

Museum of Classical Archaeology

Press Release

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Museum of Classical Archaeology: Reopening on 15 September 2020

The Museum of Classical Archaeology is delighted to announce that we will be reopening to the public on Tuesday 15 September 2020.

Our light and airy Cast Gallery has been readied to welcome visitors back, with a few important changes. Visitors will need to book tickets in advance. Booking opens at 10am on Tuesday 8th September.



Image: Museum of Classical Archaeology. Photographer: Alice Boagey.

Our priority is to keep our visitors, staff and volunteers safe. As a result, we are limiting the number of visitors who can be in the Gallery and reducing our opening hours. We will be open to the public Tuesday-Friday, 11am-2pm.

In line with government guidance, we have put the following measures in place:

- A maximum of 20 people will be allowed to enter the Cast Gallery, at 20 minute intervals using prebooked tickets
- University teaching will not take place during visitor opening hours
- All visitors will be asked to wear face coverings
- There will be a one-way system in operation, both in the Museum and in the rest of the building
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrances and exits to the building

We are also introducing new ways of supporting primary schools at KS2 with either virtual visits online or outreach visits from our Education and Outreach Coordinator. Please see:

<https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/schools>

We continue to develop digital resources, accessible on our website and social media accounts:

<https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/things-to-do/things-to-do-at-home-1>

<https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/collections/collection-videos-1>

In reopening, we join our fellow University of Cambridge museums who have already opened their doors to the public: the Botanic Gardens, the Fitzwilliam Museum and Kettle's Yard. The Sedgwick Museum plans to reopen on 24 September. The Zoology Museum, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, the Polar Museum and the Whipple Museum will announce reopening plans shortly.



Image: Peplos Kore, unrestored and restored. (Casts 34 and 34a) Photograph: Alice Boagey.

About the Museum of Classical Archaeology

The Museum of Classical Archaeology is home to one of the finest surviving collections of plaster casts of Greek and Roman sculpture in the world, housed in its atmospheric Cast Gallery. Exhibitions are displayed amongst the casts, creating new dialogues between ancient and modern, antiquity and its reception.

About the University of Cambridge Museums

The University of Cambridge Museums (UCM) is a consortium of the eight University Museums and the Cambridge University Botanic Garden. Together, the UCM represents the UK's highest concentration of internationally important collections outside London. With more than five million works of art, artefacts, and specimens, the collections span four and a half billion years. The University of Cambridge Museums are funded by Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Organisation.

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