DESCRIPTION: This tutorial course builds on the lecture program held at the start of the semester that examined the History of London. We will now focus our attention on MEDIEVAL LONDON, in particular the period from circa AD 1000 to 1550. This was a time that saw the city become the undisputed capital of England and the largest, most prosperous town in the kingdom. There are many sources of data available to facilitate first-hand study of this exciting period: documentary history, recent archaeological research and some remarkable buildings that still survive to this day. Our course will use all three, through a series of site visits and presentations supported by group discussion. The field trips are designed to look at town life, the role of the Monarch and the importance of the Church, while the other tutorials will consider aspects of the period represented by finds in museum collections. As part of classwork each student will be expected to give a brief presentation either during one of the field trips or on a selection of published finds. Students may wish to incorporate their presentation in their term paper or choose an alternative topic to research and write up. The topic and title of the term paper must be approved in advance by the lecturer. Students are required to contribute constructively to the group discussion of presentations, and so background reading in advance of these sessions is strongly recommended.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: Lectures, discussions, seminars, site visits and digital resources.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:
- Class Participation – 25%
- Term Paper (1500+ words) – 75%

This tutorial represents 50% of the overall assessment for the History of London course.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: This tutorial course will generally have familiarized students with key social, political, economic and cultural aspects of the development of Medieval London. Students’ intellectual development will have been enhanced by directed exploration of the built environment and associated artefacts, close reading of primary texts and other study materials. Students will thereby develop research, study and communication skills associated with historical research, analysis and the critical appraisal of Medieval London and its inhabitants.

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