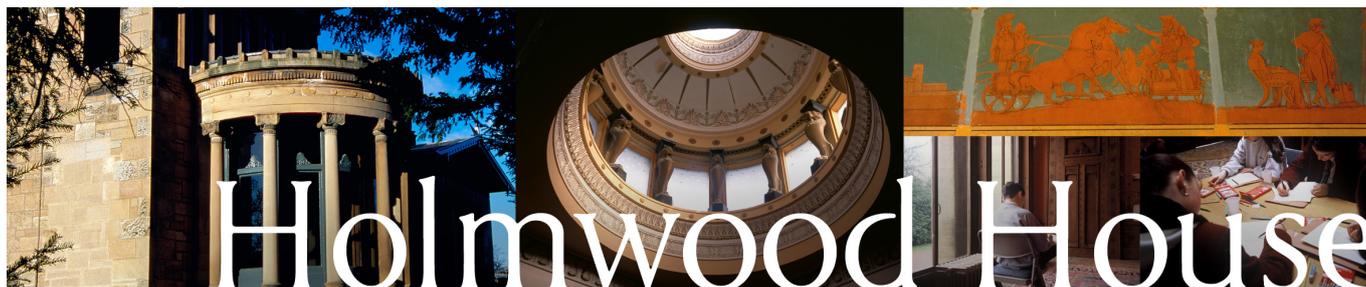




Holmwood House

Teacher's information



Holmwood House was once a family home set within the village of Cathcart (now part of Glasgow). It sits within five acres of landscaped grounds that include a small kitchen garden planted with Victorian herbs, fruit and vegetables.

Built in 1857-8 Holmwood has been described as Alexander 'Greek' Thomson's finest domestic design. It was designed for James Couper who, with his brother Robert, owned Millholm Paper Mills on the banks of the River Cart. The architectural style of the house is a picturesque adaptation of the classical Greek style. Many rooms are richly ornamented in wood, plaster and marble.

The house later passed through several different owners and, for some years, was a convent school. The NTS took over Holmwood in 1994 and, since then, there has been a careful restoration of the building and its interiors.

The school programme at Holmwood comprises a tour of the house led by NTS staff. Your pupils may use the garden. The house is also suitable for Art and Design projects, for Second Level pupils upwards - but, since there is small staff at Holmwood, these need to be teacher-led. Senior-phase secondary school pupils may visit for portfolio work. For further information, please contact the property manager.

Resources for schools:

- A virtual tour CD is given free to schools that book a visit at Holmwood.
- You can also see the virtual tour on the NTS website: www.ntslearning.org.uk
- An illustrated guidebook can be bought at Holmwood.
- Please go to the NTS Learn website to check out more teachers' resources – including a Factfile on Thomson: www.ntslearning.org.uk

Planning your class visit:

- To book: please contact the property manager to arrange your visit.
- Book well in advance to avoid disappointment
- Maximum class size: 33, with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 pupils
- Opening hours are limited.
- Access: The house is fully accessible (there is a lift to the upper floor), and the grounds are partially accessible, to individuals with mobility impairment. Please contact Holmwood House if you need more details. There is also information on the Holmwood webpage on the NTS website: www.nts.org.uk
- Toilets: Available on site – they are adapted for wheelchair users.

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Planning your class visit (continued):

- Refreshments: There is no café – but pre-booked tea and coffee can be provided for adults. There is a small charge.
- Pupils are welcome to eat snacks/packed lunches in the gardens when the weather is fine. For conservation reasons, only light snacks can be eaten in the house.
- The site has been risk assessed. Teachers are expected to prepare their own RA for their visit.

Charges:

- Schools with NTS educational membership: £1 per pupil for a tour led by NTS staff. Accompanying adults are admitted free.
- Non-members are welcome but there is a charge of £2 per pupil. Accompanying adults are admitted free.
- Membership: to apply for educational membership, please go the NTS Learn website – or contact Holmwood House.
- Class teachers are encouraged to make a free preparatory visit to the site

During your class visit:

- A tour of the house led by NTS staff (pre-booked).
- Holmwood has limited opening times – please check with the property manager to arrange a time suitable for you.
- For some tours, and any school programme, a class will be split up – so the rooms are not too crowded.
- Before touring the house, pupils can leave coats and bags in the kitchen area.
- Teachers are responsible for their pupils, and for their behaviour
- We regret that photographs cannot be taken within the house but you are welcome to take them in the garden.
- There is a small shop for pupils. They should visit this under teacher supervision.
- On arrival: Please report to the ticket desk in the front entrance hall

Getting to Holmwood

Holmwood House is on Netherlee Road, off Clarkston Road (B767), or Rhannan Road. It is 4 miles south of Glasgow city centre

Parking is available for school buses/coaches at the side of the house

For more information, please contact:

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