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Knebworth

HOUSE, GARDENS, PARK, DINOSAUR TRAIL & ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



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EDUCATIONAL VISITS 2012
BROCHURE & BOOKING FORM
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Knebworth House is the place to come for all sorts of educational visits for all ages to enjoy. Take a look through our brochure to find which would suit your group. Then begin planning your visit to our beautiful and stimulating venue today!

As home to the Lytton family for over 500 years, Knebworth House is a living Time Machine that offers your students the opportunity to step back into the past. Originally a red brick Tudor manor house, today it allows our visitors to explore many different periods in time, as well as 250 acres of beautiful parkland (which includes 25 acres of formal gardens).



We were delighted to gain a third, successive Sandford Award in 2011 for excellence in heritage education. Our judge was “very impressed” and found our “programme planning, administration and the conduct of the visit itself were all of a high standard” – we believe you’ll feel the same!

And don’t worry if you can’t come to Knebworth during our open season – our Travelling Time Trekkers will come to you (see p.11 for details).

Don’t see the experience you want here?

Please contact us if there is something specific that you’d like us to arrange for you. We place a high value on input from schools and continue to develop our programme through consultation and feedback.

Organising your visit

We ask all of our educational groups to arrive at 10am for a 10.15am start. On public open dates, the House closes to pre-booked educational visitors at 12pm.

Departure times are flexible to allow you to make the most of our many facilities.

Many of our visits take place outdoors and all lunches are picnic-style, so we would remind schools of the need to be prepared for every type of weather!

We are open from 26th March – 28th September 2012 (but closed 5-10th July inclusive – for up-to-date information on closures, see our website). Please note that some of our activity days are only available for a limited period and are subject to staff availability. See details of each activity for further information.

From June – September, afternoon activities can be replaced with a visit to the Adventure Playground.

If your activity day incorporates a visit to the Adventure Playground, this also includes one train ride per child (subject to driver’s availability when we are closed to the public), use of the slides and the Bouncy Castle **at no extra cost**.

All visits need to be accompanied by at least 3 adults – the final ratio will be confirmed when booking. The only exception to this is where all members of the group are aged 16 or over.

Find out more at www.knebworthhouse.com

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Monsters and Mazes

Overview

Perfect for younger children, this activity day offers plenty of outdoors fun and integrated learning opportunities in the Gardens. Your children will be led by one of our experienced Guides as they explore, collect and investigate different areas. They will be busy peeking around our hedges while at the same time, learning about shape, colour, nature and numeracy. There's also time to find out about prehistoric life with a visit to our much-loved Dinosaur Trail.

Learning

This day aims to offer your children the chance to explore and be stimulated by the natural environment. Learning is cross-curricular, fun and creative; the main areas covered are knowledge of the natural world, numeracy and physical development. Those in KS1 will be able to develop their understanding of natural processes and the living world for the Science curriculum, as well as gaining more knowledge of how people lived in the past.

What to expect

Your children will be divided into smaller groups and each one will be led around the Gardens by one of our Guides. This is an outdoors activity that takes around 1 hour and 45 minutes, including some time to independently explore our Dinosaur Trail.

After your morning in the Gardens, make your way to the Adventure Playground for a picnic lunch and plenty of free play.

This package is only available from June – September. Due to its popularity, early pre-booking is essential.



Tudor Treasure Trail

Overview

Bring your Time Trekkers to step through the Time Portal and discover Tudor Knebworth. Our costumed Guides will recreate the excitement and preparations surrounding Elizabeth I's visit to Knebworth in 1571 as your group explore both the House and Gardens through a series of 'hands-on' activities.

Learning

This day is perfect for enhancing your children's understanding of Tudor times and provides the opportunity to creatively develop your pupils' chronological understanding, their knowledge of local history as well as their understanding of Britain and its significant historical characters in Tudor times.

Pupils' learning is also cross-curricular and other aspects include literacy, art and design, food technology and music. There is a particular emphasis on citizenship and social education as the activities are delivered in teams, which asks children to take an active role and develop good relationships.

What to expect

Your morning in the House will start with a timeline activity in our magnificent Banqueting Hall. Your group will then move in smaller teams to various rooms around the House, each one containing a different activity related to Elizabeth I's visit and led by one of our Guides. These include:

- Tudor Costumes – the chance to dress up!
- Tudor writing and education – would you have been a good Tudor pupil?
- Coats of Arms – find out all about these in our impressive Armoury.
- Tudor musical instruments and dances – become a minstrel!
- A visit to the Queen Elizabeth room – practise getting the room ready for the Queen's arrival.

In the afternoon, your group will explore the Gardens with our Guides, while collecting clues and learning about what Tudors like to eat as they make the final preparations for Elizabeth's arrival.



Victor's Victorian Ventures

Overview

Calling all Time Trekkers who are curious about what life was like in Victorian times! Come and see through Victor's eyes, one of the children of Victorian Knebworth, to find out how his life was different to today's children. Meet the servants of the household too and gain an understanding of how life was different for the rich and the poor as you engage in activities around the House and Gardens.

Learning

This activity day will develop understanding of Victorian Britain, knowledge of local history as well as chronological understanding in a creative way. We draw on Victor Lytton's memoirs of his childhood at Knebworth to re-create the Victorian household.

Our day is designed to be cross-curricular and other aspects of learning include literacy and design and technology. There is a particular emphasis on citizenship and social education as the activities are delivered in teams, which asks children to take an active role and develop good relationships.

What to expect

Your morning in the House will start with a timeline activity in our magnificent Banqueting Hall. Your group will then move in smaller teams to various rooms around the House, each one containing a different activity related to Victorian Knebworth and led by one of our costumed Guides. These include:

- Victorian Dress – will you model one of our costumes?
- Victorian 'literacy' – try your hand at Victorian calligraphy or use a slate and pencil
- All sorts of objects – join the servants in sorting and tidying up. But do you know what all of these things are?
- Growing up in a Nursery – find out what it's like to spend your childhood in this room, who you'd be with and what you would do.
- Come out to Play! – try out our collection of Victorian replica toys and see how different they are to what's at home.



In the afternoon, your group will explore the Gardens alongside our Guides, gathering answers on how the grounds were used in Victorian times. KS1 groups will complete a quiz, while KS2 teams collect letters in order to solve a riddle.



Our Home Through History

Overview

This activity day offers your Time Trekkers the chance to discover how lives were different in the past by exploring Knebworth as a family home. Once through the Time Portal, our Guides will show how the House has changed dramatically over 500 years.

Learning

This package offers an insight into how people lived in the past and the changes that time passing brings. The more general emphasis of the learning makes this package particularly suitable for groups such as national associations with varying ages and backgrounds. We can also adapt the content to suit groups whose learners have particular needs.

This activity day is cross-curricular and learning includes many other areas such as literacy, art and design, technology, science as well as the built and natural environments.

What to expect

Your morning in the House will start with a timeline activity in our magnificent Banqueting Hall, covering 500 years of history as well as our own Lytton family. Your group will then be led in smaller teams to explore different rooms of the House by one of our Guides. These include:

- Lighting and heating in the Banqueting Hall
- Writing and communication in the Library
- Family and leisure time in the State Drawing Room
- A child's life in the Nursery
- A Tudor Royal bedroom in the Queen Elizabeth Room

In the afternoon, your group will explore the Gardens, by following a self-guided trail 'Gargoyles and Greenery'. This will follow the same concept as the House tour, highlighting how people lived in the past and differences to our own lives. Teachers are expected to lead and supervise this activity with the map and leaflet that we provide.



How Plants Grow

Overview

Give your children the chance to discover first-hand how plants grow with this tour of our Gardens, guided by experts. As they explore our 25 acres of formal Gardens and dedicated, walled Kitchen garden, the topic of “Green Plants” will quite literally come to life for them.

Learning

This activity will enhance your group's understanding of green plants as outlined in the Science curriculum. Through direct experience, they will develop their knowledge of what plants need for growth; the life cycle of a plant; the different forms that plants take and what we use plants for. Throughout, children will use their senses to investigate all sorts of plants from small fruits to our largest trees!

What to expect

Your morning in the Gardens will be spent with a member of our Gardens' team and/or a guide. This is an outside activity that lasts for about 1 hour 45 minutes. Your group will be divided into two smaller groups and while one is exploring the formal Gardens, the other will be investigating the Kitchen Garden.

After your trail, enjoy a picnic lunch before choosing either an afternoon's free play at the Adventure Playground (June – September only) or some time exploring our ever popular Dinosaur Trail.

This package is available on a limited basis from June – September and we can accommodate up to 60 children per visit. Pre-booking is essential to avoid disappointment!



The pen is mightier...

Overview

Take your reading and writing out of the classroom with this activity day, which offers your students the chance to write creatively in an inspirational setting. Come and visit the House that has been home to many writers, including the best-selling Victorian novelist Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, before drawing on this rich environment to create your own text.

Learning

Your group's understanding of the writer's craft and processes will be enhanced during the tour of the house as we explore both the Lytton Family's home and read extracts from relevant texts. Students will then compose their own creative piece, using both Bulwer Lytton's work and the setting of Knebworth to produce something unique to them.

What to expect

Your morning in the House will consist of an hour-long tour of the House, visiting literary highlights such as the Library, Bulwer's study and the Ante Room (including exhibits on Edward, Robert and Rosina Bulwer Lytton). For older students, we can include tales of the supernatural and how stories of Knebworth ghosts inspired Bulwer Lytton's own Gothic writings.

Students will then spend up to an hour writing their own text, using extracts from our archives as a model.

In the afternoon, your group will be able to explore the Gardens, by following a self-guided trail 'Gargoyles and Greenery' or choose to spend time at the Adventure Playground (June – September only). Teachers are expected to lead and supervise the Gardens' trail with the map and leaflet that we provide.



'Our greatest living novelist'

(Encyclopaedia Britannia 1858):

Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton of Knebworth and Victorian literature



Overview

Come and visit one of the most important literary homes in our area – the perfect way to enhance your students' understanding of Victorian literature. Although sometimes now overshadowed by his close friend Charles Dickens, Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton was a leading man of letters in his day and produced an astonishing body of work, in both number and variety. Now his home and his texts offer your group the chance to unlock the meaning of one of his most famous lines: 'The pen is mightier than the sword...'

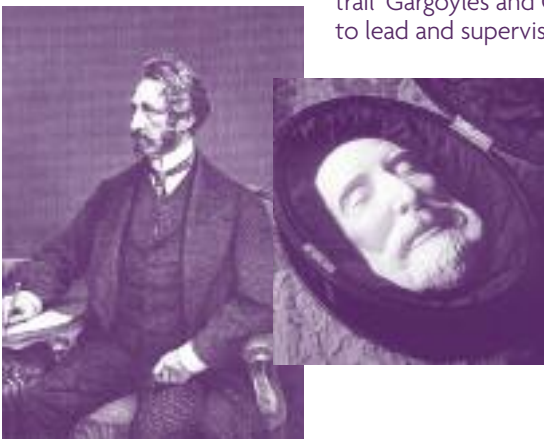
Learning

Students will widen their knowledge of Victorian literature through visiting the House where famous literary names gathered as well as hearing extracts from their works. Bulwer Lytton's own writing is varied and there is the chance to experience all sorts of texts including the Gothic, the detective novel and dramatic satires. There will be the opportunity to enhance critical awareness through both current views of Bulwer Lytton as well as primary archive material, such as his own letters. Students will also develop understanding of the significant features of Victorian literature through close, analytical study of one of Bulwer Lytton's works.

What to expect

Your morning tour of the House will consist of visiting literary highlights such as the Library, the Banqueting Hall (used to stage Dickens' plays) and Bulwer Lytton's study. You will then be able to take part in a seminar-style discussion, analysing extracts from Bulwer Lytton's work.

After a picnic lunch, your group will have the opportunity to read more of Bulwer Lytton's writing independently or to explore the Gardens, by following a self-guided trail 'Gargoyles and Greenery'. Teachers are expected to lead and supervise the afternoon's activities.



Please note we can only accommodate groups of up to 45 for this activity.

Information for Educational Groups

Making a booking

- **Pre-booking is essential for all educational groups.**
- Please check possible dates for your visit with us **before confirming transport** and then return your completed booking form within 14 days in order to secure your booking. Failure to do so may mean losing your preferred date.
- We will send you a confirmation letter and information pack as soon as your booking form has been returned and processed.
- Late bookings and amended bookings are defined as those confirmed less than 10 days before the day of your visit. These are accepted at the discretion of Knebworth House.
- Bookings can be made by phone, email, fax or post.
- In order to complete your Risk Assessment once your visit is confirmed, we offer free, familiarisation visits for up to 2 members of staff. These are available from Monday- Friday, 9.30 – 4 pm, (term time and school holidays) excluding weekends. Please allow at least 1 hour for your visit.

Costs and Payment

- **ADMISSION COSTS FOR EDUCATIONAL GROUPS DURING PUBLIC OPENING DATES:**
(2 April-16 April, 4-11 June, 2 July-3 September) Children/students 4-18 yrs: £9.00 Adults: £9.50
- **ADMISSION COSTS FOR EDUCATIONAL GROUPS OUTSIDE PUBLIC OPENING DATES:**
(March-September) Children/students 2-18 yrs: £10.00 Adults: £10.50
- 1 free adult place is offered with every 8 children over 4 years during public opening times and over 2 years outside of public opening times. Essential carers are admitted free of charge.
- All bookings are subject to a minimum group size of 20 paid places.
- Over-to-you: our history-focused workshops are priced at £260. Other outreach work is priced on an individual, bespoke basis.
- Confirmation of final numbers and full payment is required 10 days prior to your visit.
- Payment can be made by cheque, cash or credit card. All credit card payments will incur a 3% handling fee.
- Normal admission fees will be charged for additional visitors on the day.
- Knebworth House regrets that it is unable to offer refunds or accept any responsibility for costs incurred in connection with your visit.
- A visit to the Adventure Playground includes free use of all the facilities – please see Booking Form for details.

On the day

- We have facilities for disabled visitors. Wheelchair accessible toilets are located at the Garden entrance, in the House and at the Adventure Playground. A wheelchair is available for use. The House has no lift but we can convey a sense of its history to visitors on the ground floor. Registered assistance dogs are allowed throughout the House, Gardens and Park.
- There is ample free on-site parking for coaches. Coach drivers receive free admission and a refreshment voucher on public open days.
- Lunch facilities are provided outside for a picnic-style meal.

The information contained in this brochure is correct at the time of going to press. The management reserves the right to make any changes to facilities offered and to close the grounds and House, or any part thereof, without notice.

Over-to-you: Outreach Programme

Overview

Did you miss visiting us during our open season? Would you like a 'spectacular start' or 'fantastic finish' to a topic that you are starting in January? Or maybe, it's just not possible to take the children out of the classroom in order to visit us.

Don't worry! With our outreach programme we can bring our history-based programmes to life without you having to leave your building.

Learning

Our outreach programme is designed to develop children's sense of historical enquiry into how people lived in the past, with a particular emphasis on chronological understanding and knowledge of particular historical periods and figures, as well as of local history.

Students' learning is also cross-curricular, covering such areas as literacy, numeracy, science, music and citizenship.

What to expect

Our workshops are taught through a range of "hands-on" activities led by two of our costumed Time Trekkers and assisted by school staff. The day starts with your whole group participating in our timeline and then a series of activities for small groups.

Examples of these include:

- Tudor dressing up
- Tudor music and dance
- Tudor heraldry
- The Victorian dinner table
- Victorian toys

We finish with a plenary, bringing together all the aspects that your group has learnt about throughout the day.

Other options

All of our workshops are finalised in consultation with the host school as we recognise that one of the benefits of an outreach programme is that it is flexible enough to accommodate each school's needs.

We are always open to new ideas! We can provide workshops on other subjects and in the past, we have created ones for GCSE Business Studies, IT students and creative writing among others. Contact us to discuss your requirements.



Find out more at www.knebworthhouse.com

Contact our Group Bookings Co-ordinator

Charlotte Nichol: cnichol@knebworthhouse.com or **01438 810931**

Contact our Education Officer Natalie Wallace:

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Name of school or group: _____

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Tel no. (day): _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mobile no. for day of visit: _____

Possible dates for visit: _____

Planned arrival & departure times: _____

Planned form of transport (please state number of each): _____

Number of Coach/es _____ Minibus/es _____ Car/s _____

Total number in group (approx) comprising: Adults _____ Children over 4 _____ aged 2-4 _____ under 2 _____

Year Groups _____ Special Needs Requirements: _____

Please indicate your selected morning and afternoon activities:

MORNING OPTIONS:

Monsters and Mazes (*Gardens*)

Tudor Treasure Trail (*House*)

Victor's Victorian Ventures (*House*)

Our Home Through History (*House*)

How Plants Grow (*Gardens*)

The pen is mightier... (*House*)

'Our greatest living novelist': Sir Edward Bulwer

Lytton of Knebworth & Victorian literature (*House*)

AFTERNOON OPTIONS:

Adventure Playground (*June – September*)

Tudor Treasure Trail (*Gardens*)

Victor's Victorian Ventures (*Gardens*)

Gargoyles & Greenery (*Gardens*)

Adventure Playground (*June – September*)

Dinosaur Trail (*Gardens*)

Adventure Playground (*June – September*)

Gargoyles & Greenery (*Gardens*)

Adventure Playground (*June – September*)

Gargoyles & Greenery (*Gardens*)

Reading Bulwer Lytton's work (*House*)

Please give your preferred dates and times for a familiarisation visit (Mon-Fri 9.30-4pm):

Would you like to:

Book a timed slot in the Gift Shop? Yes/No

Order Goody Bags? Yes/No

At the Adventure Playground, would you like to:

Use the Bouncy Castle? Yes/No

Use the Slides? Yes/No

Use the Railway? Yes/No

Signed: _____ Position: _____

By signing and completing this form, you give your consent to our Terms & Conditions

Please return this form to: The Group Bookings Co-ordinator

The Estate Office, Knebworth House, Knebworth, Herts SG3 6PY or Fax to 01438 811908