

War of the Roses – Study Day

Teacher notes

Duration: 4.5h

Meeting Point: Entrance to Learning Centre

While the Wars of the Roses raged, the Tower of London stood as a symbol of legitimate rule. But can we trust those symbols?

In this session, students will analyse the Tower's role in cementing the reigns of both Yorkist and Lancastrian kings, through its functions as royal palace, makeshift prison and execution site.

Students will examine the Tower buildings and documentary evidence to evaluate how far they can trust both the physical remains and the layers of different interpretations, past and present, relating to this period of civil discord.

This study day will also include a session on using contemporary documents from the period at the London Metropolitan Archives.

Exam Board links

This session has been designed to complement the study of the Wars of the Roses, and particularly the following exam boards:

AQA

- **Unit 2B:** 'The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499'.

Edexcel

- **Paper 3 Option 30:** Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399–1509.

OCR

- **Unit Y105:** England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII (Enquiry topic: Wars of the Roses 1445–1461).

During your session:

Please note that the 1:15 staff to student ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reason, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 students.

For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your students to dress accordingly.

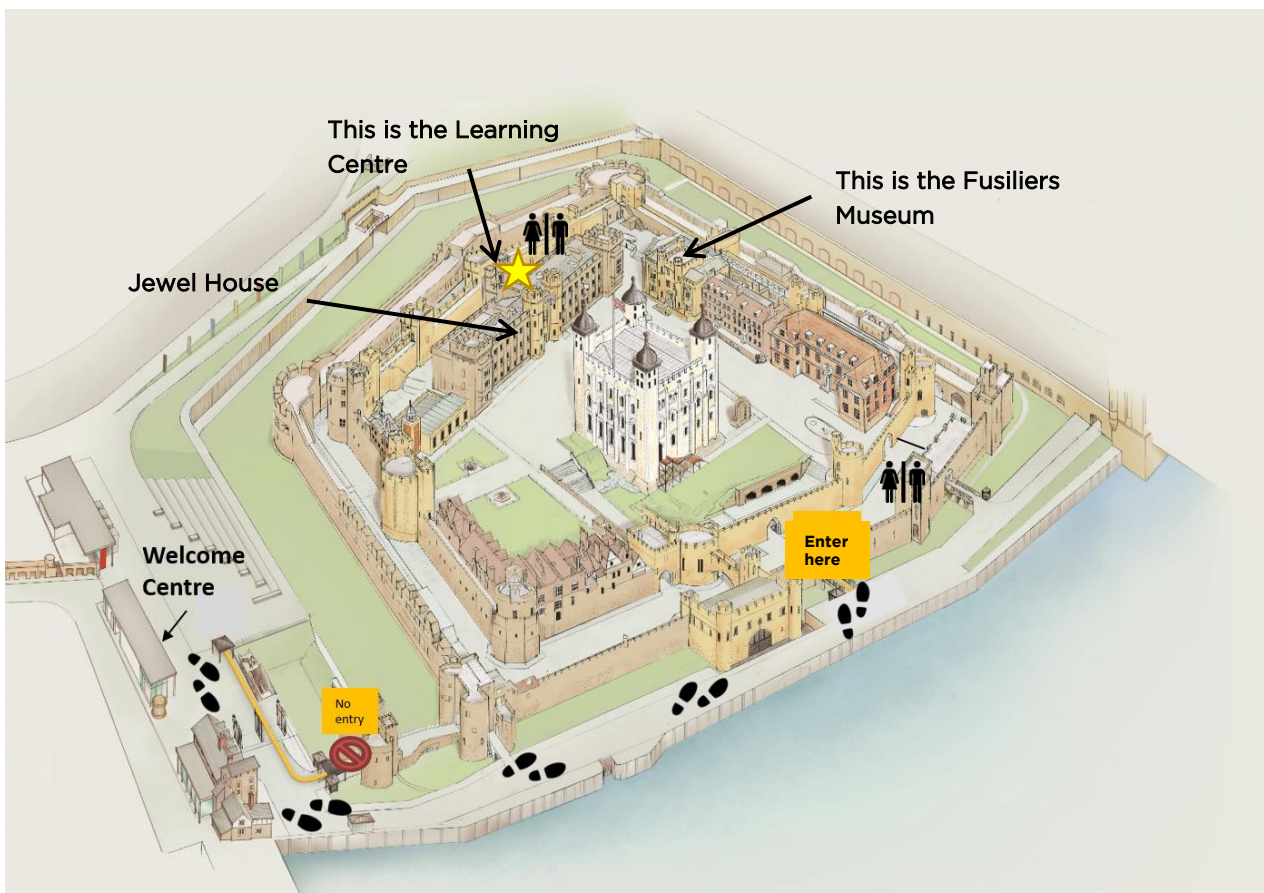


Schedule:

<p>10.30 - 12.00</p>	<p>London Metropolitan Archives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory session at the London Metropolitan Archives • Examining evidence: study of contemporary documents
<p>12.00 - 13.30</p>	<p>We would advise eating lunch whilst travelling to allow for 45 minutes travel time to the Tower of London via tube 15 minutes to collect tickets and walk to the Learning Centre</p> <p><i>If you anticipate a late arrival at the Tower of London please call us on 078 157 21540.</i></p>
<p>13.30 - 15.00</p>	<p>The Tower of London</p> <p>The Wars of the Roses tore England apart and some momentous, game changing, events took place within the walls of the Tower of London. With these events in mind students will examine both the buildings and documentary evidence to answer the question 'How reliable is the Tower of London as a source for investigating the Wars of the Roses?'</p>

Directions:

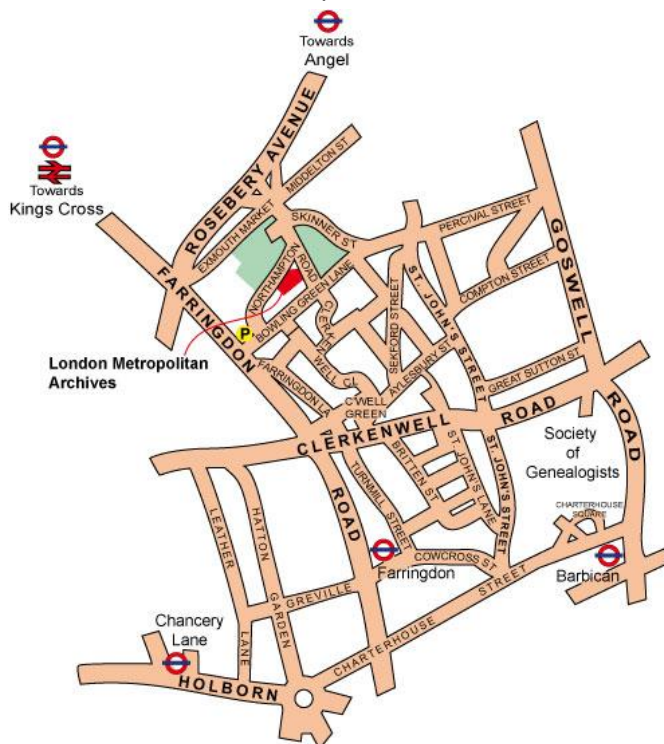
The Tower of London:



- Pick up your wristbands from the Welcome Centre and enter the Tower of London via Middle Drawbridge.
- Head to the back of the Jewel House, walking past the Fusiliers Museum.
- Continue past the visitor toilets until you come across a chain with a sign saying “No entry except for booked school parties”.
- Pass over this; the entrance to the Leaning Centre will be on your left.
- Your presenter will be waiting for you (marked with a yellow star).
- Allow 15 minutes from the Welcome Centre to the Learning Centre.

London Metropolitan Archives:

Enter by the Main Entrance in Northampton Road and report to the Security Desk. You will be directed upstairs and will be met by a member of staff.



Getting to and from the Tower and London Metropolitan Archives

The quickest and easiest way to travel between the two sites is by tube, taking the Circle line between Tower Hill and Farringdon. Approximate timings are as follows:

- Walking between Tower Hill tube and the Tower of London: 10 minutes
- Tube journey between Tower Hill and Farringdon: 10 minutes
- Walking between Farringdon tube and the London Metropolitan Archives: 20 minutes

We suggest that you **allow at least 45 minutes** for travelling between sites.

Please visit www.tfl.gov.uk for further details of tube services and prices.

