



# Knebworth

HOUSE, GARDENS, PARK, DINOSAUR  
TRAIL & ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

**FOR VISITS FOLDER/  
NOTICEBOARD DISPLAY**

Would you like to:

Arrange a familiarisation visit?

Yes / No

Suggested date/s:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Order Lunch Boxes?

Yes / No

Use the Gift Shop?

Yes / No

Order Goody Bags?

Yes / No

Use the Railway?

Yes / No

*(Railway available only when combined with a visit to  
the Adventure Playground)*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: The Group Bookings  
Co-ordinator, The Estate Office, Knebworth House,  
Knebworth, Herts SG3 6PY or Fax to 01438 811908

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[www.knebworthhouse.com](http://www.knebworthhouse.com)**

# Welcome to this year's guide to the Educational Programmes at Knebworth House.

Home to the Lytton family for over 500 years, the house is surrounded by 250 acres of beautiful parkland including 25 acres of formal gardens.

In this stimulating setting we offer the following experiences for

## Pre-schoolers and children at Foundation and Key Stage 1

- ▶ Garden Trail (*Mazes and Monsters*)

## Key Stages 1 & 2

- ▶ Activity Days (*Tudors, Victorians*)
- ▶ House & Garden Tour (*Our Home through History*)

## Key Stages 2 & 3

- ▶ House & Garden Tour (*Gothic Horror and the Supernatural*)
- ▶ Creative & Imaginative Writing

## Art & Design at all Key Stages

**Zimsculpt Exhibition** - over 100 stone sculptures from Zimbabwe on display in the Gardens for the whole of July.

## Students studying for GCSEs, AS and A Levels

- ▶ Lectures, seminars (*Business Studies, Leisure and Tourism*)

We also support Initial Teacher Training students by offering assistance in planning and implementing a school visit.

We also offer our Outreach Programme which comprises

- ▶ a school-based workshop (Victorians or Tudors) and/or
- ▶ a loan box for hire (Victorians)

*The education department's continued high quality provision for studies on the Tudors and Victorians has been recognised at national level. We have gained a second "Sandford Award" for excellence in Heritage Education.*

*For a full update on any aspect of our educational programme, please visit our web site at: [www.knebworthhouse.com](http://www.knebworthhouse.com)*

## MAZES AND MONSTERS!

### FOUNDATION STAGE, RECEPTION, KS 1



The Wilderness Garden at Knebworth is home to 72 life-size dinosaurs or "monsters".

#### *What's new in the Wilderness?*

Due to the huge popularity of Knebworth's extensive grounds, this self-guided trail encompasses the dinosaurs, the maze and other garden rooms.

#### *Where can we Wander?*

Led by you, the children visit the garden rooms in turn. The activity booklet gives you a choice of differentiated practical activities to complete in each area.

#### *What will we Learn?*

The trail specifically supports the physical skills outlined in the Early Years curriculum. However, its cross-curricular links with Maths and Science make it equally suitable for children up to mid Key Stage 2.

#### *How long does it last?*

The trail takes approximately an hour and a half to complete.

#### *Fast Finishers!*

In order for you to enjoy a variety of experiences during your time with us, we recommend that this trail be combined with a visit to the Adventure Playground.



# AWARD-WINNING TUDOR TREASURE TRAIL

## KEY STAGES 1 & 2

Queen Elizabeth I stayed at Knebworth House during her Royal Progress in 1571. The Tudor Treasure Trail aims to recreate the excitement of her documented visit through the eyes of a Tudor child. To a fanfare from the Minstrels' Gallery, our costumed guides await you!

**Your day of Tudor experiences will comprise:**

### *Hands-On History* (Morning)

5 individual, themed activities in the House

1. Mirror Mirror on the Wall (Costume)
2. Flourishing Feathers (Calligraphy)
3. What's in a Name? (Heraldry)
4. Rock 'n' Roll with Queen (Music and Dance)
5. Who's that Girl? (Observational Quiz)

### *Tudor Detectives* (Afternoon)

Team activity looking for clues around the Gardens to solve a mystery.

**Theme:** A Tudor Banquet

### *Current QCA Links – History*

- KS1 - Unit 2 Sections 1, 2, 3, 4  
KS2 - Unit 8 Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
Unit 18 Sections 3, 4

In the assessment of the Tudor Treasure Trail, the Sandford Award judge commented, "The visit inspires the children, the day was one of learning and fun, there is an emphasis on quality of service."



# VICTORIAN VENTURES KEY STAGES 1 & 2



In Victorian times Knebworth House was the home of the novelist, Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton. His grandson Victor shared his love of writing; from Victor's memoirs we aim to recapture the fun he had here throughout his childhood.

**Your day of Victorian activities will comprise:**

### *Hands-On History* (Morning)

5 individual, themed activities in the House

1. Festive Feasts (Etiquette)
2. The Pen is Mightier than the Sword (Calligraphy)
3. Girls and Boys come out to Play (Pastimes)
4. Shake, Rattle and Roll (Observational Quiz)
5. A Night on the Town (Object Handling)

### *Victorian Detectives* (Afternoon)

KS1 - Explore the Garden rooms and collect tokens.

KS2 - Team activity around the Gardens to solve a riddle.

**Focus:** "Who 'Wood' You Like To Meet?"

### *Current QCA Links – History*

- KS1 - Unit 1 Sections 3, 4, 5  
Unit 2 Sections 2, 3, 4, 5  
KS2 - Unit 11 Sections 1, 4, 5  
Unit 12 Sections 1, 2, 4, 5



# HOUSE TOURS in 2009

## KEY STAGES 1, 2 & 3

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#### “Our Home through History” (Morning)

From its red brick Tudor origins to the Victorian gothic façade we see today, this tour traces the changes in appearance of Knebworth House.

**Activity 1:** The children study the unusual features and architectural characteristics of the interior of the House. They draw conclusions based on first hand evidence they observe.

**Activity 2:** In this activity they handle mystery objects to help build up a picture of how servants' and family members' lives at Knebworth were shaped by their surroundings.

See below for details of the afternoon's activity.

### Key Stage 2 & 3

#### “Gothic Horror and the Supernatural” (Morning)

Knebworth House is the perfect setting for studying this literary genre. Our ghost tour embraces the work of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, together with other prolific Victorian writers such as his great friend, Charles Dickens.

**Activity 1:** Students will retrace family footsteps and visit areas of the House where our resident “ghosts” are believed to have been spotted. Anecdotes of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton's love of the supernatural will be the source of inspiration for...

**Activity 2:** Taking place in the Library the students will compose their own pieces of writing based on the immortal opening line penned by Sir Edward, “*It was a dark and stormy night...*”

#### Creative and Imaginative Writing (Morning)

A range of activities that give students the opportunity to write creatively and imaginatively in an inspiring and different setting.

#### “Gargoyles and Greenery”

(Afternoon Activity for the House Tours)

A self-guided trail highlights the importance of the exterior of the House and key areas in the Gardens. Differentiated activities build on the information gathered during the morning session.

*Please note: House Tours are available both in and out of season (by arrangement). In season you may prefer to visit the Adventure Playground rather than the Garden activity.*

# KNEBWORTH HOUSE – BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

## KEY STAGE 4 UPWARDS

Our lectures and seminars are based on the areas of study noted in the subject criteria for **Business Studies**.

The advantage of using Knebworth House as a case study is that students can analyse a “real” local business at first hand. We include a tour of the Park, House and Gardens.

Elements covered may include Marketing, Finance, Human Resources, Operations Management, Business Strategy, Analysis and Change.

Please note that, as with all group bookings, a minimum of 20 people is needed. If you have a smaller cohort of students, we may be able to offer this session on an outreach basis using a Powerpoint presentation.

### Zimsculpt July 2009 - all Key Stages

Visit the 100+ evocative and beautiful sculptures of animals, birds, people and natural objects set in the glorious Gardens with a talk on:

- ▶ The history of Zimbabwean sculpture
- ▶ Zimbabwean stone
- ▶ The artists and where they work
- ▶ Selecting the sculptures for exhibitions around the world.

Also meet the artists, learn about their techniques and the tools that produce the different textures and have a go!



## OUTREACH PROGRAMME – “A BOX OF DELIGHTS”

### KEY STAGES 1 & 2

Our **Victorian Loan Box** of artefacts relating to Knebworth House is a treasure trove of first hand source material.

**What's in the Box?** Lift the lid to reveal artefacts, family photographs, excerpts from Victor's memoirs and a story that can be used for dramatisation. The contents help to portray Victorian life through the eyes of a real family living within the locality.

**And there's more!** The box also contains information sheets, worksheets and suggestions for activities that can be used by a teaching assistant or parent helper as well as by the class teacher.

**Booking the Box:** The box is available for you to collect and use for a 4-week period, then return to us. It may be possible to deliver it to schools by prior arrangement.

*Please note:* A £25.00 refundable deposit is required when hiring the box.

## OUTREACH PROGRAMME – “OVER-TO-YOU”

### KEY STAGES 1 & 2

- ▶ Did you miss coming to visit us this season?
- ▶ Do you study the Victorians or Tudors during the Autumn or Spring terms?

#### If so we now offer...

**What?** One day workshops, designed to take account of different learning styles, taught in school. Based on life at Knebworth House during Victorian or Tudor times, your class takes part in a range of “hands-on” activities.

**Where?** The workshops are run in your classroom or the hall by our costumed guides.

**When?** Session 1 runs until break, session 2 until lunch and session 3 after lunch. A plenary concludes the day.

**Who?** Led by a Knebworth guide and assisted by you, the children use objects, photographs and records from our archives as a springboard to stimulate or further their topic work.

**How?** The children work in groups that rotate round each activity.

**Current QCA Links – History Plus...!** As with all our programmes, History is only one component of the content. Further strong cross-curricular links include those with Reading (Decoding), Handwriting, Maths (Shape and Space), Science (Growth), Geography (Mapping skills), Music (Rhythm), Citizenship (Team work).

## WHEN BOOKING A VISIT

### Pre-booking is required for all groups.

- Please telephone to check dates before booking your transport.
- A familiarisation tour is strongly advised prior to your visit. These free tours take place Mon – Fri between **09.00** and **3.30**. Risk assessments can be carried out and any specific requirements discussed. A date for your tour will be arranged once your visit date is confirmed.
- Bookings can be made by ‘phone, e-mail, fax or post.
- 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.
- During public opening times:  
The Adventure Playground is open from **11.00-5.00**  
The Railway runs from **12.00-5.00**.
- Coach drivers receive free admission and a refreshment voucher.

*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.*

### CONTACTS:

For any further assistance please contact:

**Charlotte Farrer** - Group Bookings Co-ordinator:

[cfarrer@knebworthhouse.com](mailto:cfarrer@knebworthhouse.com)

Or to discuss any educational aspect of the visits please contact:

**David Cripps** - Education Officer:

[dcripps@knebworthhouse.com](mailto:dcripps@knebworthhouse.com)



# COSTS AND CHARGES FOR ACTIVITY DAYS 2009

MAZES AND MONSTERS & ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

TUDOR TREASURE TRAIL

VICTORIAN VENTURES

OUR HOME / GOTHIC HORROR / CREATIVE WRITING /  
HOUSE TOUR + GARDEN TRAIL or ADVENTURE  
PLAYGROUND

ZIMSCULPT EXHIBITION + GARDEN TRAIL or  
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

ADMISSION COSTS DURING PUBLIC OPENING DATES:

(4-19 April, 23-31 May, 27 June-2 Sept)

Children/students 4 –18 yrs: £8.00 Adults: £8.50

ADMISSION COSTS OUTSIDE PUBLIC OPENING DATES:

Children/students 4 –18 yrs: £9.00 Adults: £9.50

**Minimum group size for all bookings, 20 people.**

**1 free adult place is offered with every 10 children over 4 years. Essential carers are admitted free of charge.**

The Adventure Playground and Railway are open during public opening dates or by arrangement at other times.

LECTURES AND SEMINARS

These are costed per person, minimum booking of 20 required.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

The activity days start at 10.15 prompt. We advise that you arrive in good time in order to enjoy a quality experience with us. Departure times are flexible to enable you to make the most of your day at Knebworth House.

DISABLED FACILITIES

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 its history can be conveyed to visitors on the ground floor. Registered assistance dogs are allowed throughout the House, Gardens and Park.

## OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2009

“Over-To-You” 1 day school based workshop £245

“A Box Of Delights” Hire Cost £25 Refundable Deposit £25

To book our Outreach Programmes please contact:

info@knebworthhouse.com or telephone: 01438 812661

# ACTIVITY DAYS 2009 BOOKING FORM

Name of school or group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel no. (day): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no. for day of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of visit date: \_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_

Time of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of dep: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of transport to be used: Car/s / Minibus / Coach/es \_\_\_\_\_

Total number in group (approx): \_\_\_\_\_

Comprising: Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Chn over 4 yrs \_\_\_\_\_

under 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Age of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Year group: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes / No

**Please select your Activity Day:**

Mazes and Monsters + Adventure Playground and Railway

Tudor Treasure Trail

Victorian Ventures

Our Home Through History House Tour

+ Garden Trail

or Adventure Playground and Railway

Gothic Horror and the Supernatural House Tour

+ Garden Trail

or Adventure Playground and Railway

Creative and Imaginative Writing

+ Garden Trail

or Adventure Playground and Railway

Zimsculpt Exhibition

+ Garden Trail

or Adventure Playground and Railway

*Please also complete form overleaf*