

VISIT OPTIONS

Curriculum Opportunities

Blackburn Cathedral is an inspirational educational resource and the Education Department aims to bring learning to life through making every visit a voyage of discovery. We believe that memorable experiences lead to memorable learning and many of the activities we offer are thematic and cross-curricular.

Cathedral Trails

Most Cathedral Trails focus on various aspects of **Exploring a Christian Place of Worship** but each one has a different structure and emphasis depending on the age and needs of your pupils and your curriculum requirements. Bespoke activity-based trails can be designed and tailored to meet the particular learning / curriculum requirements of your pupils. We also cater for pupils with a range of Special Educational Needs and can adapt any of our activities according to the needs of your group.

Inter-faith visits

Blackburn Cathedral already leads the way in promoting community cohesion, inter-faith education, outreach and development. Work with us to tap into this amazing resource to bring Inter-Faith Studies for your students to life. Blackburn is a thriving multi-faith town and whatever the age of your pupils we can help you to maximise your time in Blackburn by planning a joint study visit to both the Cathedral and to a local mosque.

Blackburn Cathedral Education Department has developed a strong working relationship with two local Mosques which means that we have been able to significantly enhance our educational offer to schools. Mosque visits are led by a qualified Muslim guide, accompanied by the Cathedral Education Officer.

Making a day of it

We know that bringing your pupils out of school for an educational visit is expensive, particularly with the cost of coach travel. Here at Blackburn Cathedral we can provide a full day of activities for your pupils by combining one of our Trails with either one or two Workshops. We can provide indoor facilities for eating packed lunches for up to 35 children or one class.

Education Workshops and Activity-Based Sessions

All workshops and activity-based sessions take place within the Cathedral. All activities are interactive and in order to maximise learning they generally involve pupils working together collaboratively in small groups. Although workshop numbers are generally limited to a maximum of 35 pupils or one class, where a whole year group is involved we use our team of Education Volunteers to facilitate group work.

At the end of most of the workshops you will be provided with a Teacher's Resource Pack of the activity to support follow-up work / reinforcement back at school. More are being planned and we are happy to design bespoke workshops to meet your particular curriculum needs.