



Prize winning work

The Duke actively encourages children to send in their follow up work after a school visit. Every year His Grace presents prizes for outstanding work at his Prize Giving. This is held at Blenheim Palace in the spring of each year. All children and students, aged 3-18 years, studying in Britain or abroad, may have their work displayed in the Education Room. The work may be in any form or medium. Work for public examinations is eligible and photocopies are acceptable. Further information is available from the Education Office or on our website: [www.blenheimpalace.com/education](http://www.blenheimpalace.com/education)

# The Duke of Marlborough's Annual Heritage Education Awards



This programme led by Blenheim Palace staff encourages the children to look at the shapes, colours and decorations on the Palace. The windows alone, for example, include squares, rectangles, circles and arch shapes. The children are asked to count, observe and describe what they see.

FOUNDATION STAGE & KS1

This visit gives an insight into life at Blenheim Palace during the Victorian era. It explains for example, what it was like to live as a Victorian Duchess and prepared for War and how it survived the invasion of 400 Malvern Schoolboys followed by MIS.

KS2 & THE VICTORIANS -

BLENHHEIM PALACE AT WAR - ESPIONAGE & EVACUEES KS2 & 3

This programme takes a detailed look at various portraits in the Palace. The children will be asked to consider the composition of the pictures: colours, poses adopted and the possible purpose of the artist. The Palace, Park and Gardens are sources of inspiration for art of all kinds.

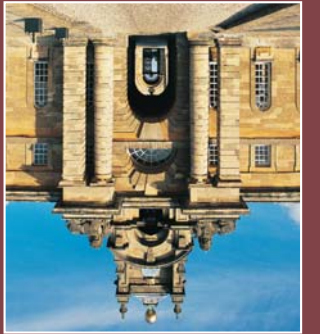
PORTRAITS & ART KS 2 & 3

The Education Department offers talks and tours which cover such aspects as "Green Operations and "Green Tourism". We also offer an overview of the main issues involved in being a major tourist attraction. The department can often cater for specific topics on request.

TRAVEL & TOURISM, BUSINESS STUDIES, KS4 & VIB FORM

This programme will look at how Blenheim Palace has been a home for many generations. The tour of the Palace will show how the family have used each room and will consider the furnishing, lighting, heating, sanitation, floors, ceilings, windows, staircases, servants, equipment and meals.

HOUSES & HOMES KS1



# In and around the Palace

## OPENING TIMES

PARK	9.00 am - 6.00 pm or dusk when earlier
FORMAL GARDENS	10.00 am - 5.30 pm or dusk when earlier
PALACE	10.30 am - 4.45 pm (last admission)
PLEASURE GARDENS	10.00 am - 5.30 pm main season 10.30 am - 3.30 pm (from Monday 31st October) The Maze and Lavender Gardens are closed from Friday 16th December 2011 until Saturday 11th February 2012
BUTTERFLY HOUSE	This will be closed from Monday 31st October 2011 and re-opens on Saturday 11th February 2012
THE TRAIN	The train runs daily during the Main Season. The first train will leave the Palace Station at 11.00 am. The last train will run at 5.30 pm from the Pleasure Gardens. The train will only run at weekends during the Low Season.
LOW SEASON	21st February to 31st March then 2nd November - 16th December 2011
MAIN SEASON	12th February - 20th February then 1st April - 30th October 2011

The Palace will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays from the end of October.  
The Palace and Formal Gardens will be closed from Friday 16th December

### LOW SEASONS: 21st Feb to 31st March then 2nd Nov - 16th Dec 2011

Palace Park & Gardens		Park & Gardens	
Adult	£10.75	Adult	£5.65
Student	£ 9.60	Student	£4.50
Child (5 - 16 yrs inc)	£ 6.20	Child (5 - 16 yrs inc)	£2.10

### MAIN SEASONS: 12th Feb - 20th Feb and 1st April - 30th Oct 2011

Palace Park & Gardens		Park & Gardens	
Adult	£12.70	Adult	£7.10
Student	£11.00	Student	£5.80
Child (5 - 16 yrs inc)	£ 6.90	Child (5 - 16 yrs inc)	£3.40

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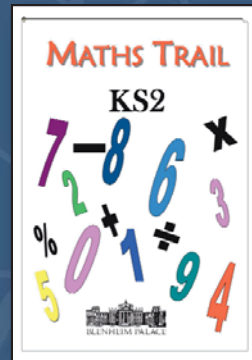
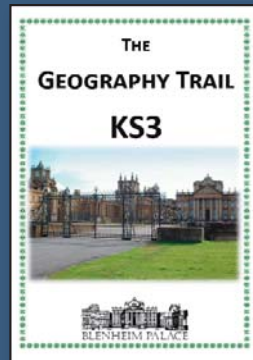
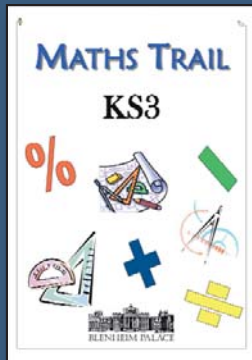


# BLENHHEIM PALACE

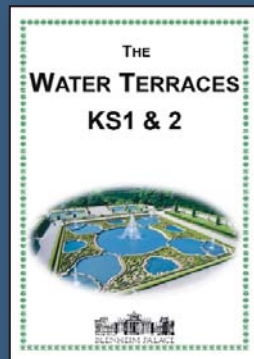
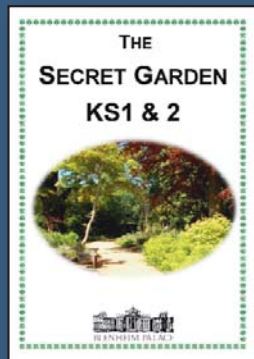
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EXTEND A WARM WELCOME  
TO ALL EDUCATIONAL GROUPS

# Out and about: Trails in the park

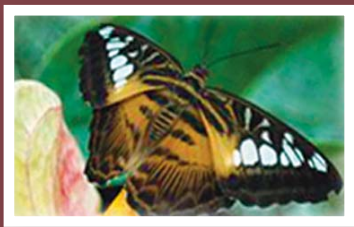


# Out and about: Trails in the gardens



These trails can be downloaded from our website: [www.blenheimpalace.com/education](http://www.blenheimpalace.com/education)

## All Sorts!



### MINI-BEASTS FOUNDATION STAGE, KS1 & 2

The Butterfly House is ideal for mini-beast observation and study and is also very stimulating for work in art, craft and design and creative writing. Visits can be led by the class teacher or by the Education Team.



### SCIENCE IN ACTION AT THE BOTTLING PLANT

A visit to the Blenheim Palace Bottling Plant teaches children about water filtration and the process of bottling filtered water. The children can also try some filtration experiments with water taken from the Lake. The visit highlights the importance of conserving water and recycling. The group will also learn how the Bottling Plant recycles its glass, cardboard and plastic.



### GOING GREEN ON THE BLENHEIM FOREST TRAIL

On the Forest Trail children will learn how the Foresters care for our ancient and new forests; how trees are grown as a renewable resource and why trees are vital for the future of the environment. Children will also learn how to identify and protect trees. This visit can be combined with a visit to Combe Mill.

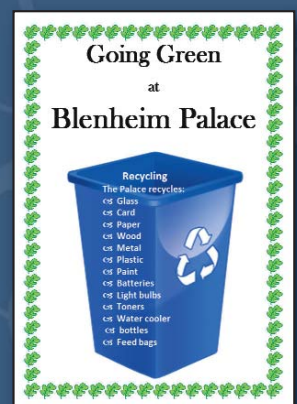
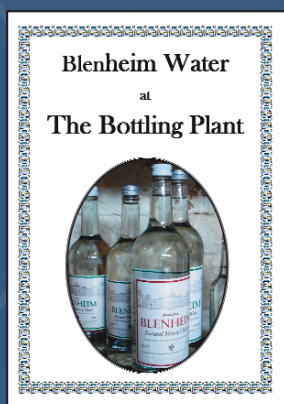
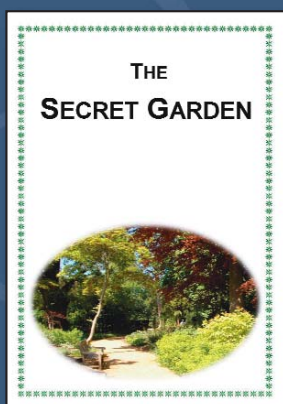
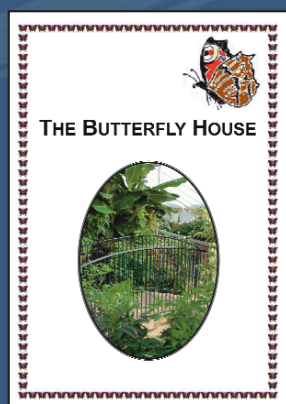


### VICTORIAN CRAFTS AT COMBE MILL

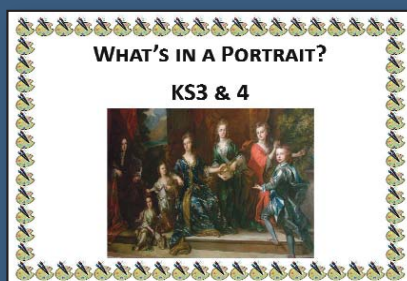
A visit to Combe Mill gives children a hands-on experience of the history of small-scale industrial technology. Children will see how water was used as a source of power and how mechanical power was transmitted within the building to drive the machinery. The blacksmiths and carpenters will show children how to shape metal and turn wood.

# Useful information for teachers

Teachers' notes are available for all these topics and can be downloaded from our website



For advice on completing your risk assessments please visit [www.blenheimpalace.com/education](http://www.blenheimpalace.com/education)  
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