Visual Story

Your visit to the Museum of Archeology at Palace Green Library

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Engagement Team Assistants and Volunteers are here to help and support you on the day of your visit - maybe 1 of us, depending how big your group is. This is a picture of everyone. Sometimes we have volunteers and placement students with us, so we may be different. We're looking forward to meeting and working with you!

Arriving at Palace Green Library

Your coach is not able to bring you all the way to the cathedral, so you will need to walk from where your coach drops you off, outside of Durham Student Union.



You will have to walk over Kingsgate Bridge. Can you spot the cathedral?



At the end of the bridge are steps that lead up to Bow Lane.



You will then walk up Bow Lane and cross the road to...



...Dun Cow Lane. This leads up to Palace Green where you will see the cathedral and castle.





You will find Palace Green Library between the cathedral and the castle.





Finding your way...



We do not advise driving coaches up to Palace Green Library. If you would like your coach to park or be dropped off closer to Palace Green Library for accessibility, we can arrange parking for minibuses or cars on Palace Green.

Please do get in touch with your car registration number in advance of your visit, as if you do not get in touch with us beforehand you will be charged a congestion fee by Durham County Council. We will then be reimbursed and will be able to waive your vehicle parked there.

Welcome!

Inside you will need to walk up a few steps to the reception desk. There is a lift here if you need it.

It is not always possible to take photographs of the exhibits so it is always best to check with us first and we can guide you. If you do take photographs, please do not use a flash. You can draw or sketch as well.





All the staff here are really friendly, and if you have any questions they will be happy to help you.

Before you get to our classroom you will come to a small set of steps.

There is also a lift here if you need it.



Where to put your things?

When you arrive, we will take you to the Learning Centre door to line up...



Inside you will see a blue toolbox for you to put your bag on and hang up your coat.



Classroom

The Learning Centre is our big classroom. We do some of our teaching in this room and other parts of the day will be spent in the gallery.

There are also toilets in this room for you to use during the day.

When you first arrive, you will be asked to sit down so that we can say a proper hello to you and tell you about the day.



Accessibility

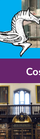


There is a male and a female toilet in the Learning Centre.

The lights in the toilets are bright. The lights don't come on until you go into the toilet cubicle, so don't worry if that takes a moment to happen.

There are stairs at various points in the gallery, but there is a lift if you do not need it. The lifts can be a bit noisy to use.

There is an accessible toilet near the reception desk which we can guide you to if you need it.



Museum of Archaeology



The Museum of Archaeology is housed in the Durham Castle Keep. Highlights from the Prehistory and Romano-British collections, the museum's upstairs is currently undergoing renovations.

This gallery is on the ground floor of the museum.

You would use this gallery if you were visiting to learn about Prehistory or the Romans.



This picture shows the other side of the Museum of Archaeology which displays our Roman Collection.



Cosin's Library

This is Cosin's Library.

You would use this library if you were visiting to learn about Durham and the region, as this is where the county books are some of the time.

Lunchtime!

After washing your hands, you will have your lunch in the Learning Centre. If it is a sunny day and you and your group would like to, you can sit on the grass on Palace Green and have a picnic.

There will be a bin for you to put your rubbish in.

Fire alarm

The fire alarm is a loud siren noise. If you hear the fire alarm, we need you to line up quickly and quietly as we can lead you and your teachers out of one of the fire exits. We wait on the grassy area on Palace Green and will let you know when you arrive at the beginning of your day.

Enjoy your visit!

If you or your teachers have any questions or concerns, do please get in touch with us and we will be very happy to answer them.

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We can't wait to meet you!