



Verrio Tours Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is a Verrio Tour?

A Verrio Tour is an opportunity to visit Christ's Hospital School and enjoy a guided tour of the buildings and grounds. It is named after our wonderful painting by Antonio Verrio that, at 87 foot, dominates the Dining Hall.

2) What time should we arrive?

We ask guests to arrive between 12.45pm and 1pm for a 1.15pm start. This allows us enough time to sign you in and give you a short welcome before the tour starts.

3) If we arrive early is there anywhere we can wait?

Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate groups arriving early as we are a working school. We do appreciate that sometimes this is unavoidable and would suggest that if you do arrive very early you may be able to wait in our Sports Centre, Bluecoat Sports.

4) Can I take pictures?

You are welcome to take pictures of the buildings, both interior and exterior, the Band (if you are lucky enough to attend when they are on Parade) and the Guides. We ask that you refrain from taking pictures of all other pupils and the museum.

5) What should we wear?

The tours involve a lot of outdoor walking and comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing for the season should be worn. In the summer months a hat may be of use when very warm and there is little shade in the Quad.

6) What happens if the weather is 'bad'?

The Tour must go on! We do continue with our tours even in rain although we do our very best to keep you under cover and inside as much as possible. Band Parade does not occur if it is wet or icy. In rare circumstances, if we deem it unsafe for your group to come on site due to extremes of weather, we would contact the group leader.



7) Some of my group aren't as mobile as others, can they still come?

The tour does involve quite a lot of walking on site, however we like to welcome everyone and we will do our best to accommodate all. We can tailor a tour to suit if need be. We do have a small lift for the museum which is situated on the second floor and this holds four persons at a time.

8) How do we get to you?

If you are arriving by train the nearest station is Christ's Hospital and this is a 10 minute walk to the school. There is a regular service to and from London Victoria. For those of you driving our Postcode for GPS devices is RH13 0YP. If you are arriving by coach please do let us know as we can arrange the best drop off and collection points with you.

9) Where do we park?

Parking is free on site and there is ample room in our car park. Signs will usually be placed directing you to the best car park for your group. To facilitate departure this is usually the Bluecoat Sports Centre car park on the left as you enter the site.

10) Where do we meet?

Meeting points vary during the School Term due to events and exam timetables. You will always be contacted to confirm the best meeting point for your tour. Signs are placed on the day of the tour to help you find your meeting point. Please do not enter the School without directions. If you are unable to find your meeting point please head to the Reception and they will direct you.

11) How do I find out more?

Please visit our website www.christs-hospital.org.uk alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact the Verrio Tour Team on 01403 247407 or email Verrio@christs-hospital.org.uk and we would be delighted to assist in booking a tour.