

Southwell Minster

# Educational Visits Programme

for Secondary Schools & Colleges

KS3, KS4, KS5 and SEND



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## Welcome

Southwell Minster is an awe-inspiring, rich learning resource. Steeped in history from its Roman and Saxon beginnings, with soaring medieval Romanesque and Gothic stonework, Victorian furniture and modern sculpture, the Cathedral tells the cultural history of our country. We also have a classroom, the Archbishop's Palace and Education Garden for activities, art and craft. Our team of experienced practitioners and volunteers look forward to working with you.

Outlined here are suggestions for workshops, tours and study days, but we aim to adapt to your requirements and can create bespoke sessions for many topics and for almost any size of group. Sessions can be adapted for SEND. Our aim is to deliver relevant, interactive sessions, giving staff the chance to relax, have a cuppa and enjoy the visit too. We look forward to welcoming you.

With best wishes *Diana, Matt and the education team*

*"students were asked to evaluate and think... I was astounded by their observations and reflections..." (Education Volunteer)*



*"We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, everything was carefully planned to our students' needs and they were engaged." (year 7 RE Teacher)*

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## Subject-Specific Learning

Adaptable for full day, half day or one hour guided tours.

**RE:** we support delivery of the Nottinghamshire Agreed Syllabus at Key Stages 3&4 and offer bespoke themed study or conference style days for GCSE according to your exam specification.

**The Arts:** The Minster and its precincts are a wonderful creative stimulus for art & design, music, photography, textiles and creative writing. Options include: sacred music, organ demonstration, poetry, remembrance and an introduction to medieval architecture or stained glass windows.

**History:** The Minster is a microcosm of English history. We can explore local history, or help you investigate a specific period.

## Themed RE Days / Half Days

**Sacred Space / Christian Life and Worship:** Explore how and why the Minster is a place of public and private remembrance, explore rites of passage and how symbolic objects, actions, words and images are used and help Christians worship and live the Christian life.

**Spirituality and Art:** Observe and respond to a variety of art from the Anglo Saxons onwards, finding out how they express Christian themes & stories. May include a creative workshop.

**Telling the Story:** Explore the Christian journey of faith and the Bible as a source of wisdom and authority. Discover the old and New Testament depicted in art and furnishings and ask what the example of Jesus shows about justice, fairness and love.

**Big Questions:** Explore philosophical questions around faith and belief, the problem of evil, suffering, creation, science and religion.

*Can't find what you need?  
Give us a call to discuss  
bespoke learning sessions.*





## Off the Peg Learning

Mix and match to suit you:

**Guided Tours:** may be themed— a period of history, stained glass, art etc.

**Interview a priest:** Discuss matters of belief & faith or explore features, symbolism and ritual of worship. (Can be tailored for GCSE spec).

**Faith Practices:** Prayer, worship, holy communion or baptism. These sessions explore how Christians worship and express faith in the Minster.

**Quiet Time:** Engage in group or individual reflective activities.

## Special Events

**Visual Arts Programme:** Explore the latest exhibition of sculpture, textiles or paintings. We offer bespoke tours and workshops inspired by the style and theme for all age groups.

**6th form Conferences:** Advertised separately, this is a chance to discuss contemporary topics with a variety of facilitators.

## Practical Information

To discuss your needs and to book, contact the office (see below). In cold or wet weather you'll be provided with a room to eat packed lunches at no charge. Risk assessment notes are provided, pre-visits welcomed. The Minster is a very safe place to visit. Visits are planned, delivered and organised by Diana Ives (Education Officer), with Matt Hustwayte (Administrator) and our volunteer team. For most visits we invite donations of £5 per student (full day); £4 (half day) to help with costs. The Cathedral subsidises the learning programme.

*For more information, to book or find out about joining the volunteer team contact:*  
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