Teacher Information Pack
Virtual Holyrood: Online Workshops for Schools

We are looking forward to virtually welcoming you to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. This pack is designed to give you all the practical information you need to book and take part in an online workshop.
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Introduction

About the Palace of Holyroodhouse
The Palace of Holyroodhouse is His Majesty The King’s official residence in Scotland. It has been the scene of important and dramatic events across the centuries involving Robert the Bruce, Mary, Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie, Queen Victoria, and more.

About Royal Collection Trust
Royal Collection Trust looks after the Royal Collection, one of the most important art collections in the world and manages the public opening of the official residences of His Majesty The King. Through our work, from exhibitions and learning programmes to publications and retail products, we aim to ensure that the Royal Collection and Palaces are valued and enjoyed by everyone.

Our online workshop programme
A visit to the Palace provides a memorable setting for learning and unique opportunities to meet Experiences and Outcomes of the Curriculum for Excellence. Our expert-led online workshops brings the Palace of Holyroodhouse into your classroom and includes virtual object handling, images, short films and questions and answers.

We have developed three Curriculum of Excellence linked 45 minute workshops for you to choose from based on our most popular sessions at the Palace. Each workshop can be adapted to be suitable for pupils from Level 1 to Senior Phase.

Mary, Queen of Scots
Enter the court of Mary, Queen of Scots. Find out about daily life in the Palace, and explore the Queen’s private apartments before investigating the events of 9 March 1566 – the murder of Mary’s secretary, David Rizzio.

Bonnie Prince Charlie
It is 1745 and music fills the Great Gallery, where Bonnie Prince Charlie and his supporters celebrate their recent victory at the Battle of Prestonpans. Find out why the Palace was so important to the Jacobites and what happened when the Prince set up court here for 5 weeks that year.
Queen Victoria

Step into Queen Victoria’s Palace. Explore the stories of Queen Victoria’s regular visits to Holyroodhouse and use real Victorian objects to find out about different jobs and pastimes in the Victorian era.

Our online workshop prices

All online workshops are £35 per class.
How to Book

How to book your online workshop

Once you have decided on which online workshop is most suitable for your class the next thing to do is to book your visit. To book your visit please consider the following and then contact the Learning Booking Team:

- The online workshop most suitable for your class
- Preferred date and possible alternatives
- Preferred time and possible alternatives
- Number of children
- Details to support SEND pupils
- Your preference of video conferencing software

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Once you have made your booking you will receive a reservation letter. This reservation letter will confirm details of your booking including the online workshop you have chosen. Please read this carefully and if anything is incorrect contact the Learning Bookings Team. If your booking requires payment, the letter will confirm the date by which full payment must be received. All bookings are made subject to our terms and conditions. To see these please visit https://www.rct.uk/schools/teacher-information-documents. You will also receive a copy of our Remote Learning Expectations to read.

You will then receive an email from a member of the Learning Team at the Palace of Holyroodhouse with a link for your online workshop.
Before your online workshop

**Health and safety**

We have undertaken a risk assessment for the online workshop. When booking your online workshop you will be sent our Remote Learning Expectations to read. These will outline what we expect from you and your group and what you can expect from us. The Royal Household Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding Procedures can be found [here](#).

**Pre-visit resources**

We have a range of resource available to help your class prepare for your online workshop. To explore these visit [https://www.rct.uk/discover/school-resources](https://www.rct.uk/discover/school-resources).

**Test Call**

If you would like to test your software and equipment before your online workshop please contact the Palace of Holyroodhouse Learning Team directly by emailing [holyroodlearning@rct.uk](mailto:holyroodlearning@rct.uk).

**Questions and Answers**

During the workshop there will be a Question and Answer section. To help us prepare for this please email questions from your class to [holyroodlearning@rct.uk](mailto:holyroodlearning@rct.uk).

**Your online workshop**

**Starting your workshop**

Ahead of your workshop set up your equipment. At the start time of your workshop open the link you have been emailed and enter your password. Your workshop will then start.

**During your workshop**

Your workshop will consist of an interactive presentation including virtual object handling, images, short films and questions and answers. At times you may be asked to mute your class or to help facilitate questions from your class.
After your visit

Feedback
After your online workshop you will receive a feedback form. We would be grateful if you were able to complete this and send it back. Your feedback helps us improve our nursery and school programme.

Post-visit resources
We have a range of resource available to help your class continue their learning after their online workshop. To explore these visit https://www.rct.uk/discover/school-resources

Keep in touch and stay involved
We love to see and hear about your online workshop and the learning it has inspired in the classroom. If you would like to share any of this with us through social media please mention @RCT or use the hashtag #HolyroodPalace.

You can also stay in touch by subscribing to our school e-mail updates. Each term you will receive the latest news and details of upcoming school sessions, resources and teachers events.
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