**Access Fund for Schools 2022-23**

**Free school visits and sessions at the Tower of London, Hampton Court**

**Palace and Kensington Palace**

August 2022

Dear Teacher,

I am writing to let you know that your school is eligible to apply for the Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) **Access Fund for Schools 2022-23**. This offers your school the opportunity to have **a high quality facilitated session** at an iconic historical site.

The fund covers visits from Key Stage 1 - 5 students and special school students, including the cost of general admission for up to 105 pupils as well as a facilitated session for all children at mainstream schools or a SEND session for pupils from Special schools. Adults accompanying students at HRP-stated ratios will also be included.

For a list of facilitated sessions available visit:

Tower of London <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/schools/school-sessions/>,

Hampton Court Palace <https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/schools/school-sessions/#gs.aAk3nBg>

Kensington Palace <https://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/schools/school-sessions/#gs.aDAVrf9L>

To be eligible, schools must be a state funded primary, secondary or special school. Applications for the fund from schools with one or more of the following characteristics will be prioritised: at least 30% of students eligible for Pupil Premium; at least 50% of students with a first language that is known to be other than English; at least 15% of students with special educational needs\*.

\*these characteristics do not need to be evidenced by special schools.

All schools receiving a free visit from the Access Fund for Schools will be given the opportunity to attend a free Teacher Familiarisation day at their chosen site (which includes free entry), join the HRP Teacher Network and participate in structured evaluation activities during the visit.

**The fund is limited**, so please apply as early as possible. Assuming applications meet the eligibility criteria, funds will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The fund **opens** for applications on **Thursday 1st September 2022**. The **closing date** for applications is **midnight on Friday 21st October 2022**

For more detail on the terms and conditions for visits booked through the Access Fund for Schools, please see the **School Application Form** on the HRP website: <https://www.hrp.org.uk/schools/access-fund-for-schools/#gs.BP0rXW5j> or contact the Fund Administrator at: accessfund@hrp.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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