



Winchester Cathedral Learning Centre

Pre-Visit Activity Suggestions KS1 & KS2

Prepare your group for their visit with a few simple activities to get them thinking.

- Discuss what the pupils think a cathedral is. Have they visited one before? Have they ever visited another place of worship before? (Church, mosque, temple). What was it like and what happens there?
- Use the cathedral website (try the Our Heritage section) to find out a little bit about Winchester Cathedral: <http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/our-heritage/>
- Watch the introduction video from the Winchester Cathedral Website <http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/planning-your-visit/short-introductory-film/>
- Working in groups of 4, ask students to write down a list of 5 questions they might have about the cathedral. Then the group discuss and choose their 2 most important questions to ask at the cathedral.
- Download the map of the cathedral to look at in class. Can they tell what shape the cathedral is? What words can they see on it? Investigate them – what do they mean?