
WESTMINSTER MENSWEAR ARCHIVE

Industry Services and Fees

The Westminster Menswear Archive provides professional research and collection services for designers, brands, product development teams, heritage departments and cultural organisations.

The collection contains more than 3,000 menswear garments and accessories spanning over 250 years, with particular strengths in sportswear, workwear, uniforms, technical clothing, British menswear and brand heritage.

Industry research sessions, consultancy, garment selection appointments and garment reference hire are chargeable. Approved exhibition and institutional loans are considered separately and do not normally carry a loan fee, provided the borrower covers all associated costs.

Garment Selection Appointments

For clients actively considering garments or accessories for professional hire.

This 90-minute appointment provides supervised, self-directed access to an agreed selection of objects. It does not include specialist research or staff-led interpretation.

Fee: £150 + VAT

The appointment fee will be credited against a subsequent garment hire.

Specialist Industry Research Sessions

Prepared, staff-led sessions providing object-based research and specialist interpretation tailored to the client's brief.

Sessions can support design and product development, garment construction and materials research, authentication, technical research, brand heritage and wider historical or cultural research.

A standard two-hour session starts from **£750 + VAT**. The final fee depends on the brief, preparation required, object selection, session length, group size and level of specialist input.

The fee includes advance review of the brief, preparation of an agreed object selection and a staff-led research session. Additional research, photography and written outputs are charged separately.

Specialist Consultancy

The Archive undertakes consultancy projects requiring more extensive research, interpretation or longer-term collaboration.

This can include brand heritage and anniversary research, archive development, collection analysis, exhibition and publication research, curatorial advice, presentations, workshops and research reports.

Each project is scoped individually. The Archive provides a written proposal and quotation based on the objectives, timescale, staff input and required outputs.

Garment Reference Hire

Selected garments and accessories may be available for professional reference hire, subject to their condition, availability and proposed use.

Hire fees are quoted individually and reflect the objects requested, length and location of the hire, preparation, condition reporting, transport, insurance and any conservation requirements.

Objects may not be worn, altered or subjected to invasive examination. All hires are subject to a written agreement.

Exhibition and Institutional Loans

The Archive considers loans for approved exhibitions, heritage displays and other public-facing projects.

No loan fee is normally charged. Borrowers are responsible for all costs associated with the loan, including insurance, condition reporting, packing, transport, couriers, installation and any conservation requirements.

Requests are assessed according to the purpose of the project, the condition and suitability of the objects, venue standards, security and display arrangements. All loans are subject to a written agreement.

Making an Enquiry

To discuss a research session, consultancy project, garment hire or exhibition loan, contact mensweararchive@westminster.ac.uk.

Please provide a short project brief, proposed dates, number of participants and details of any garments, brands or research themes involved.

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