

St James's Palace

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St James's Palace is the most senior royal palace in the United Kingdom



History. Tudors

- Built by King Henry VIII
- Was constructed between 1531 and 1536



History. Stuarts

- Charles I gave the palace to Marie de Medici.
- The palace was restored by Charles II and he laid out St James's Park.
- It became the principal residence of the monarch in London in 1698 after Whitehall Palace was destroyed by fire.

History. House of Hanover

- In 1809 a fire destroyed part of the palace
- Queen Victoria ended St James's status as the primary residence of the monarch
- Queen Victoria's wedding to Albert took place at the palace in 1840

Architecture

- The palace's architecture is primarily Tudor in style



Friary Court

- The most recognisable feature is the north gatehouse



St James's Palace Today

- the London residence of The Prince of Wales, The Princess Royal and Princess Alexandra
- Hosts receptions for charities
- Family occasions have also been held at St James's Palace over the years, most recently the christening of Prince George in 2013.
- The offices of Royal Collection Trust
- Retains an important ceremonial function

Clarence House



Queen's Chapel



The Chapel Royal



Fill in the gaps

- 1) _____ chose to build a new palace on the site of a former hospital for women.
- 2) St James's Palace became the principal residence of the monarch in London in 1698, because _____.
- 3) _____ ended St James's status as the primary residence of the monarch, because _____.
- 4) _____ wedding took place at the palace in 1840?
- 5) The palace's architecture is primarily _____ in style

- 6) St James's Palace is the London residence of _____
- 7) The Palace hosts _____
- 8) St James's Palace is the offices of _____
- 9) Clarence House which is now the residence of _____