**Hampton Court Palace (The Georgian Route)**

Visual Story Support Notes

**Who are the slides for?**

The slides on the Visual Story are for teachers to use with their students and assisting adults to help them prepare for their visit to Hampton Court Palace. They highlight some of the key aspects of the palace, focusing in particular on the Georgian rooms and the different types of art.

**How will the slides support my students’ understanding of the palace?**

Each slide has a different focus or learning point, to help your students understand a particular aspect of the historical site. These points include:

- introducing them to some of the staff they will meet during their visit to the palace.

-learning about some of the key people who lived at the palace and their stories.

- familiarising them with some of the spaces or rooms they will visit.

- illustrating the different types of art forms they will see on their visit.

- highlighting how they may feel or what it may be like moving around the palace, e.g. it is busy.

- flagging up themes which you may like to investigate in more detail either before or after the visit, e.g. Georgian Life.

-highlighting a ‘special object’ which they can look out for during their visit.

-encouraging students to view the palace in a particular way, e.g. to ‘look up!’ or to look out for particular features.

The Visual Story Support Notes correspond with the Visual Story slides and give you contextual information which you may wish to use with your students.

**1. Welcome to Hampton Court Palace.**

One of the learning aims of the session is for the students to feel comfortable in the palace environment. The Visual Story will help to familiarise students with the spaces around the palace.

**2. This is Hampton Court Palace. Come and look inside.**

This slide shows the main West Gate entrance into the palace. You will go into the palace with your students through this entrance. Ask your students what the palace looks like, e.g. it is big, old. What sort of person/people do they think might have lived there? What might it look like inside?

**3. George II and Queen Caroline lived at Hampton Court Palace 300 years ago.**

King George IIand Queen Caroline loved having dinner parties with extravagant food and entertaining lots of guests. They enjoyed music and dancing.

**4. When you arrive you will first come to this building.**

This is the main entrance to the Clore Learning Centre. There will be a member of staff on the desk who will give your students a coloured sticker to put on when you arrive. There will also be a volunteer around to help you. There is an accessible toilet located near this desk.

**5. You will then go into the Palace and walk through this big place.** On the way to the Georgian rooms you will walk through this courtyard called Base Court and it is the largest of the palace courtyards. Many of the senior members of Court had their rooms here. The ground inside Base Court is cobbled and uneven. You should walk slowly at a comfortable pace for your students.

**6. You will see the sign for the Georgian rooms.**

After Base Court, you will walk through to Clock Court. This where you will be able to see Henry VIII’s Astronomical Clock. You will also see the sign for the Georgian rooms here.

**7. You will stand below this staircase and listen to music.**

This staircase was redecorated in 1734 for Queen Caroline by her favourite architect and designer, William Kent. The area around the staircase is quite dark and can get quite busy with visitors. The music is also quite loud. You can focus on thinking about being a king or queen walking up the grand staircase.

**8. You can look** up **to see this object.**

It is dark in the area around the staircase so there is a lantern to light up the staircase to help people climb up safely!

**9. You can hold onto this handrail to climb the stairs.**

The handrail is made from wood and helps you climb up the steep steps. You can walk up the staircase like a king or queen!

**10. There is also a lift you can use to go to the First Floor.**

The lift is located off Fountain Court. A member of staff can show you where to find it.

**11. You will see this sculpture in the Queens’ Guard Chamber.**

This room was where Queen Caroline’s Yeomen of the Guard (Queen’s bodyguards) would take it in turns to sleep. The figures on the fireplace are of the Yeomen of the Guard.

**12. You will look at this portrait in the Presence Chamber.**

This is a portrait of Queen Caroline who lived at Hampton Court Palace in the 1730’s.

**13. You will see this table in the Public Dining Room.**

This was where King George I would eat some of his meals while his courtiers watched him. It is a very grand room with some very special objects in it. You can look at the things in the room but you are not allowed to touch them.

**14. Look for this special chair in the Queen’s Privy Chamber.**

There are lots of beautiful pieces of furniture at Hampton Court Palace. This was a special chair as it was where Prince George and Princess Caroline would sit to meet important courtiers.

**15. You will see this mural in the Queen’s Drawing Room.**

This room was where Prince George and Princess Caroline would play cards or listen to music in the evenings. The large paintings on the walls are called murals and make the room look very colourful.

**16. Hampton Court Palace is busy.**

Some areas of the palace can be very busy at certain times of day and at certain times of year. Depending on the weather, you may find it helpful to go into the gardens if it is busy inside.

**17. There are staff called Warders who can help you when exploring the Palace.**

The Warders are dressed in red and are happy to answer any questions you may have when you are looking around the palace.

**18. We hope you enjoy your visit.**

We hope the Visual Story and Support Notes are useful in preparing your students for their visit to the palace. Please let us know if you require any more information before your visit.