

# Charles I: An incorruptible crown

## Teacher Notes

**Length:** 2.5 hours (10:30 – 13:15)

### Meeting point:

Please meet your session presenter at the entrance to the Banqueting House. Ensure you arrive at least 5 minutes before your session is due to begin.

### Session Objectives:

The Banqueting House was the location where Charles I was executed in 1649. The session will contain two parts:

1: Students will consider the causes and events of the civil wars in Britain and question, using evidence, why the British people chose to execute their king. Students will meet a costumed interpreter in the person of Charles I and have the chance to interrogate him.

2: A teacher/student-led tour of Whitehall Palace which enables students to investigate the changing nature of political power in the late seventeenth century by finding traces of the lost Palace of Whitehall.

If you have 35 students or fewer, your timetable will be:

Time	Activity
10.30	The Trial of Charles I
11.45	Break
12.00	Whitehall Palace trail
13.15	End of session

If you have 36-70 students your timetable will be:

Time	Activity
10.30	Group A: The Trial of Charles I Group B: Whitehall Palace trail
11.45	Break to swap over groups
12.00	Group A: Whitehall palace trail Group B: The Trial of Charles I
13.15	End of session



### Curriculum links at KS4:

- OCR A: (J410/13) Component group 3 British depth study & historic environment: Personal Rule to Restoration 1629–60

### Curriculum links at KS5:

- AQA: Paper 1: Breadth Study - 1D Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603–1702 part one; 2E The English Revolution, 1625–1660
- OCR: Y138/Y308 The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660 (Enquiry topic: The Execution of Charles I and the Interregnum 1646–1660)
- Edexcel: Paper 1: Breadth Study - 1C: Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and Settlement. Revolution in early modern & modern Europe.
- WJEC: Royalty, rebellion and republic c.1625-1660 : Unit 2 (AS): Part 1: the pressure on the monarchy and the drift to Civil War, c.1625-1642 and Unit 4 (A2): Part 2: Civil War, Commonwealth and Protectorate c.1642-1660

### During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to pupil ratio which we ask for throughout your visit to the Banqueting House still applies during your teaching session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities.

Our workshops are for a health and safety maximum of x35 pupils in 2 groups. For your information this session will take place within Banqueting House and will also go out into the streets of Westminster as part of a trail. **Please ensure that your pupils are appropriately dressed for varying weather conditions.**

### Accessibility at the Banqueting House:

The Main Hall of the Banqueting House is accessible via a lift in an adjoining property. The Banqueting House does not manage the adjoining property and therefore cannot always guarantee the use of the lift. The entrance to the lift is 27” (approx. 68.58cm) and it is 30” (approx. 76.2cm) deep. Therefore, a portable or standard size wheelchair is required. There is also a ramp down to The Undercroft.

If you will need to use the lift, please contact the Learning Team on 020 3166 6646 in advance of your visit.

