

Apply Within: Victorian Servants

Teacher Notes

Duration: 1hr

Meeting Point: State Entrance

It's 1884, and the Hills require new staff; please apply within. Have you got what it takes to be a servant in the home of one of the richest landowners in Ireland?

Pupils will meet a costumed presenter portraying a member of staff employed at Hillsborough Castle. As they explore the State Rooms and try some short drama activities, pupils will uncover the different roles of servants, and the hierarchy between them. Pupils will use replica artefacts to undertake a few short tasks to see if they are up to the job!

Learning objectives

Children will:

- Learn that Hillsborough Castle is a home and requires many servants to ensure it runs smoothly.
- Learn that being a servant in a 'big house' was a desirable job.
- Learn about the different roles of servants in Victorian times.
- Learn that people in the past lived differently according to their background.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

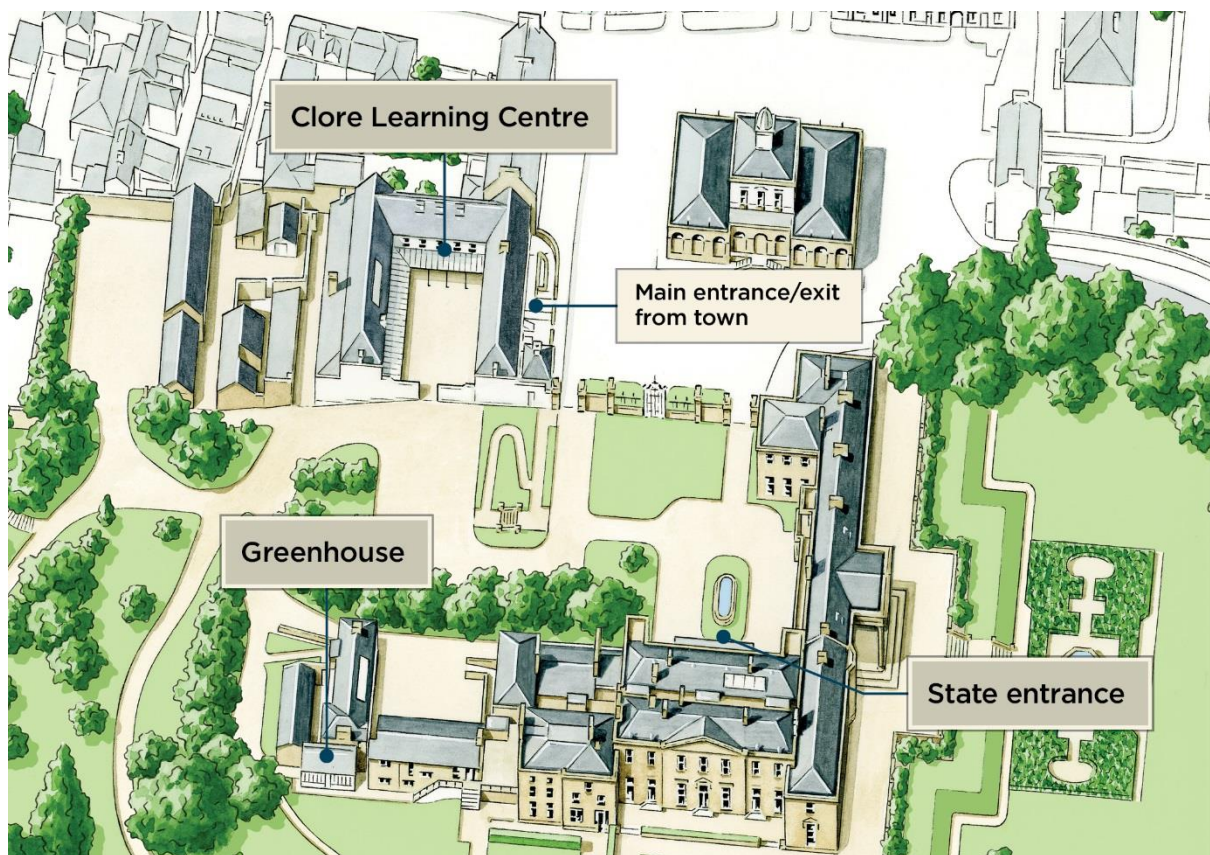
- Finding out about a famous person/family in the past.
- Exploring distinctive features of life in the past i.e. the life of servants in the 'big house'.
- Exploring an historical building.
- Development of historical enquiry skills.
- Development of speaking and listening skills and asking perceptive questions.
- Comparison between life now and in the past.

During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to child 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 reasons, our sessions are for a maximum of 32 children.

The session your group has booked with us takes place on the visitor route at Hillsborough Castle.

Please meet your workshop presenter at the State Entrance. This is marked on the map below and is underneath the flagpole.



This is where your costumed presenter will meet you at your allocated start time. We recommend being there a few minutes early.

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