

the
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HIGH
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School Tours

KS1, KS2, KS3 *Hands-on fun with the history curriculum.*



Leisure and Culture

stafford castle

Built around 1071 Stafford Castle is an excellent example of a motte and bailey Castle.



Bring your children to Stafford Castle for:

Key Stage 1

- The castle is a place **“in your own locality”** linked with **“significant historical events”**: the Norman Conquest and local Anglo-Saxon rebellion of 1069. In our recreated guardhouse children can learn first hand about castles and the people who lived in them.

Key Stage 2

- Stafford Castle is an ideal **“local history study”** site, offering the opportunity to trace how **“aspects of national history”** are reflected locally. Pupils can set the castle in the chronological context of sequential invaders: Romans; Anglo-Saxons; Vikings and finally Normans who conquered Stafford’s Anglo-Saxons and built this fortress.

Key Stage 3

- Pupils studying **“the development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain from 1066”** can see the Battle of Hastings brought vividly to life with an examination of arms and armour; they will learn how the Normans built castles like Stafford and used them to fortify their hold over a conquered people.

Tours Programme

Cross-curricular links and curriculum support

- Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 tours and hands on activities are designed to be cross – curricular and support the national curriculum links listed opposite.

- All tours include a guided tour of the Castle grounds and Keep, and the opportunity to try on chain mail and helmets, and handle shields, weapons and armour.

English

- Listening
- Q and A
- Role Play

Science

Mathematics

Art and Design

History

Geography

Activities

Cross-curricular links and curriculum support

• Medieval Coin Minting

Pupils mint a William I penny to take home.

Mathematics

English

History

Geography

Science

- Changing properties of materials

• Brass Rubbing

Children learn the art of brass rubbing and create their own pictorial souvenir to take away.

Art and Design

English

History

Geography

• Herb Acitivity

Students can learn about the varied medieval uses of herbs in Stafford Castle’s herb garden and make their own lavender bags.

English

History

Geography

Art and Design

Science

- Changing properties of plants

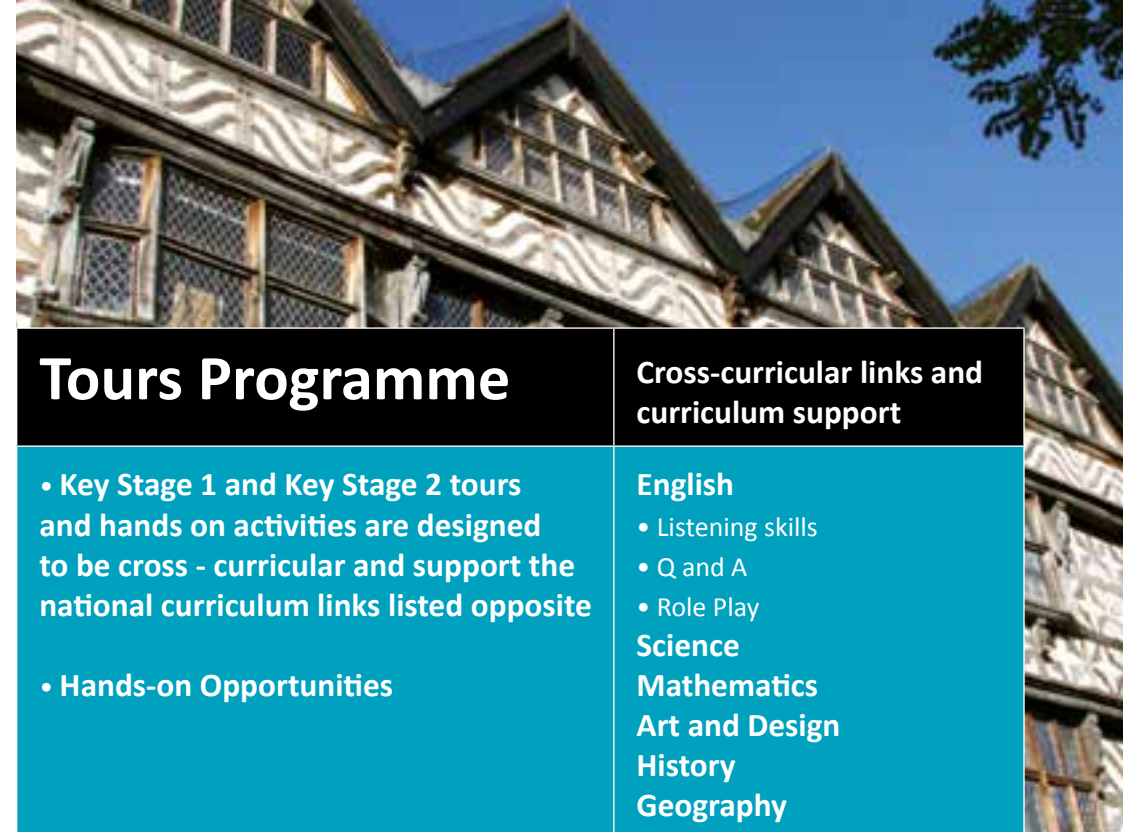


Visiting Times:	Mon-Fri 9.30am - 3pm all year round* * Times can be adapted to suit your requirements
Price: (minimum 15 students). Accompanying teachers and assistants free.	£3.60 per child (includes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour • Hands-on Opportunities • Two Activities from activity list
Extras:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra Activity: £1.00 per child • Time Saving Gift Packs: £3.00 per child Gift Packs contain themed pen, notebook, pencil and rubber.
SEN:	We welcome visits by special needs schools and would encourage you to contact us to discuss any special requirements.
Wheelchair Access:	Although the visitor centre and toilets are freely accessible to wheelchair users it is advisable to discuss access to the castle with us before your visit.
Parking:	Coach and car parking adjacent to the Visitor Centre .
Lunch:	Packed lunches may be eaten on picnic tables or in the visitor centre during inclement weather.



the ANCIENT HIGH HOUSE

Built in 1595 the Ancient High House is the largest surviving Elizabethan timber framed town house in England.



Tours Programme

Cross-curricular links and curriculum support

- Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 tours and hands on activities are designed to be cross - curricular and support the national curriculum links listed opposite

- Hands-on Opportunities

English

- Listening skills
- Q and A
- Role Play

Science

Mathematics

Art and Design

History

Geography

Bring your school to The Ancient High House for:

Key Stage 1

- **The Great Fire of London Tour**

“A place in your own locality that illustrates an event beyond living memory”.

Walk through time to The Great Fire of London! At the Ancient High House pupils can see the kind of house Samuel Pepys might have lived in; dress in period costumes and take part in fun activities to bring history to life.

- **The Time Walk Tour**

“Compare aspects of life in different periods”. The Ancient High House was built in the reign of Elizabeth I and remained a family home until Queen Victoria’s time. Pupils can learn how people’s lives changed between the Tudor and the Edwardian periods in our Time Walk Tour.

- We are a **“significant historical place in your own locality”** as demonstrated by these tours.

Key Stage 2

- **The Time Walk Tour**

“A study of an aspect or theme in British History”. Why not try our Key Stage Two Time-walk Tour? Our period room sets provide a unique opportunity to study social history from the Tudors to the Edwardians. Pupils can learn about: food; clothing; health; hygiene and home life through the ages. There is a chance for children to dress in period costumes as well as experience hands-on workshop activities.

- **The Tudor Tour**

“A study of an aspect of history or a site dating from beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality”. Tudor Themed Tours: explore what life was really like for Tudors rich and poor. Children can learn how their homes were built, about the clothes they wore, the food they ate and what they believed in. Pupils will dress up in costume and have fun with our popular workshop activities.’

- These tours make us your **“Local History Study Site”**.

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Activities

Cross-curricular links and curriculum support

• Tudor or Stuart Domestic Life (Included in all Tours)

Children learn how rich and poor people lived and about their food and how it was cooked. They will handle crockery and utensils as well as dress in period costume.

English

- Listening
- Q and A
- Role Play

History Geography

• Wattle and Daub

Working together, using medieval methods of construction, children create their own section of wattle and daub wall. Those studying The Great Fire of London can see for themselves why houses burned so easily.

Science Mathematics Art and Design History Local Geography English

• Coin Minting

Pupils "mint" their own half-groat coin to take home and learn about the value of money in the Tudor period.

History English Mathematics Science

- With opportunities for follow-up work such as recording data in simple charts and tables as the comparative value of Tudor currency with modern day money is examined.

• Calligraphy

Use a quill pen like Samuel Pepys! Quill pens, ink and parchment style paper are used to allow children to understand writing in the Tudor and Stuart periods. Pupils will have the chance to write their own name using these materials and create a bookmark to take home.

English Science Art and Design History

Activities

Cross-curricular links and curriculum support

• Pomander Making

Children discover why Tudors and Stuarts used pomanders in the context of health and hygiene of the time. Using oranges, spices and colourful ribbons they design and create their own pomander to take away with them.

Art and Design Science History English Geography

• Georgian Mask Making (Time Walk Tours only)

Wealthy Georgians loved their masked balls! Children will design and create their own decorative or highwayman-like mask to take home.

Art and Design History English

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Wheelchair Access:	Due to the nature of the building we are unfortunately unable to accommodate visitors in wheelchairs. Outreach Service for SEN Schools - staff in period costume will bring the Ancient High House to you. History will come alive with costumes for children to dress in and interesting artefacts for them to handle. Children can experience the activities listed in the tours packages. Please contact us for details.
Drop Off Pick Up Points:	School groups can be dropped off and collected at the rear of the Ancient High House on Earl Street .
Parking:	Coach parking is available on Doxey Road Coach Park nearby.
Lunch:	Packed lunches may be eaten in the Ancient High House.

Booking

To book a tour please call **Tel: 01785 619 131** to discuss availability.

- **Complete and return the Booking Form.**
- Please advise us on the booking form of any specific areas of study.
- **Booking forms and risk assessments** available to download from: www.staffordbc.gov.uk/schooltours

Payment

Payment should be made on the day of the visit by cash, card or cheque (made payable to Stafford Borough Council).

Please note: Invoices will incur a £20 administration charge



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