

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS AND TOURS AT WARWICK CASTLE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Each tour and workshop has a minimum booking requirement of ten students. The maximum limits for each tour and workshop are listed below

KEY STAGE 1 AND EARLY YEARS

Ultimate Kids Tour – 40 students

Castle Life – 30 student

KEY STAGE 2

Attack and Defence – 40 students

The Wives of Henry VIII – 15 students

Norman Warwick – 40 students

Sword and Battle Skills – 30 students

Crime and Punishment – 30 students

KEY STAGE 3

Wars of the Roses – 40 students

Sword and Battle Skills – 30 students

Warwick Castle Unwrapped – 40 students

KEY STAGE 4

Warwick Castle Unwrapped – 40 students

Wars of the Roses – 40 students

Sword and Battle Skills – 30 students

All tours and workshops last 30 minutes. Those tours and workshops that appear at more than one key stage are adapted to suit.

For further details, curriculum and exam board links please see below.

For queries about tour and workshops please contact

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TOURS AND WORKSHOPS FOR EARLY YEARS AND KEY STAGE 1



ULTIMATE KIDS TOUR

(Led by castle historian) 30 mins (Max capacity 30 students)

Children learn the various areas and functions of the castle, from the ammonites in the Great Hall floor to the towers themselves. And what 5-year-old doesn't relish the chance to handle a real sword

Curriculum links

- KS1
 - Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.
 - Similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- KS2
 - A local history study

CASTLE LIFE

(led castle historian) (30 mins Max capacity 20 students, 4 adults)

The tour aims to teach the children basic information regarding life in medieval times through an exploration of people's jobs, wages and lifestyle

Curriculum links

- KS1
 - Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.
 - Similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.



TOURS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 2



ATTACK AND DEFENCE

(Castle Historian) (30 mins) (max capacity 30 students)

Pupils will be introduced to the main defensive structures of Warwick Castle and will learn methods of attack and how the garrison of the medieval castle would have repelled such attacks

Curriculum links:

- Significant events beyond living memory.
- A post 1066 study of relevant local history

THE WIVES OF HENRY VIII

(led by castle historian) (45 mins) Max capacity 20 students 4 adults)

Using the waxwork display of Henry and his wives, this interactive workshop introduces students to one of the greatest and most famous stories in English history

Curriculum links

- the changing power of monarchs using case studies
- a significant turning point in British history.



TOURS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 2



NORMAN WARWICK 1066-1068

(led by castle historian) (30 mins max capacity 40 students)

To the backdrop of a Norman Motte Students will hear stories of the battle of Hastings and learn how William 1st consolidated his power by building Motte and Bailey castles.

Curriculum links

- Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066
- A post 1066 study of relevant local history
- A significant turning point in history

SWORD AND BATTLE SKILLS

(led by Costumed Character 30 mins max capacity 30 students 4 adults)

This highly interactive workshop, students are introduced to a medieval man at arms and learn the discipline and skills needed to become a successful foot soldier.

Curriculum links

- A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066



TOURS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 2



CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

(led by Castle historian (30 mins max capacity 30 students 4 adults)

This highly interactive workshop, Leads students on the history of Crime and Punishment from Saxon Times to the Witch trials of the 17th Century. Students will experience the Medieval Pillory, get up close to Medieval torture implements and be involved in a Witch trial. We can also offer the chance to visit the Castle Gaol, but please note that should you wish to include this, then the Maximum group size must be reduced to 16 students and 3 adults.

Curriculum links

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TOURS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 3



WARS OF THE ROSES

(led by castle historian 30 mins max capacity 40 students)

Using roleplay students will be introduced to the key players and events which ultimately led to the destruction of the Plantagenets and the rise of the Tudor dynasty.

Curriculum links

- The development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509
- Understanding historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and using them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyze trends and frame historically-valid questions.

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(led by costumed character) (30 mins max capacity 30 students, 4 adults)

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TOURS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 3



WARWICK CASTLE UNWRAPPED

(led by castle historian (30 mins max capacity 30 students))

The tour traces the castle's history from its foundations as an Anglo Saxon settlement through to its use as a medieval fortress, a Tudor prison, a Stately home and to its current role as an education and tourist attraction

Curriculum links

- The development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1745
- Ideas, political power, industry and empire: Britain, 1745-1901 (the Enlightenment in Europe and Britain)
- Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day
- A study over time, testing how far sites in their locality reflect aspects of national history



TOURS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAGE 4



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AQA

- Unit 2B: 'The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499'.

EDEXCEL

- Paper 3 Option 30: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399–1509.

OCR

- Unit 1 Y105: England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII (Enquiry topic: Wars of the Roses 1445–1461)



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AQA

- BB Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to the present day

EDEXCEL

- Warfare through time 1250-present.



FAQS



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OUR SCHOOL ARRIVES AT THE CASTLE?

Schools buses will be directed to the schools or main castle entrance, where they will be met and registered by a member of the education team and guided into the castle

CAN I PRE-BOOK LUNCH SPACES ?

It is not currently possible to pre-book lunch spaces. Lunch provision is allocated on arrival, on a first come first served basis with preference given to the youngest school groups on any given day

NB Should a school have SEND considerations then it may be possibly to pre-book lunch space. In such cases schools would need to contact the Schools Officer.

MY SCHOOL IS SEND OR HAS SEND STUDENTS HOW CAN YOU HELP?

SEND provision is extremely important to the education team at Warwick and we do our utmost to help where possible. There is an accessibility lift into the Great Hall and State rooms and a dedicated Welfare and Sensory room. All Schools with Send considerations are encouraged to contact the Schools Officer who will be able to offer any support necessary.



FAQS



MY SCHOOL HAS CASES OF COVID AND WE NEED TO RE-SCHEDULE THE TRIP IS THIS POSSIBLE?

Yes

DO YOU OFFER FREE TEACHER PRE-VISIT TICKETS?

Yes once you have paid for your booking, simply bring your confirmation with you on the day of your pre-visit and you will be admitted. You may like to contact the Schools Officer in advance of this visit and he would be happy to meet with you.

I have a student/s who need extra support, do I have to pay for these extra staff tickets?

No, carer tickets are free and can be organised by contacting the Schools Officer

WILL THERE BE SOMEONE TO GUIDE OUR SCHOOL ON THE DAY?

Outside of Workshops and tours on sale we do not offer guides. However you will find a comprehensive set of self guide documents available for download on all areas of the castle on our [website here](#)

