

# Tamworth Castle SCHOOL VISITS

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We are delighted to welcome you to our workshops for Key Stages 3 and 4 students.

Please contact our dedicated Education Team on 01827 709 632/626 weekdays or email [castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk)



Workshop prices include the cost of one or more trained staff. All workshops are subject to availability and schools are booked on a first come first served basis.



## MEDIEVAL LIFE at Tamworth Castle

**Through the use of original and replica objects and costumes we will investigate characteristic features of the lives of the different groups of people who lived and worked in the castle.**

Children will be given the opportunity to wear court costume, handle items such as an original clay cooking pot, tallow candles and rush light holders. This session includes a small group object identification activity.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.50 **Session time:** approx 1 hour

This is an interactive two-part handling session, providing children with an insight into Medieval times.

## GUIDED TOURS

Fun, interactive and informative tours which can be based on a theme of your choice. Tours are relevant for groups studying:

- Change over time
- Attack & defence
- Role of museums

### LINKS TO GCSE HISTORY AT KEY STAGE 4 (EDEXCEL, OCR, AQA)

- **History at Key Stage 3:** Use evidence, weigh it up and reach own conclusions. Research, sift through evidence and argue a point of view.
- **History Unit 2:** How did Medieval monarchs keep control? How did William of Normandy grasp control of England? How did William the Conqueror secure control of England?
- **History Unit 3:** How hard was life for Medieval people in town and country? Was life always hard for Medieval peasants? How can we find out?
- **History Unit 4:** How did the Medieval Church affect people's lives? What impact did monks and nuns have on people's everyday life?

**Total cost per child:**  
(including admission) £5.50

**Session time:**  
approx 1 hour 30 minutes





## Medieval Crime and Punishment

# GUILTY OR NOT!

### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- History at Key Stage 3:** Ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, develop perspective and judgement. Understand the complexity of peoples' lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups and the challenges of their time.
- History Unit 2:** Develop pupils' understanding of democracy, government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. Pupils should use and apply their knowledge and understanding whilst developing skills to research and interrogate evidence, debate and evaluate viewpoints and present reasoned arguments.
  - The nature of rules and laws and the justice system, including the role of the police and the operation of courts and tribunals
  - The liberties enjoyed by the citizens of the United Kingdom

The session explores Medieval crime and punishment and contrasts to crimes and punishments of modern times. It provides an insight into how hard life was for people during these times, the severity of medieval justice and the difficulties that monarchs had maintaining social order and control.

Working in groups and using historic documented cases from the medieval period, students are encouraged to use their reasoning, enquiry and analytical skills to form decisions and build a case for either the defence or prosecution.

#### Total cost per child:

(including admission) £5.50

Session time: approx 45 minutes



# THE MEDIEVAL SOLDIER

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY  
TO GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE OF THE LIFE  
OF A MEDIEVAL SOLDIER

The workshop includes: **Interactive Weapons & Armour Talk –** Children will learn about the deadly art of combat and will be invited to try on costumes and armour.

**Bill Drill** – An opportunity for everyone in the group to step back in time and train as a Medieval soldier using small replica bills: This will include marching and practice with the bill.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.50

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes



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# Civil War Workshop

## BY THE SWORD DIVIDED



A two-part interactive workshop based on events at Tamworth Castle during the Civil War.



**Session 1:** This session explores life for a soldier at Tamworth Castle. Participants will undergo military training and learn how the different ranks defended themselves.

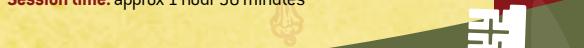
**Session 2:** This session enables children to work independently, make decisions and create a final product based on their interpretations of historical information. The workshop focuses on flags and their significance and use as military tools. In pairs the students will design a new flag for a key personality who made an impact on Tamworth during the English Civil War. All groups will compile a profile of their personality with the help of a 'profile enquiry sheet'.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £7.00

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes

### LINKS WITH THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM:

- History at Key Stage 3:** Use evidence, weigh it up and reach their own conclusions. Research, sift through evidence and argue a point of view. Evaluate and use sources of information; recognising how history can be represented and interpreted in different ways.
- History Unit 8:** The Civil Wars: Was England 'turned upside down' in the seventeenth century? Why did parliament win the Civil Wars? Was the world turned upside down? Why do people interpret Cromwell in different ways?



# Leisure & Tourism



An hour long talk with group activities providing students with an overview of how a heritage attraction operates, its main aims and objectives, key services and target markets. All participants will receive a marketing pack with material that can be used back in the classroom.

**Total cost per child:** (including admission) £5.50

**Session time:** approx 1 hour 30 minutes

### LINKS TO THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM: GCSE LEISURE AND TOURISM (EDEXCEL)

- Unit 1:** Investigating Leisure & Tourism
- Unit 2:** Marketing in Leisure & Tourism
- Unit 3:** Customer Service in Leisure & Tourism

# ABOUT THE CASTLE



## The Castle Shop

The Castle gift shop offers a range of child-friendly souvenirs and hot and cold drinks. We also offer a pre-packing service for schools.



Due to the changes in the National Curriculum, the Castle is reviewing the workshops we deliver to reflect the changing needs. If you have any specific requirements, please talk to us and we may be able to adapt or tailor our current provision to meet your needs. We also welcome any suggestions for new workshops.

### The Castle Schools Service:

- Group Size:** We can accommodate large and small groups. Our maximum capacity is 2 schools per day, with a total of 90 pupils on-site.
- Adapting Workshops:** Workshop packages are tailored to meet the teaching requirements of individual groups. The workshops advertised in this newsletter can be adapted and content changed.
- Length of Visit:** Schools are on-site from 10.30am until 2.00pm daily. Workshops last a minimum of 45 minutes to a maximum of 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Lunch:** We have an inside lunch area and there are toilet facilities on-site. Schools are encouraged to take all lunch waste away with them where possible.
- Bookings are taken on a first come first served basis. Please contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### How to Book:

- 1) Contact the Education Team for more details and to make bookings on 01827 709 632/626.
- 2) A booking form will be filled out over the telephone at the time of booking by a member of Castle staff.
- 3) A pack will then be sent out including completed booking form, risk assessment, orientation maps, programme for the day and pre-visit details to help you prepare for your visit.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A MINIMUM BOOKING FEE OF £90.00 WHICH COVERS UP TO 20 PUPILS IN ANY BOOKED WORKSHOP SESSION.

For further information about any of these sessions, or about using the Castle with children in general, please contact:

The Education Team weekdays on:

01827 709 632/626 [www.tamworthcastle.co.uk](http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk)

### Special needs groups

All workshops can be adapted for special needs groups of varying sizes and abilities and will be led by our experienced staff.

Costs for special needs groups are for group sizes of up to 15 children and are charged at a minimum rate of £65.00. Please contact The Education Team on 01827 709 632/626 for more details.

### Worksheets available

A children and group leaders' worksheet accompanies all workshops. Please ask for a copy to be sent in advance.