

Presenting the Past

Teacher Notes

Duration: 60 minutes

Meeting Point: State Entrance

Hillsborough Castle is an important historical site, with a rich history. It requires conservation but also needs to be open and accessible for all. How would you balance, the sometimes conflicting, demands on the site? What stories would you tell?

Students will discover the changing uses and roles of Hillsborough Castle over time. They will evaluate the historical evidence present in the building and try to evaluate the importance of different historical narratives that could be presented. Students will then work together to choose key stories to tell and present to the public, suggest future improvements, apportion budget and then present their proposals to the class.

Learning objectives

Students will:

- Learn that Hillsborough Castle has a rich and varied history from Georgian times to today.
- Learn that historic buildings are sources of information and can be presented in different ways, requiring both conservation and development.
- Consider a range of historical narratives and evaluate their importance.
- Explore a range of economic and environmental factors of importance when conserving, preserving and opening an historic site to the public.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

- Development of historical enquiry skills.
- Development of critical thinking skills.
- Development of speaking and listening skills and presenting a persuasive argument.
- Ability to balance a wide range of economic and environmental concerns and reach a conclusion.
- Consideration of budget planning and economic development.
- Students to work together as a team, to find answers, reach a decision and present their findings.

During your session:

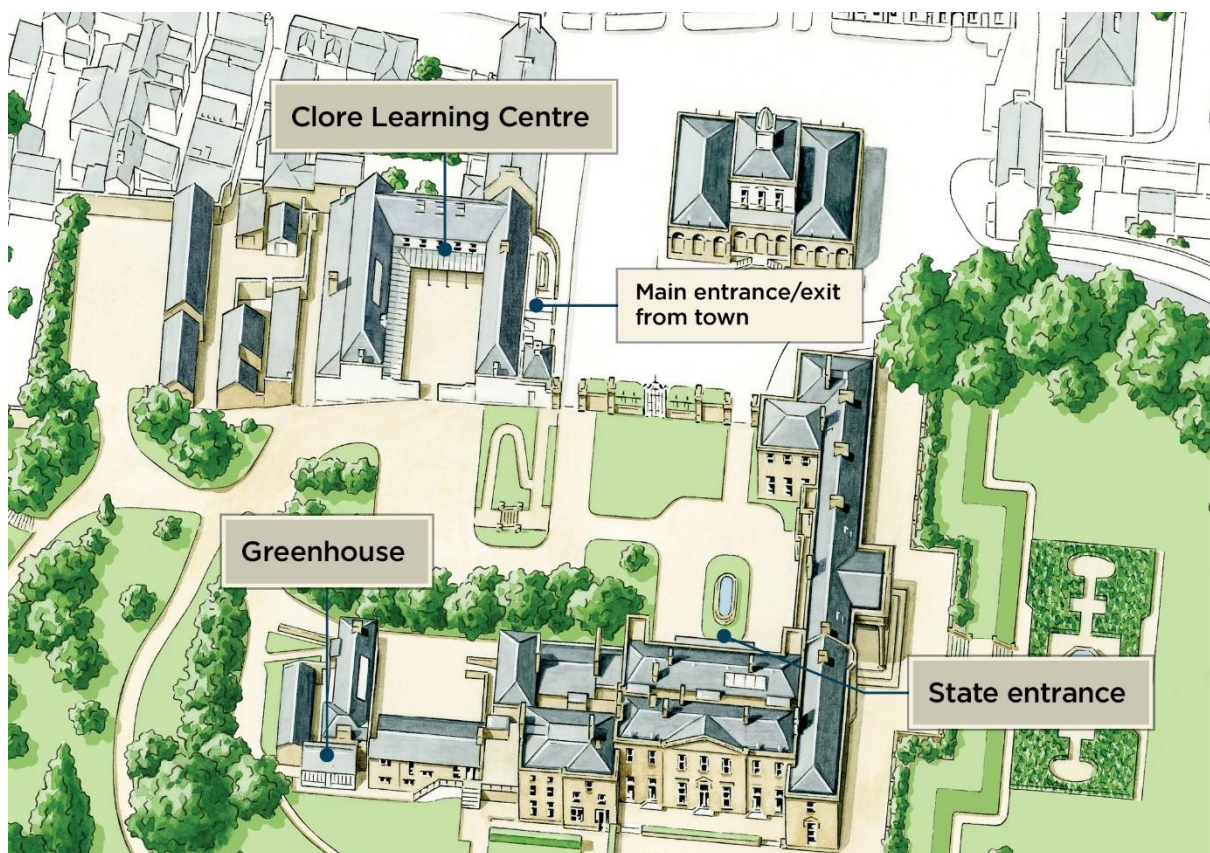
Please note that the 1:10 staff to student ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with



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the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For health and safety reasons, our sessions are strictly for a maximum of 30 students. The session your group has booked with us takes place on the visitor route through the State Rooms of Hillsborough Castle. Please note, other visitors will be in the castle at the same time.

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



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

For your information, at the start of this session there may be a short wait outside, please encourage your students to dress accordingly.