

Study Room Services

Study Room Regulations

In addition to the British Museum Visitor Regulations, which can be found on the British Museum website, the following rules apply to the use of Study Rooms:

- Eating, drinking, smoking, vaping & chewing gum are not permitted.
- Anyone believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed access to the Study Rooms.
- Coats and bags must be placed in the designated areas. Large bags and umbrellas must be left in the public cloakrooms.
- Bags may be searched for security reasons.
- Mobile phones must be switched to silent, and telephone calls must not be made in the Study Rooms (except in an emergency).
- Material from the collections must be treated with utmost care and attention, and any handling instructions issued must be followed strictly. Some items may only be handled by museum staff.
- Gloves must be worn to handle some types of material. These will be provided by the Museum.
- Only pencils and plastic/wooden implements are permitted near the collections. The use of any other media is at the discretion of supervising staff.
- Photographs may be taken in study rooms with permission of study room staff but please note that some parts of the collection may not be photographed for reasons connected with security or preservation. Light sensitive material must be photographed without flash. The use of tripods and other photographic equipment is not permitted in all study areas. In those areas where it is permitted, the express permission of the study room staff must be obtained prior to doing so and under the direct supervision of the staff member present.
- Laptops and tablets may be used, but the use of any other equipment must be agreed in advance. Electrical equipment must be unplugged when not in use.
- The making of wax or other impressions, or rubbings, is not permitted.
- Items will be counted out on delivery to the visitor, and will be counted in at the end of each session. A visitor may not leave until the supervisor is satisfied that all the objects are in good order.
- In the event of an emergency, instructions from staff must be followed.
- Violence or abuse towards any member of museum staff will not be tolerated.
- Infringement of the regulations may result in exclusion from the Study Rooms.