



Come and explore the court of Henry VIII

Henry VIII's Apartments Student Trail Map:

Key Stage 2

Hampton Court Palace is very big and can be very busy! Remember my top tips as you go around.

1. Work in a small group and always stay with your adult.
2. Try and find a quiet space to look at things and do not stand in front of doorways or near the top or bottom of steps.
3. Sit down on a bench in the rooms if you need a break.
4. Look up! You will see more.
5. Do not run inside the palace and be careful of uneven floors in the palace courtyards.
6. Ask a member of palace staff if you need help.
7. Have fun looking around!



Processional Route

12 Portrait of Henry VIII

Stand in front of the portrait of King Henry.

How does Henry look in this painting? It is important to the king that his courtiers and servants respect and fear him.

Henry employs artists to paint portraits of himself and his family. This painting has been created to look like the work of one of Henry's favourite artists Hans Holbein.

Why do you think lots of copies are made of Henry's portraits?

Can you strike a pose like King Henry?

Now walk along the corridor called the Processional Route.

This route goes from the Great Watching Chamber to the Chapel Royal. On Sundays and holy days the king wears his finest clothes and crown and walks along here on his way to the chapel.



Great Watching Chamber

Next look into the small room off this gallery called the Pages' Chamber.

This is where the Pages spend time and sleep when they are not looking after the Courtiers in the Great Watching Chamber.

11 Portrait of Elizabeth Cheyne

Now find the portrait of me Elizabeth Cheyne. I am also known as Lady Vaux. You might have heard of my cousin Kateryn Parr?

As I am a rich lady I am wearing a dress decorated with expensive fur called ermine. King Henry likes his more important courtiers to be well dressed!

What am I holding in my right hand? What is it a symbol of?



13 Your Choice

Which painting would you choose to give to the king as a gift? Why?

F Enter the Council Chamber

This is where Henry and his Privy Council meet to discuss important issues. It is located here close to the chapel so Henry can easily visit it. Henry likes to know about everything being discussed at court!



G Now walk along the final gallery and look at the paintings as you go.

Many of them show members of Henry's family. Henry likes portraits of his family as it reflects his importance as the monarch.

H Halfway along the gallery you can look into a small room.

This is called the Holy Day Closet. This is where the king worships when he goes to chapel.

Holy Day Closet



The trail finishes at the end of the Processional Route. Walk through the door and turn right to find the Queen's Staircase. You can walk down these stairs to go out.

Well done! You have completed the trail. Now you have found out about the different roles in the Tudor Court decide what role you would like to do.



Welcome!

My name is Elizabeth Cheyne.

I am a lady in King Henry VIII's court here at Hampton Court Palace. You will see my portrait in the Processional Route later.

Come with me to look around the Tudor rooms in the palace and I will show you some of the spaces I spend time in.

Follow the trail to find out as much as you can about what it is like to live here.

Please help me to look after the palace by only touching objects with this symbol.

When you have looked around decide what role you would like to do.



To help you explore the rooms there are some different types of activities for you to do as you go around. There are symbols to show you what type of activity it is.

I spy: Look for the key objects in the rooms. There will be a photograph of the object to help you find it in the room.

Have a go: Touch, listen and try out things for yourself.

Challenge: Discuss ideas with your adults and each other and solve problems.

What do you think? Make choices and give your personal response to objects and paintings

Start here!



The Great Hall



- 1 H and A entwined letters**
 Look for these letters on the wooden screen just inside the Great Hall. You might have to look very closely to find them!
 Why do you think these letters were used in the design of the Hall?



- 2 Top Table**
 The Great Hall is where 600 of Henry's less important courtiers eat their meals twice a day. They usually eat salted meats, local vegetables and fresh fish and bread. The nearer you sit to the top table the more important you are! Henry himself rarely eats in the Great Hall. He prefers to eat in his private rooms away from the bustling court!

- Have a go at sitting in one of the large chairs and look out down the length of the Great Hall. Carefully touch the large drinking container called a flagon.
 How do you feel sitting at this table?



- 3 Eavesdroppers**
 Look up and spot the painted carved faces in the ceiling. These are called the 'Eavesdroppers.'
 They are here to remind the servants that they are being watched and people are listening to their conversations. At night, the servants lie down on the floor and sleep in here.
 What do you think it would be like to sleep in this room? I would not like to sleep in here!

Horn Room

- 7 8 Staircase and table**
 Look for the staircase in the far corner and the table at the bottom. The servants bring the food up these stairs from the kitchens to the courtiers in the Great Hall. The king has special priests called Almoners. Their job is to collect food from each meal and give it to people who need it.
 What do you think it would be like carrying things up this staircase?

Great Watching Chamber



- C Now turn left into the Great Watching Chamber.**
 This room is where senior courtiers and important visitors to court wait to receive news from the king. The King's Guards also sleep in here to protect the king!



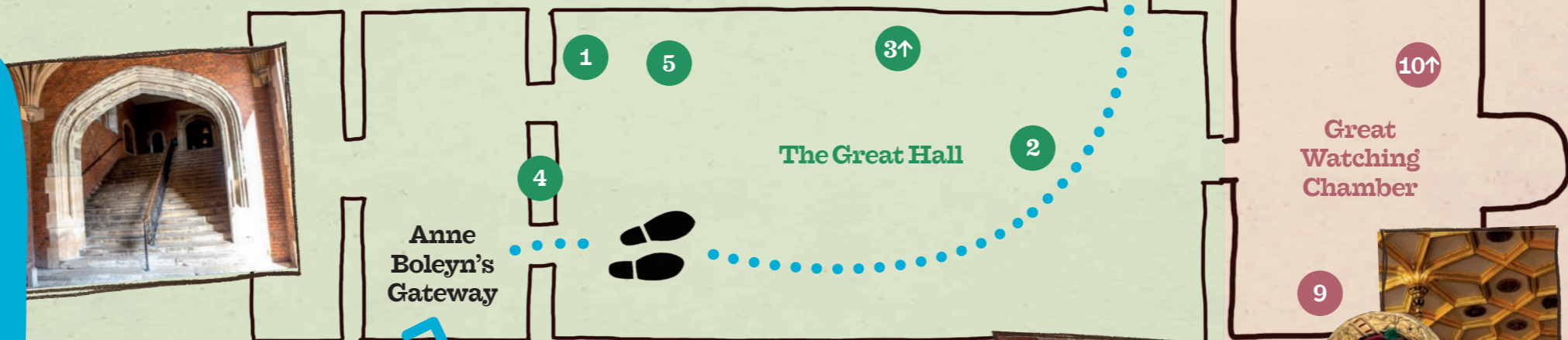
- 10 The ceiling**
 Look up at the beautiful gold ceiling. This room was built in honour of Henry's third wife Jane Seymour. Her special badge is a phoenix rising from a castle. Can you find her badge in the ceiling?
 Have a look at the other badges on the ceiling. Can you find the Tudor Rose? It is made up of white petals, for the House of York and red petals for the House of Lancaster. Henry's family the Tudors united the two families. What badge would you choose to represent your family? Can you find the Tudor Rose anywhere else in this room?

- 9 Large door**
 Look for the large wooden door at the far end of the room. Beyond here is where the king has his private rooms. Only the most important servants are allowed in there!



- 9 Your Choice**
 Can you find your favourite object in this room? Why do you like it best? Why do you think it is in this room?
 You may see the king as he passes through here on his way to chapel!
 Can you think of a question to ask him?

B When you have finished looking at the Great Hall, turn left at the end of the Hall into a room with lots of stags' horns.



- A Find these stone steps under Anne Boleyn's Gateway. When you have found them, walk carefully up and open the wooden door. Turn right into the Great Hall to begin the trail.**
 The Great Hall was built by Henry VIII for his second wife Anne Boleyn. Look out for things which make the Hall look grand.



- 4 Minstrel's Gallery**
 Look up at the Minstrel's Gallery. An important aspect of court life is entertainment. Music and dancing are very popular in the Tudor court. On the right is a picture of a lute, an instrument played by court musicians.
 Can you hear any music playing? What does it sound like?



- 5 Abraham Tapestries**
 Have a look at the tapestries hanging up around the room. These tapestries are made using gold and silver thread and are very expensive! They cost £2000 - the cost of two battleships! They show us the biblical story of Abraham and Isaac and remind us that Henry is very religious.
 What might important visitors think when they see these tapestries?



Now turn over to continue the trail...