# School Resource

Hampton Court Palace

# Chronology

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| 1086 | Hampton is recorded in the Domesday Book as belonging to Walter St Valery. |
| 1494 | Giles Daubeney, later Lord Chamberlain to Henry VII, leases and modernises the medieval manor of Hampton. |
| 1514 | Thomas Wolsey leases Hampton Court and begins a comprehensive rebuilding programme to convert the manor into a lavish palace. |
| 1526 | Henry VIII takes ownership of Hampton Court Palace. |
| 1529 | Henry VIII’s royal workmen take over building works at Hampton Court. |
| January 1533 | Henry VIII marries his second wife Anne Boleyn and begins constructing luxurious new apartments for his new queen. |
| October 1537 | Queen Jane Seymour, Henry VIII’s third wife gives birth to Prince Edward. He is baptized in the Chapel Royal but she dies soon after due to complications from the birth. |
| July 1540 | Henry VIII marries his fourth wife Catherine Howard, and she is proclaimed Queen at Hampton Court. |
| November 1541 | Catherine Howard is interrogated and put under house arrest at Hampton Court. |
| July 1543 | Henry VIII marries his sixth and final wife, Katheryn Parr, in the Chapel Royal. |
| October 1562 | Queen Elizabeth is confined to her bed after contracting smallpox. While the Queen had recovered by the end of the month, one of her ladies, Sibell Penn, was not so fortunate. |
| 1603 | Shakespeare and his company the ‘King’s Men’ perform plays in the Great Hall for James I. |
| January 1604 | James I calls Hampton Court Conference which commissions the King James Bible. |
| 1645 | Oliver Cromwell defeats Charles I in the Civil War and has him imprisoned at Hampton Court. Charles makes a daring escape. |
| 1689 | Sir Christopher Wren demolishes large parts of the Tudor palace and begins building a new baroque palace for William III and Mary II. |
| 1717 | The Prince of Wales is banned from the royal palaces by his father George I and does not return until he becomes king in 1727. |
| 1760 | Hampton Court is abandoned as a royal residence and divided up into grace and favour apartments to reward loyal royal servants. |
| 1838 | Queen Victoria opens the gardens and state apartments to the public free of charge. |



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| 1984 | Prince Charles makes a speech at Hampton Court criticising modern architecture for its ugliness and insensitivity. |
| March 1986 | At dawn on Easter Day a fire sweeps through the third floor and roof of the South Front. |