

# SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS

## 2023 – 2024

## Rochester Cathedral is not just for RE!

We have a wide-ranging programme covering many curriculum areas.  
Our workshops can be adapted to match your learning requirements.

### Interactive Timeline Tour

Walk the Cathedral timeline from its Anglo Saxon origins, through the Norman invasion, ending in turbulent Tudor times discovering the impact of the Reformation on the Cathedral.

**History**

### Monastic Life

Dress as a monk and find out about life as a medieval Benedictine novice monk. Discover the similarities between life at school and life in the monastery.

**History / RE / SMSC**

### RE Tours

Look for signs and symbols to indicate that this is a Christian place of worship. Explore the various rooms, furnishing and decoration in the building.

Compare and contrast the Cathedral with other places of worship.

**RE**

### From Anglo Saxon Law Codes to Magna Carta

Rochester Cathedral is home to Textus Roffensis, a twelfth century book containing Anglo Saxon law codes and a copy of the coronation charter of Henry I, the wording of which is said to have influenced Magna Carta. Find out about Textus Roffensis as we explore early law and discover how the feudal system worked.

**History / SMSC**

### Creative Writing & Poetry

Use the sights, sounds and smells of the Cathedral to inspire writing.

**English**

### Poor Man's Bible

In medieval times artwork in cathedrals was vital in communicating messages of the Christian faith.

Learn how to decode images from the past.

**History / RE / Art & Design**

### Pilgrim Trail

Follow in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims visiting the shrine of St William of Perth. Find out about the history of the cathedral as we journey around the building.

**History / RE**

### Dickens and Rochester

Discover how the Cathedral inspired Charles Dickens.

**RE / English**

### Cross-site visits

Book a cross-site visit to either Rochester Castle or the Guildhall Museum, both within walking distance of the Cathedral.

**Guildhall Museum linked workshops**  
Anglo Saxons; Normans; Feudal System / Magna Carta; Dickens;

**Rochester Castle linked visits**  
Normans; Feudal System / Magna Carta

We are also able to create bespoke cross-site visits.

### RE comparison visit

Visit Rochester Cathedral and Chatham Memorial Synagogue in a day.

Compare and contrast the buildings, furnishings and methods of worship of these two historic sites.

To book the Synagogue, please visit [www.chathamshul.org.uk](http://www.chathamshul.org.uk) and email [school/group](mailto:school/group) visits via the contact page.

See over for how to book your Cathedral visit.

### Trail sheets and workbooks available for self-guided visits

Please see our website for more information.

### Reformation Trail

Discover the impact of the Reformation on Rochester Cathedral.

**History**

We host a variety of themed learning events throughout the year.

Visit the **Learning** pages on our website to explore the full programme for visiting schools, youth groups and families.

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### Workshop information

- Workshops usually last 45 minutes – 1 hour
- We will supply guidelines for your risk assessments when visiting the Cathedral

### 2022 Prices *(January–August 2024)*

Price per pupil	
1 hour	£2.60
Up to 2 hours	£4.40
Day visit	£5.80

- All visits must be pre-booked
- Charges apply to guided and self-guided visits
- We have two lunchrooms, each holding up to 30 students plus accompanying adults, available to pre-book at £20 per half hour
- All charges are inclusive of VAT
- We invoice after your visit
- Payments should be made to "Rochester Cathedral Enterprises Ltd"

### How to book a visit

To book or to create a bespoke school visit to Rochester Cathedral please call or email:

**Helen Bradshaw** (Learning Manager)

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[helen.bradshaw@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:helen.bradshaw@rochestercathedral.org)

### Contact numbers for cross-site visits

Rochester Castle **01634 332901**

Guildhall Museum **01634 332680**

## Special Events

### **The Fenland Black Oak Table**    September 2023 – February 2024

Made from 5,000-year-old wood, this amazing 13m long table is an inspiring piece of furniture. The table can be viewed as part of your pre-booked cathedral visit or you may wish to book the 45 minute "Table Timeline" workshop. Students will have the opportunity to find out how the table was created, and then place major historical events onto the table timeline before reflecting on an important event in their own lives. Charges apply.

### **The Rochester Bestiary**    September – October 2023

On loan from the British Library, this amazing book dating from circa 1230, contains a host of amazing creatures – real and imagined. The Bestiary can be viewed as part of a pre-booked visit. You can also book a 45 minute creative workshop inspired by the Bestiary. Students will design their own fantastical creature and describe its characteristics. Charges apply.