



# THE CANTERBURY MEDIEVAL EDUCATION DAY!

Thursday 19th September 2019

## Overview of the Day

For one day only, top Canterbury Attractions have come together to schools with the ultimate learning experience! We would like to take this opportunity to invite as many schools as possible to experience a whole day of fun, engaging activities and most importantly lots of learning!

We will provide:

- ◆ 2 x morning activities and 2 x afternoon activities per class (one of which to be The Canterbury Tales Attraction).
- ◆ Map of all the key locations, in number order for your class
- ◆ Class itinerary with times (to accompany map)
- ◆ Marquee lunch area
- ◆ Risk Assessment
- ◆ First Aid trained team member at the lunch point
- ◆ Costumed staff along the route to help with directions
- ◆ Wristbands for you to write contact details on
- ◆ Free teacher familiarisation visits to The Canterbury Tales





## Confirmed Partners & Activities

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### The Canterbury Tales

A special visit for schools, which still includes all the charm of Chaucer, but with added educational value. The group will be taken on a fully guided tour, and there will be an additional medieval armour and weaponry demonstration. The experience will complement the curriculum focusing on: History, Religion and Literacy. All classes will take part in this visit.

### Chaucer Challenge Workshops Taster

**NEW FOR 2019** As part of the Medieval Education Day, we will be offering one of our new workshops; 'A Poets Path'. Students will write an acrostic poem, using the letters of their name to describe their journey to Canterbury. Please note this is separate activity to the visit of the main attraction.

### The Westgate Towers

Explore the Westgate Towers, England's largest surviving Medieval Gateway and a key landmark in Canterbury, both historically and in the present day. You can enjoy the museum, the cells and the battlements viewing point, which boasts a breath-taking view of Canterbury from the top.

### Canterbury Christchurch University

**NEW FOR 2019** Join Dr Diane Heath as she helps pupils bring the past to the present, exploring both identity and history through heraldic craft. The history of Canterbury Castle will be woven into the session, using 'Matthew Paris' a 13th century monk with a particular interest in heraldry as the lead character. Every child will create their own family coat of arms to take home.

### St Augustine's Abbey

**NEW FOR 2019** Discover stories of Anglo-Saxon Kings and Archbishops of Canterbury on a trail around St. Augustine's Abbey. Your students will explore the importance of the abbey, its place in the history of Canterbury and find out about the significant people who have been associated with it.

### The Beaney House of Art and Knowledge

Investigating Medieval Pilgrims Badges at the Beaney. Follow the signs to the Pilgrims Badges! A Beaney team member will tell you all about the history of Pilgrims badges and how they were the original Medieval Souvenir!

### Canterbury Archaeological Trust

**NEW FOR 2019** Come on a tour of Medieval Canterbury with a real archaeologist! We'll find out how many of Canterbury's Medieval buildings still survive, how to identify a medieval building, and what happened to the ones that are no longer there. Plus, there will be a chance to see some real medieval finds!

In addition to this, The Canterbury Tales team will be located at the Beaney and at the Clock Tower to help with directions and make sure your day runs smoothly.





## Example Itineraries: 30 students + up to 6 teachers (1 teacher may accompany every 5 students free)

There is so much on offer that it's hard to choose what your class will do! We are happy to advise you on the best options depending on your learning outcomes and which attractions group together well logistically. We aim to minimise walking between activities, grouping them together geographically.

We also plan in enough time to move between locations and time for toilet breaks.

### Example Itinerary

Activity	Time
Arrive in Canterbury at Whitefriars Meeting Point	09:45
St Augustine's Abbey	10:15 - 11:00
Canterbury Christchurch University	11:15 - 12:15
Lunch / in designated area	12:30 - 13:10
Canterbury Tales Tour	13:20, 13:30, 13:40 (10 students per tour)
Chaucer Challenge Workshop	14:00 - 14:45
Thank you and Goodbye from The Canterbury Tales Team: Whitefriars Meeting Point. Home-time	15:00

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Arrive in Canterbury at Whitefriars Meeting Point	09:45
Westgate Towers	10:15 - 11:00
Canterbury Archaeological Trust workshop (in city centre)	11:15 - 12:00
Lunch / in designated area	12:10
Beaney House of Art and Knowledge	13:00
The Canterbury Tales Tour	13:50, 14:00, 14:10 (10 students per tour)
Thank you and Goodbye from The Canterbury Tales Team: Whitefriars Meeting Point. Home-time	14:50/15:00



## Whitefriars Shopping Area

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Whitefriars are creating a central hub for all schools to use as a meeting point and a lunch area. Each school will be given an allocated lunch slot, and a member of The Canterbury Tales team will be available here all day to answer any questions.

All itineraries will be tailored to your class and teachers can request which venues they would like to visit. All itineraries will cost £8.50 per student and one teacher may accompany every 5 children for free. The day can start from 9am and can finish anytime up until 5pm. Please ensure all children bring a packed lunch.

We hope that this will be a valuable annual event for local schools and help teachers engage their classes with our incredible shared local heritage and history.

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