

# Learning at Ely Cathedral Secondary



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At Ely Cathedral we are passionate about learning and we can't wait to share our wonderful building with you and your students. Expect to meet characters from history, enjoy hands on workshops and get creative when you visit.

## **How many students can I bring?**

We usually like to limit student numbers to around 100. This means we are able to work with manageable group sizes to ensure that everyone has a great experience. However, we can sometimes accommodate slightly larger groups depending on the activities you choose.

## **Can you accommodate different learning needs?**

Absolutely. Everyone is welcome at Ely Cathedral. When you complete your booking form, you will be able to give us some more information about the needs of the students you are bringing with you. We have a range of resources to support all learners, including sensory resources and a sensory room for children who might need a break.

## **Do you have risk assessments?**

Yes. You will be able to find downloadable Risk Assessments for visits to the Cathedral in the Schools section of the Learning and Families pages of our website.

## **Do you offer pre-visits?**

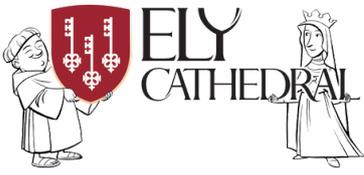
Yes. Please ask us about these when you send your initial enquiry and we will be able to arrange for a pre-visit. Please do note that we are not able to accommodate pre-visits during the weekends but can often arrange them during school holidays if you are not able to come during working hours.

## **Do you have materials that I can use with my students before we visit?**

A number of our current workshops do have pre-visit materials that we can send you so please do ask.

## **Do you have a lunch room?**

Yes, we are able to accommodate your students in our classroom for lunch. In the case of larger groups we may also be able to offer you an additional space or we may have to build a split lunch into your timetable to ensure that everyone can eat comfortably. If you are booking a full day with us the use of the lunch room is included in the cost of the visit.



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## Can visiting staff leave the site during breaks?

All of our staff and volunteers have up to date and relevant DBS checks. However, for safeguarding purposes we do ask that all staff remain on-site with students throughout the day. We are pleased to provide tea, coffee and light refreshments to all visiting teachers to reduce the need to leave the site.

## What are the timings of school visits?

A school visit will usually start at 10.00am. A half day would usually finish at 12.00pm and a full day at 2.00pm. If you need a slightly different arrival or departure time we can usually accommodate this so please do ask. You will be sent a timetable for your day as part of the booking confirmation. Please check these timings carefully and let us know if you need to arrive or depart at a different time.

## How much does a visit to the Cathedral cost?

Full day (3 learning sessions, use of the lunch room and refreshments for staff): **£7.50 pp**

Half Day (2 learning sessions): **£5.00 pp**

Self-Guided Visit: **£3.50 pp**

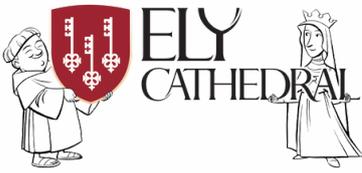
Use of the lunch room (if not visiting for a full day or self-guided): **£50.00**

A **10% discount** is applicable for all visits during **September** and **January**. We are also pleased to be able to offer some free places for pupil premium students. The number of places offered will be determined by the FSM % published for your school on SchoolDash. All accompanying staff and adults visit for free.

## How do I book?

Email us at [learning@elycathedral.org](mailto:learning@elycathedral.org) with your **preferred dates** and **workshop choices**.

Once your date is secure, we'll ask you to complete a booking form, which we will use to put together your itinerary for the day. We sometimes work with other providers in Ely such as the Stained Glass Museum, Ely Museum and Oliver Cromwell's House so do ask us about joint visits.



# Learning Support at Ely Cathedral

Ely Cathedral is an inclusive environment and we want everyone to enjoy their experience when they visit. For this reason we have a range of support available for all learners.

When you book, there will be a section of the booking confirmation that invites you to let us know about any specific needs prior to your visit. For example, if you need some resources in larger print, different colours, or with a range of reading ages in mind, please do let us know on the form and we will do all that we can to accommodate this.

We also have a range of sensory resources available to support learners:

- **Sensory bags with tactile resources to help learners stay focused.**
- **Ear defenders.**
- **Explorer's Equipment - this contains tactile versions of items that are not to be touched in the Cathedral such as altar cloths and candles.**
- **Sensory trails - alternative trails for learners who might need a different approach to their tour of the Cathedral.**
- **Sensory room - a room for those students who need some time to re-set. Please note that an adult from your school must be with any children using the sensory room and that only 2 children are able to use the room at any one time.**
- **Sensory maps - maps to show you where in the Cathedral is typically noisy and where is typically more quiet.**

We are also able to provide disabled access toilets in the Learning Centre as well as an accessible space for lunch. Please make it clear when you book if you will need to use accessible spaces. Please do note that our toilet facilities do not currently include a changing space or winch.

# Workshops at Ely Cathedral

Many of our workshops can be adapted for different age groups. This section includes an overview of all the workshops that we have available for Secondary school aged students. You'll be able to see at glance which key stage each workshop is available for, as well as being able to see which curriculum and skill areas each workshop develops.

Key:	<u>Curriculum Areas</u>	<u>Skills</u>
	Art	 Aiming High
	Drama	 Creativity
	English and Literacy	 Leadership
	Geography	 Listening
	History	 Problem Solving
	Maths	 Self Reflection
	Music	 Speaking
	Nature and Environment	 Staying Positive
	PSHE	 Teamwork
	Religious Education	
	Science and Technology	

# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## Building the Cathedral Tour (1 hour)

Discover how the Cathedral was built nearly 1,000 years ago. Find out about different arches, how pulleys and levers were used and how the Cathedral was once decorated. Have a go at building or decorating your own arches. This is a Learning Guide led tour.

**KS3 KS4**



## Cromwell and the Cathedral (1 hour 30 minutes)

Find out why Oliver Cromwell was so displeased by the Cathedral that he shut it down! You'll find out what religious changes he made and have a go at creating your own prints to show which side you are on. This session combines well with a visit to Oliver Cromwell's House.

**KS3**



## Did Henry VIII do the right thing? (1 hour)

Review the role and function of the monasteries before the reformation then discover more about some of the implications of the dissolution and reformation. After this, you'll evaluate whether Henry's changes were positive or negative using our football goal system.

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# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## Eucharist (1 hour)

Investigate the concept of sacraments before exploring different views and understandings of the Eucharist in a range of Christian denominations.

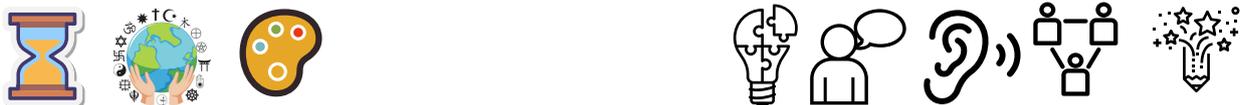
**KS3 KS4 (ideal for GCSE RE Revision Days)**



## Evidence of the Reformation (1 hour)

Explore Bishop Alcock's Chapel to see the story of the reformation - why were people dissatisfied with the Church? How did one of the masons show this? What happened afterwards? Then search for signs of the reformation around the Cathedral.

**KS3 KS4**



## Exploring Christian Prayer on the Labyrinth (1 hour)

Use the Labyrinth to explore different types of Christian prayer, their purpose and how the Lord's Prayer links in. You'll also consider the meaning and purpose of extempore prayer before deciding which, if either, might be more important in Christianity.

**KS3 KS4 (ideal for GCSE RE Revision Days)**



# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## GCSE Site Study Day (3 x 1 hour sessions)

Spend the day discovering the impact of the Normans, Reformation and Victorian Restoration on the Cathedral. Using key areas, objects and architectural features such as arches, chapels and monastic buildings, you'll see how things have changed and stayed the same over the years.

**KS4**



## Hereward the Wake - Will you join the resistance? (1 hour)

An immersive session where students take the role of the monks of Ely and decide how far they should support the rebellion led by Hereward the Wake. They'll use information from the monastic library about William's claim to the throne as well as letters from key figures and reminders of their own religious duties to help them make their decisions.

**KS3 KS4**



## Medieval Medicine (1 hour)

A hands on activity where students explore the physick garden (weather dependent), diagnose illness using "urine" samples and design a range of remedies for common medieval illnesses.

**KS3**



# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## Monastic Life (1 hour)

Discover what life was like for the Benedictine monks of Ely in the 14th Century and try your hand at some of their jobs such as illuminating letters, candle making and plain song.

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## Pilgrimage (1 hour)

Plan your own pilgrimage to Ely with a group of fellow travellers. Explore how medieval people would have prepared for their journey, decide what gift you will present at the shrine of St Etheldreda and follow in the footsteps of pilgrims arriving at Ely Cathedral.

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## Pilgrimage Trail (1 hour)

Follow in the footsteps of pilgrims to Ely Cathedral as you explore the whys and hows of Christian pilgrimage through the ages. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

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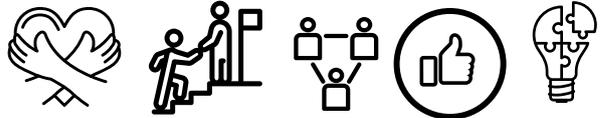


# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## Place of Worship Trail (1 hour)

Using their own booklet as well as banners, students will explore the significance of various locations around the Cathedral to discover how Christians base their religious life around worship, belonging, learning and service. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

**KS3**



## Q&A with a Canon (1 hour)

Meet a member of Cathedral clergy to discuss any questions you might have about Christian belief and practice. You'll be able to prepare questions beforehand using our guide which will be sent to you when you book.

**KS3 KS4 (ideal for GCSE RE Revision Days)**



## Sensory Sacraments (1 hour)

Explore objects associated with 4 important Christian sacraments to work out what they might be used for, why and what they might symbolise.

**KS3 KS4 (ideal for GCSE RE Revision Days)**



# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## Shared Origins Trail (1 hour)

With an expert guide to lead your tour, discover how 6 religions and world views share teachings and stories about important Biblical figures. Complete engaging activities and take away your completed booklet when you return to school.

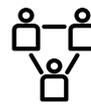
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## The Green Men of Ely (1 hour)

Explore the Cathedral to find the different styles of Green Man hiding in the stones. Find out about different ideas about what they might mean and why they are in a Cathedral, before using the different examples to create your very own Green Man to take home. Can be offered as a full day to achieve a “Discover Art” Arts Award.

**KS3**



## The Life of Jesus Trail (1 hour)

Follow the trail booklet to discover how Christians remember the life and teachings of Jesus Christ through the varied artworks at Ely Cathedral, and his significance today. Complete the activities as you are guided around the building in your booklet. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

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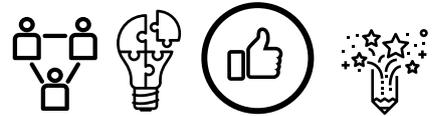


# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## The Person of Christ (1 hour)

Who is Jesus for Christians? Investigate the identity, nature and role of Jesus through the “I Am” statements in St John’s Gospel. This independent trail activity takes students around the Cathedral to find the statements and enjoy the space as they complete their booklet to take back to school.

**KS4 (ideal for GCSE RE Revision Days)**



## The Trinity (1 hour)

Understand the nature of the Trinity by exploring different Bible quotations. Test your new found knowledge by exploring and analysing different symbols for the Trinity around the Cathedral before creating your own.

**KS4 (ideal for GCSE RE Revision Days)**



## The Tumbling Tower (1 hour)

Discover what happened in 1323 when the central tower of the Cathedral came tumbling down. Then, put your engineering skills to the test as you help Sacrist, Alan de Walsingham, solve the problem of the tumbling tower and the hole it has left in the middle of the Cathedral.

**KS3**



# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## Training with Brother Wilfred - Medieval Medicine (1 hour)

Join Brother Wilfred in his 14th Century apothecary to discover more about how illness was diagnosed and treated before putting your new skills to the test. Diagnose illness using the theory of humours and “urine” samples, explore some of the suspected causes and (suspect) treatments for the plague and learn how news of treatments was shared across European monasteries when an exciting letter arrives from Bec Abbey.

**KS4**



## Tudor Church Trail (1 hour)

Follow the trail around the Cathedral to find out how Henry VIII changed the Church in England during the reformation. You will find out how Henry’s changes have affected how the Cathedral is used today as you complete your booklets. This independent trail is supported by your school staff.

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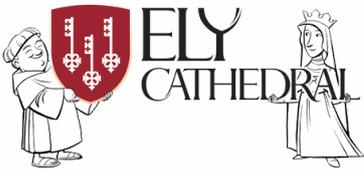


## Was the Church a help or a hindrance to medicine? (1 hour)

Consider the ways in which the Church may have limited or slowed the development of medicine to evaluate whether it was a help or a hindrance. This workshop must be done in conjunction with “Training with Brother Wilfred” or another Medieval Medicine session.

**KS3 KS4**





# Secondary Workshops at the Cathedral

## What did the Monasteries ever do for us? (1 hour)

A guided tour of Ely Cathedral's monastic complex focusing on the contribution of the monastery to society, the economy, education and healthcare. Hear about the uses of the different buildings and work in teams to decide what area of society this contributed to.

KS3 KS4



# Borrow Boxes & Trails from Ely Cathedral

We have a range of resource boxes and trails which can be borrowed from the Cathedral. These can be loaned to you for up to one half term. They include all the learning plans and resources that you need to deliver a series of lessons or a particular trail. You can arrange to borrow these by emailing [learning@elycathedral.org](mailto:learning@elycathedral.org). The loan of these resources costs £75 for the half term.

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	<b>Science and Technology</b>	

# Borrow Boxes & Trails from Ely Cathedral

## HerStory

Explore the stories of Biblical women such as Ruth, Anna and Tabitha before discovering more about Feminist Theology and deciding whether Gospel writer Luke was an early feminist.

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## Joanna Trail

Discover the story of Easter through the eyes of one of Jesus' female followers, Joanna. Follow her through the key events of Holy week and reflect on her experiences.

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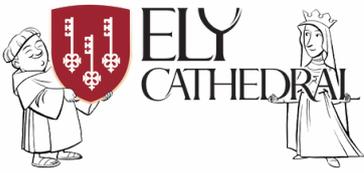


## Through Mary's Eyes Trail

Discover the story of Christmas through the eyes of Mary, mother of Jesus. Reflect on her hopes and fears for the future as you make your way around a series of banners using our reflection rings to get you thinking more deeply about the story.

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## Tudor Church Trail

Find out more about the changes that Henry VIII made to the Church during the reformation and how they still impact us today.

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