

## Christ's Hospital

One of the oldest boarding schools in England.

In 1552 the young King Edward VI responded to an impassioned sermon on the needs of London's poor, following which he wrote to the Lord Mayor of London, to set in motion charitable measures to help.

Christ's Hospital was consequently founded in the old buildings vacated by the Grey Friars in Newgate Street and provided food, clothing, lodging and 'a little learning for fatherless children and other poor mens children'. In November 1552, Christ's Hospital opened its doors to 380 pupils and within a year, the number had increased to over 500.

Christ's Hospital moved from the City of London to Horsham in 1902 and is situated in 1,200 acres of stunning Sussex countryside. The School has over 820 boarding pupils with an equal number of boys and girls, and takes day pupils.



Tours are offered on Thursday afternoons during term time and include a historical tour of the School by pupils.

Afternoon tea is served in the School's magnificent dining hall which houses the impressive 87 foot long painting by Antonio Verrio that depicts the School's second Royal Charter granted by Charles II in 1673.

## How To Book

All tours need to be pre-booked and we welcome groups of up to 30. If you are a smaller group or individual we can combine you with other groups.

\* Please note that Band Parade and the pupils marching into lunch does not occur if it is wet or icy and we apologise for any disappointment this may cause.

## Contact Us

For further information or to book a tour please contact our Verrio Tour Team.

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## Tour Itinerary

12.45pm	Arrive and welcome.
1.15pm	Watch the School Band perform at our famous lunchtime Band Parade*.
1.30pm	Guided Tour of the School, a chance to marvel at the wonderful paintings, buildings and grounds guided by our pupils.
3.00pm	Enjoy full afternoon tea served in our magnificent Dining Hall.
3.40pm	Walk to the on-site museum for a talk and a tour. Learn more about the fascinating history of Christ's Hospital and view the School's collection of artefacts.
4.30pm	Depart.

Tours are offered at a cost of **£25 per person.**



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