

#ARCHIVELOTTERY – INTRO

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What will you find in amongst these boxes?

The Museum of London's Archaeological Archive is the largest of its kind... IN THE WORLD!

And with our responsibility to store and share London's Archaeology it's a bit difficult to choose what to go for for the Day of Archaeology.

So instead, we play a little game.

Following on from the fun we had in previous years, we've brought back our interactive #ArchiveLottery. We have five major areas of the Archive to explore: General finds, Registered finds, Environmental, Metal and Paper Records.

Each hour throughout the day we will be exploring some of our archaeological finds interactively and completely randomly. But we need your help. Here's what to do.

We'll give you a range of numbers

You tweet us a random number from within that range

We head to the archive shelf that has the matching number

We show you what sits on that shelf

Simple.

First up we're exploring our General finds: artefacts that are normally treated as an assemblage – pottery, animal bone, building material etc. – the stuff making up the bread and butter of London's archaeological material. We have 6738 shelves of general finds in the archive, so what we would like you to do is suggest a shelf number between 1 and 6738, either by Twitter, tweeting @MuseumofLondon or @AdamCorsini using the hashtags #dayofarch or #ArchiveLottery, or by leaving a comment below, which we will then go to, photograph and blog about the objects we find there.

So get tweeting / commenting!