



# **How a Visit to Peterborough Cathedral**

# **Supports the SIAMS Framework**



**Peterborough Cathedral warmly invites schools to use our sacred space to enrich their curriculum and bring their theologically rooted Christian vision to life.**

**Our bespoke visits actively support SIAMS Inspection Questions (IQs) by providing inspiring experiences that cannot be replicated in the classroom.**

**Every visit is designed to help schools live out an education that is deeply Christian, serving the common good — nurturing wisdom, hope, community, and dignity for all.**

# **IQ1: Flourishing through Christian Vision**

**A visit to Peterborough Cathedral offers pupils and adults the chance to flourish spiritually, emotionally and intellectually by stepping into a living expression of faith that has inspired generations**

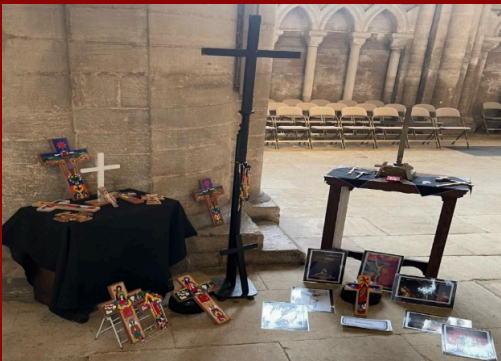
**Our sacred spaces and rich Christian heritage nurture understanding of what it means to live out a theologically rooted vision and to grow in the fullness of life as children of God.**





## IQ2: Curriculum and Christian Vision

- Faith, Worship and Belief activities connect students with key Christian symbols, stories, and practices, such as the cross, light, and holy texts — helping them understand their significance in worship and daily life.
- Senses in Special Places uses music, reflection, and sensory experiences to explore beliefs, emotions, and the power of sacred spaces.
- Bespoke Visits for Church Schools are carefully planned to align your school's Christian vision with the Cathedral's vision and values, tracing a shared heritage back to monasticism and showing how a deeply rooted Christian story continues to shape life today.



# IQ3: Collective Worship



Our visits provide meaningful opportunities for collective worship in an awe-inspiring setting. Schools can open or close their visit with moments of stillness, prayer, and reflection, creating strong spiritual memories of worship in a historic sacred place. These moments encourage pupils and adults alike to grow spiritually and connect more deeply with God.

# IQ4: Culture of Respect

Peterborough Cathedral is a place of welcome and inclusion for all. Visiting helps pupils reflect on what it means to live well together in a diverse world, encouraging them to respect and celebrate Difference. Experiencing the Cathedral's openness nurtures a culture of dignity and mutual respect in line with your school's Christian vision.

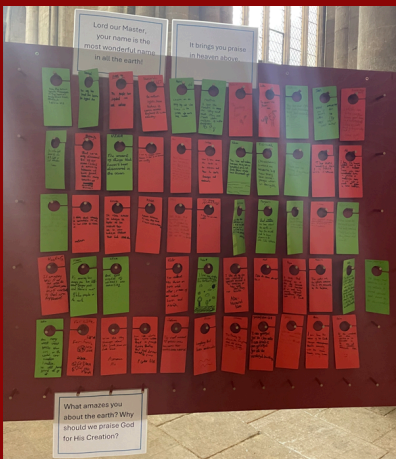


# IQ5: Justice and Responsibility

Through sessions such as Understanding Incarnation, Understanding Salvation, Tudors: Monks and Monarchs, pupils explore historical and contemporary themes of justice.



They consider persecution, migration, and refuge. These activities inspire courageous advocacy and a commitment to justice and responsibility, encouraging pupils to think about how they can help create a fairer world for all.

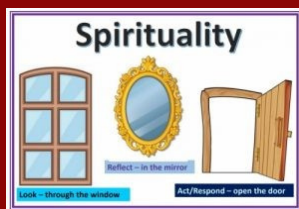


# IQ6: Effective Religious Education

A visit to Peterborough Cathedral makes RE vivid and real by immersing pupils in the living story of the Church. Activities encourage students to make connections with Christians around the world, see parallels with other faiths, and understand the diversity within Christian practice — providing spiritual and cultural learning that goes far beyond the classroom.



# Awe, Wonder and Spiritual Development



Every visit is planned to inspire awe and wonder. Using the Liz Mills: Windows, Mirrors, Doors approach, we create opportunities for pupils to look outwards at the wider world (windows), look inwardly and reflect (mirrors), and step into new ways of thinking and being (doors). These planned moments of spiritual development help pupils and staff grow in wisdom, hope, and aspiration.



**"Do not forget to do good and to share with others"**

Hebrews 13:16

**What might this action look like?  
At home? In school?**

# Rooted in Partnership

As your Mother Church, Peterborough Cathedral is here to walk alongside church schools, strengthening the vital partnership between the local church, the diocese, and your school. Together, we can help pupils flourish in their faith and learning.

## Plan Your Visit

We would love to help you plan a visit that complements your curriculum and strengthens your school's distinctive Christian vision. Contact our Schools Team to design a bespoke programme that makes SIAMS come alive for your pupils and staff — creating memories that inspire flourishing for years to come.

## Cost

We charge per child for each visit; however, if cost is a barrier, please speak to us!

Half Day: £4.35pp    Full Day: £7pp    Adults are free

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