

Welcome to Eton College!

We are very happy you are visiting us. My name is Saskia, and I'm the Collections Education Officer here. My job is to use Eton's Museums to teach students about different topics. You will probably meet me during your session.



Eton College is a secondary school. We have over one thousand boys who live and study here, so you may see them walking to class. There can be a lot of them! They also wear a very special uniform, including tailcoats, waistcoats and white collars, based upon what students wore back in the time of Queen Victoria.



This is the Burning Bush. Your coach or minibus may drop you off here at the start of your visit and pick you up here at the end.



Eton is near Heathrow, so a lot of airplanes fly over quite low and loudly!



Eton College is spread out over the town of Eton, so you may have to walk along the pavements or cross roads to get to your location.



If you are learning about a topic that happened in the last 700 years, your session will be in the Museum of Eton Life. To get there you will walk past the Porter's Lodge and under the Colonnade. Don't worry about the signs stating the College is closed to the public. If you have booked a visit it is fine to enter.



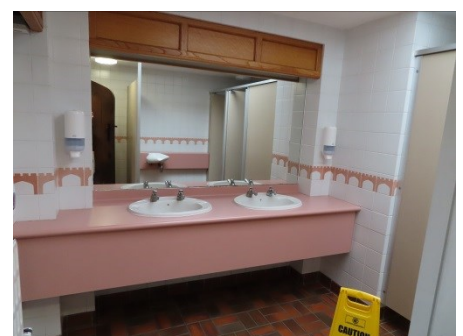
Then cross School Yard with its statue of Henry VI, the king who created Eton. Go to the far right corner.



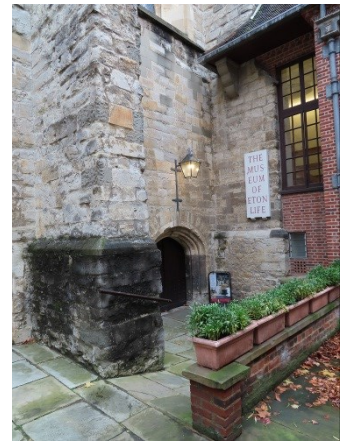
Then you will walk through the arched doorway into Brewhouse Yard, where they used to make the beer for the students.



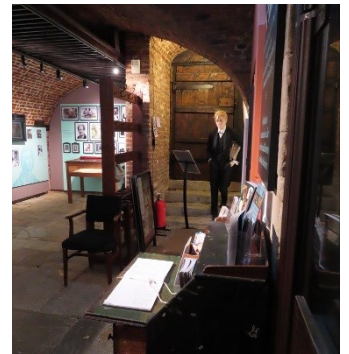
This is also where you will find the toilets. There are hand dryers in these toilets.



Here is the ramp down and the doorway into the Museum. Be aware there is a loud vent in the building on your right.



As you enter the Museum there is a mannequin of a school boy to your right. He may make you jump – I certainly did the first time I went in!



And here is the Museum itself! There may be a video playing on the screen across from the door. The Museum is pretty small, with low ceilings, and covers the history of Eton by theme (like sports, teaching and so on).



If you go back here, where the religion and theatre themes are, music will start playing.



Around the corner are recreations of the rooms of a modern student and one from a hundred years ago. This is often a quieter space if you need one.



If you are learning about a natural history topic, your session will be in the Natural History Museum. To get there you have to cross onto the left side of Keates Lane at the traffic lights.



Then walk down Keates Lane and turn left onto South Meadow Lane.



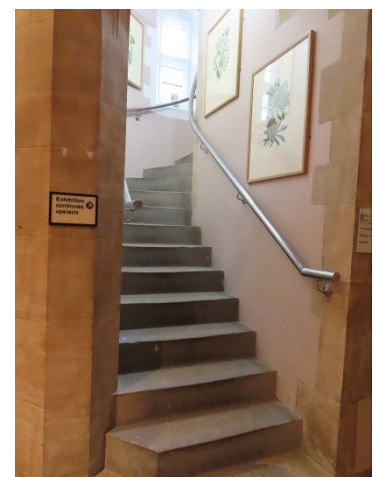
You will find the Natural History Museum a little way down on your left. Someone will be there to meet you! There are stairs going up to enter.



The Natural History Museum has lots of examples of animals, bugs and plants. They are real, but old and stuffed.



There are two floors. You get to the first floor by going up this spiral staircase. Please don't run and make sure to hold the hand rail!



The carpet area where you may sit and look at photos or do some activities is on the first floor.



The toilet is also on the first floor, through this door.



If you are learning about an ancient history topic, your session will be in the Jafar Gallery Museum of Antiquities. To get there you have to cross onto the left side of Keates Lane at the traffic lights.



Then walk down Keates Lane and turn left onto South Meadow Lane.



When it is safe, cross over to the right side of the road



Turn right into these gates

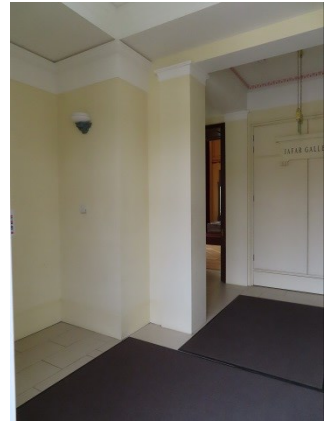


And once through the gates, turn left. This is the Museum of Antiquities and someone will be there to greet you. There are stairs going up to enter.



If it is chilly out, coats can be left on the inside of the main door to either the left or the right.

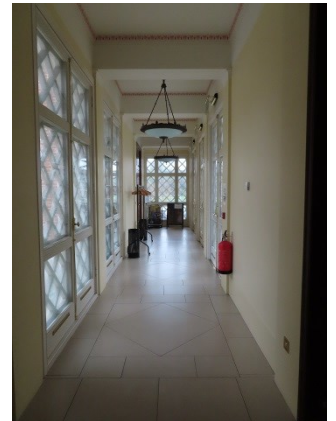
The Museum room itself is ahead and slightly to your left.



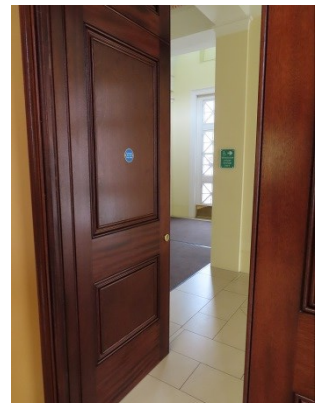
The Museum is just this room, so you can look around safely.



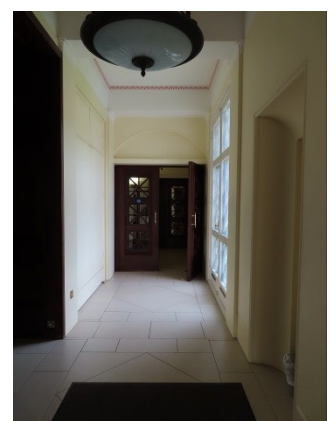
If you need a quiet space, you can go into the hallways on either side of the Museum room.



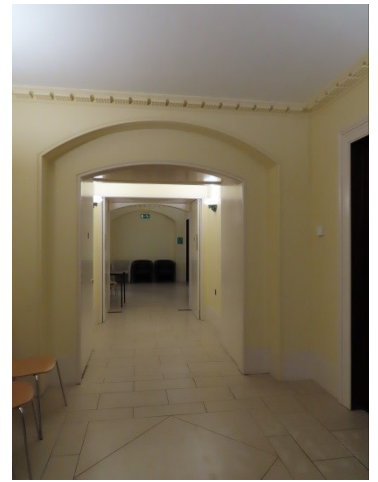
To use the toilets, you have to leave the Museum room (but not the building!)



Turn left after leaving the Museum room and go through the double doors.



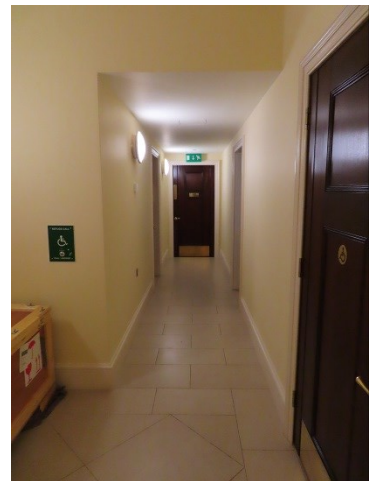
Then turn left and go to the end of the hallway



Turn right and go through the door – the light will turn on automatically. Go down the hallway.



At the end of the hallway turn right. The girls toilet is straight ahead and the boys toilet is a little way down on the left. The accessible toilet is to the right.



Again, the lights in the toilets turn on automatically! There are hand dryers in these toilets.

