

# CoLAT

The City of London  
Archaeological Trust

## HISTORY IN MY PLACE

### INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

The City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT) is pleased to announce the launch of a new grant for young people interested in London archaeology.

The purpose of the grants is to broaden awareness of and interest in archaeology and local studies amongst young people (Year 11 – Year 12). We are awarding grants of £250 plus funding of direct costs up to £150 for projects which seek to understand and share knowledge of London through archaeology.

The format can be written, spoken or digital dissemination but should involve a visual as well as a documentary element. Projects are expected to involve 30-40 hours of field and/or documentary research, including writing up/recording. Project proposals can come from individuals or from groups.

Successful applications will:

- include fieldwork (where possible), research and an element of archaeology which can be above or below ground.
- be focussed on a building or area within Greater London.
- be especially welcome if they are place – based schemes which link personally to the applicant/s and or their families.

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications by email or by post of 200–300 words by the student, to be submitted between 1 September and the end of the October half term 2023 (for guidance, see the example application below). The application must be accompanied by a 100-200 word brief supporting reference from a teacher/sponsor. Successful applicants will be informed by 30 November 2023. You can then start the project.

The completed projects should be submitted by the end of the February Half Term of 2024. Expenses at 50% can be claimed in advance. Grants will be paid after receipt of completed works.

The application should be laid out as follows:

Your name:      Your email:  
Your age:        Your school or college:  
Title of your project:  
Description of your project:

The outcome or products of the project:

All projects will receive a comment and appraisal from a member of the CoLAT committee. Selected project reports may be featured on the CoLAT website. All award winners will be named on the CoLAT website.

Further information on this scheme can be obtained from the Secretary of CoLAT, John Schofield, [john@jschd.co.uk](mailto:john@jschd.co.uk).

### Example Application

Student-

In Hackney there is a church called St John at Hackney, built close to the church is the tower of an earlier church, St Augustine's. I would like to investigate why there was a need to build a new church in Hackney.

I will visit the surrounding grounds and nearby Sutton House, as well as Hackney Museum and the Metropolitan Archives. I will examine historic maps online but also maps and documents that have not been digitised to better understand the Hackney area in the past.

In addition, I will photograph and sketch some of the tombs and their inscriptions, and present short accounts of some of the people of Hackney, and their impact on the area. For instance, Francis Beaufort tomb is in St John's, and his invention of the Beaufort wind scale is something still used today.

My report will explain the change to Hackney's church and bring back to life some of the people who knew and used the building, but also their connections to Hackney as a place, where they are sometimes commemorated in street names.

The project will require 3 visits, 10 hours research and 6 hours write up. My report will be in the region of 1000 words with colour/ b&w photos, and possibly sketches.

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