings.
- Identify materials such as stone, wood and metal, and examine their properties.
- Build an arch and find out about the forces and skills involved.
- Investigate the symbolism of light, a key element of Wren's design.
- Experience the special places, memorials, art and objects that make St Paul's such an inspiring space for prayer and worship.
- Find out about Wren's use of sacred geometry.

**Depending on availability students may also have the chance to view the Geometric Staircase and Wren's Great Model in the Triforium.**



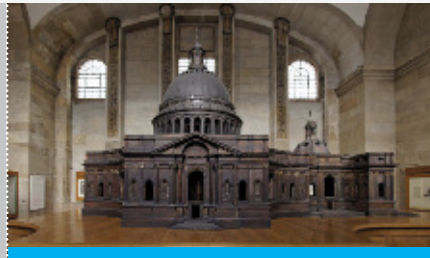
### Aims of the visit:

To enhance Maths, Science (Physics & Chemistry) and Design Technology teaching about forces, materials and their properties, light, sound, shapes, size, geometry and measurement. To enable students to discover and enjoy Wren's masterpiece of design.

### Duration:

**60 mins.** Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

**Key Stage Suitability:** KS3





## A Fine Line

### St Paul's role as a church and as a business.

- During this visit we pose the question: 'Is it possible for St Paul's Cathedral to be both a place of Christian worship and a viable business?'
- Whilst exploring the Cathedral students will be encouraged to think about St Paul's as a working Church, a centre for the arts, and a tourist destination.
- They will discuss the challenges faced daily for this multi-purpose place of prayer, worship, and business.
- Students will have the chance to visit the shop to think about how ethics impact merchandising, and to view bespoke ranges developed with emerging UK based designers.
- Dependant on availability they will also hear from a member of the Corporate Events or Visitor Engagement team.



### Aims of the visit:

To discover the beauty and spirituality of the Cathedral. To investigate the fine line the Cathedral treads between being a sacred space and a major tourist attraction.

### Duration:

**75 mins.** Allow an extra 45 minutes if you wish to visit the Dome and Galleries.

**Key Stage Suitability:** KS4 & KS5



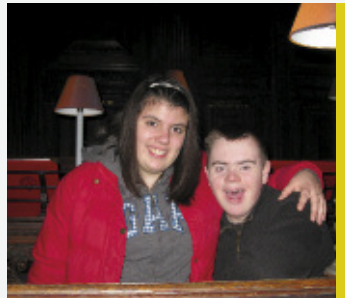
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# INSET

## SEND

**We welcome SEND visitors from all schools and have a range of resources that can be used as part of your visit. Please let us know about any additional needs at the time of booking and we will discuss what we can provide.**

We can also deliver tailored Themed Guided Visits and workshops for SEND schools on any of the topics offered.



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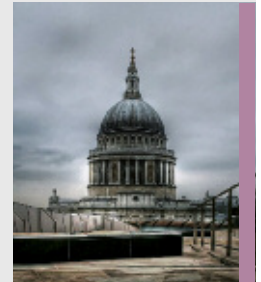


## INSET

**Explore St Paul's Cathedral as part of your next INSET Day.**

We offer a variety of flexible INSET Days, which can take the form of a retreat for your staff, or to aid you with the delivery of the RS/RE curriculum, including ideas for integrating Understanding Christianity into your lessons. A full day includes a guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on your chosen curriculum area followed by a workshop/activity session on a topic such as:

- Visiting a place of Christian worship
- Prayer and spirituality
- Reflective story telling
- The spiritual development of children and young people

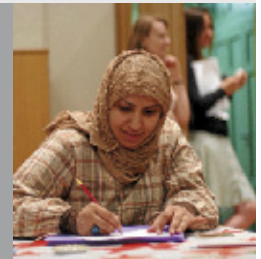


**Please note: We will happily work with you to create a bespoke session suited to your particular needs and outcomes.**

**Cost:**

The cost of a full day is: **£250.00 + VAT**

The cost of a half day is: **£150.00 + VAT**



# Dome and Galleries

**There are three unique galleries to explore: the Whispering Gallery, the Stone Gallery and the Golden Gallery.**

**Climb all 528 steps for an amazing view of the City from on high!**

- **Be prepared:** We will send you risk assessment advice when you book, however we recommend that you do your own risk assessment prior to your visit.

Should anyone in your group be nervous/suffer from vertigo/mobility problems/asthma, please ensure that adults are available to remain with them in the Cathedral. They must not be left unaccompanied.

Due to fire regulations, we regret there is no lift available to the Galleries. The lift may be used to enable those with mobility needs to access the Crypt and Cathedral floor only.

- **Timings:** Please allow at least 45 minutes for the complete return climb to the Golden Gallery and back. This is in addition to the time required for your guided visit/workshop.
- **Supervision is vital:** You will be required to escort your students to the Galleries and supervise them at all times. Our staff will not accompany you on the climb. Groups must have at least 1 adult to every 10 pupils.

## **Advice:**

St Paul's Cathedral advises that pupils and adults who suffer from breathing difficulties, such as asthma, climb these stairs at their own risk. We also advise schools to obtain written, parental consent before the visit.

## **Please note:**

There is an extra cost for this. For up-to-date prices please check our website or enquire at the time of booking.



# Frequently asked questions

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions.  
We hope you find them helpful in planning your visit. Please contact us with any other queries.

**HOW DO I GET TO ST. PAUL'S?** Tube: St. Paul's tube station is in Zone 1 on the Central Line and is less than five minutes walk; Mansion House and Bank are also close by. Bus: Directly outside the Cathedral you can catch the following buses: 4, 11, 15, 23, 26, 100. From Newgate Street you can catch the following buses: 242, 25. You can plan your journey at <https://www.tfl.gov.uk/>

**WHAT ARE THE OPENING HOURS?** The Cathedral is open 08.30 to 16.30 Monday to Saturday. Themed Guided Visits are bookable Monday to Friday during term time, at 10.30 and 13.00 only. We ask that you arrive 15 minutes before your allocated slot. If you are more than 30 minutes late we cannot guarantee that we will be able to guide your group and you may have to self-guide.

**DO I NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE?** Yes. Well in advance please. We can get very busy, especially in the summer months.

**DO WE PAY ON THE DAY?** No, you will be invoiced by us when we confirm your booking.

**WHERE ARE THE TOILETS?** There are public toilets in the Crypt.

**WILL THERE BE ANY SERVICES DURING OUR VISIT?** Every day at 12.30 Holy Communion is celebrated. During this time, access to the dome area is limited. The service lasts about 30 minutes. Evensong is at 17.00 every day. You are very welcome to attend either service. All visitors on the Cathedral floor are asked to be quiet for the Lord's Prayer which is said every hour on the hour.

**WHAT CAN YOU SEE FROM THE DOME?** The Whispering Gallery gives a view of the interior of the Cathedral, as well as providing an opportunity to try out its unique acoustics. Further up, you can see the view over London from the Stone Gallery and Golden Gallery.

**CAN WE EAT PACKED LUNCHES?** Only schools booked on the 10.30 guided visit can eat packed lunches in the Cathedral, either in the classroom or in the crypt. If you are a 10.30 guided group you will be informed about where to eat your lunch on the day of your visit. Unfortunately, due to health and safety/overcrowding concerns, all other groups are not permitted to eat lunches in the Cathedral. In good weather you can picnic in the garden. Information about alternative places to eat will be sent with your booking form.

**WHERE CAN WE LEAVE OUR BAGS/COATS DURING THE VISIT?** Upon arrival schools on guided visits will be brought to the Education Centre and can leave their bags/coats in the cloakroom.

**IS THERE A SHOP?** Yes. The Cathedral Crypt shop stocks a full range of postcards and gifts. Alternatively groups can order gift packs, in advance, from the Schools & Family Learning Department. These will be given to you on the day.

**WHERE SHOULD WE REPORT TO WHEN WE ARRIVE?** Please refer to your confirmation letter. Entrance for guided groups is via the North Crypt Entrance and you will be met inside at the Crypt Stewards' desk.

**ARE THERE FACILITIES FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?** The Education Centre is wheelchair accessible, as is the Crypt and Cathedral floor. We regret that it is not possible to take wheelchairs, or people with walking difficulties up to the Dome & Galleries since there is no public lift. Please inform us of any special needs when you return your booking form.

**CAN WE DO A RISK ASSESSMENT?** Yes. When you make a booking we will send you a sample Risk Assessment Form. We strongly recommend that the member of staff organising the visit makes a preparation visit to the Cathedral in order to carry out their own risk assessment. This should include the journey to and from the Cathedral. Risk assessments are your responsibility.



