

Fountains Hall – Pupils’ sheet

A) Stand on the main path leading to West Gate.

The Hall was built at the end of the Tudor period – around the time that Queen Elizabeth I was dying. It was built in a Tudor style.

Look at the outside of the front of the building. Most smart houses of its time were symmetrical. At first sight the left and right sides of Fountains Hall look the same – but look more carefully and you can see differences. Write the ones you find below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Above the door look for the initials of the builder. What are they? _____

Above the door look for his badge. What is on it?

B) 1) Go up the stairs and into the Stone Hall. Stand in the middle and look towards the end near where you came in. Look at the minstrels’ gallery. What happened here?

Where do you sit to eat your meals at home?

Do you have anything to entertain you during your meals?

The main beam of the minstrels’ gallery may date from when the house was built around 1600. How old would that make the beam? _____

B) 2) Go the far end of the hall and look at the wall between the left hand door and the window. You can find masons’ marks on the stone. One example is 60cm (2ft) in from the window-end corner at about adult eye level. You should be able to find others.

Draw 2 that you’ve found.
(one in each box)



These are the same masons’ marks that are found in the Abbey. What does this tell you about these stones?