

# Historic Royal Fashion Study Day

## Teacher notes

**Duration:** 10.30 – 15.45 (Please arrive at the Palace from 10.00 to allow time for bag check.)

**Meeting Point:** Clore Learning Centre Entrance

At court, fashion was power. Getting it right could be your ticket to the inner circle.

This study day for KS5 Art and Design/Textiles students explores the language and meaning of royal and court dress in the Georgian or Victorian era. Expert-led, hands-on sessions will help students understand the context and construction of historic dress whilst providing inspiration for creative work back in the classroom.

The day will include a visit to either the King's State Apartments or the Victoria: A Royal Childhood exhibition and the following sessions:

- **Historic costume in close up** – an in-depth look at reproduction items of Georgian court dress. The session will look at the construction and social context of court dress and give students the chance to try on items.
- **A day in the life of a costumer** – a practical session led by a member of the costume team. The session will also give an insight into historical costume as a profession.
- **Fashion on display** – a member of the Kensington team will give an expert insight into the world of historic fashion exhibitions.

### Learning Objectives

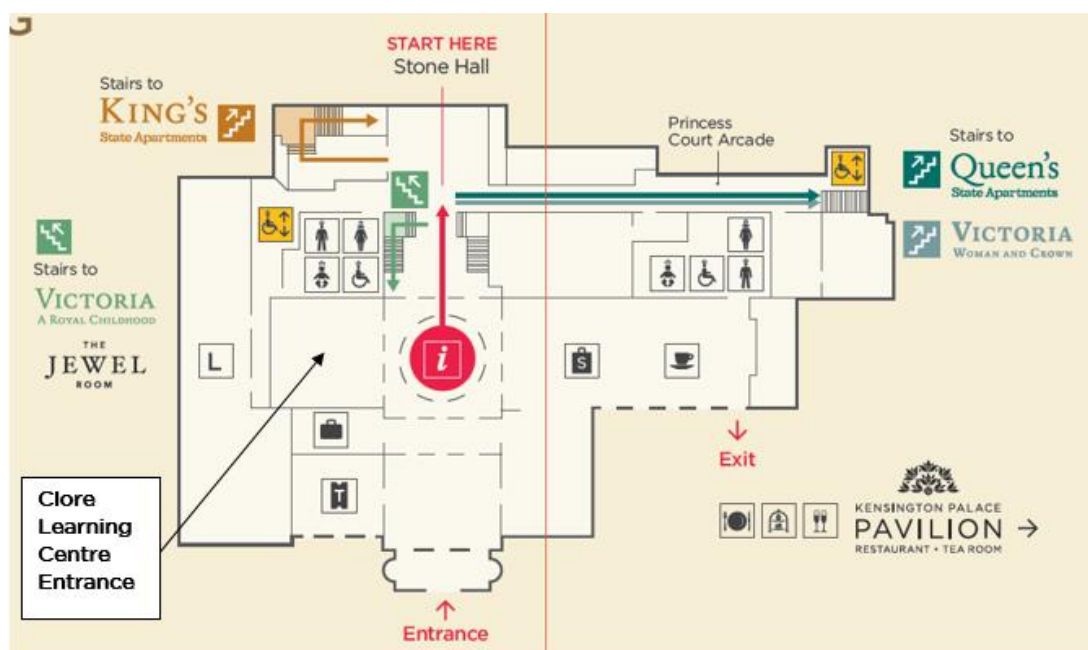
- To gain an increased understanding of the social, historical and cultural context for royal and court fashion.
- To develop an understanding of the construction methods of a historic piece of clothing.
- To gain an insight into careers using an interest in historic fashion.
- To increase knowledge of how to use historic collections to inspire creative work.

### Exam Board Links

Supports Art, Craft and Design and Textile Design specifications for OCR, AQA and Edexcel and Arts Award Bronze, Silver and Gold.

### During the study day:

Please arrive at the palace entrance at 10:00. Your bags will be checked and there may be a short queue. Once through security make your way to the Clore Learning Centre to register.



There will be an initial introductory session before the attendees are divided up into smaller groups to 'carousel' through the different workshops.

There will be time allocated for lunch, students should be advised to bring a packed lunch.

Each group will spend some time in the King's State Apartments where they can sketch and take photographs (without flash). In these sensitive historic spaces only pencils are allowed. Please advise students to bring a sketch book or clipboard as they will not be able to rest on any surfaces.

Please note that the 1:15 ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group.

### Pre-visit resources

We have a suite of online resources to help you prepare for your visit to the palace. They include:

- A route guide to the King's State Apartments/Victoria: A Royal Childhood exhibition
- Articles and videos
- Timeline and Georgian/Victorian family tree
- Teacher activity suggestions for short or long term projects

These can be found at [www.hrp.org.uk/schools/learning-resources](http://www.hrp.org.uk/schools/learning-resources). Use the filters to search for KS5, Kensington Palace, Art and Design.