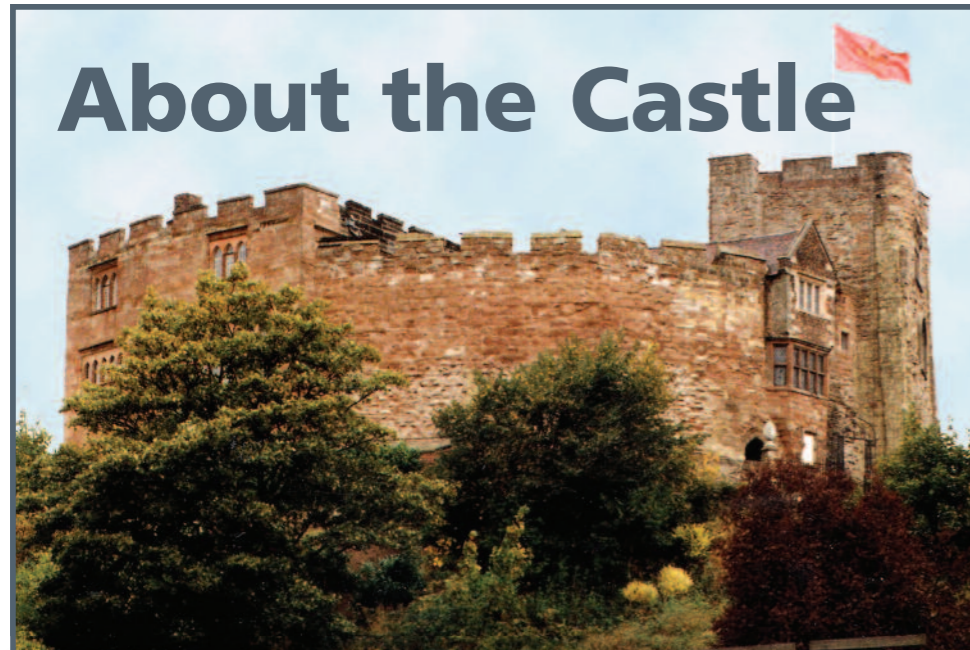


About the Castle



A 900 year old Norman Motte and Bailey castle, with Medieval, Tudor, Stuart and Victorian rooms. The castle offers schools the opportunity to glimpse life for the different generations of rich and poor people who lived and worked in this inspiring fortress.

The Castle Shop

The Castle gift shop offers a range of child friendly souvenirs and hot and cold drinks for adults, we also offer a Shop Pre-packing Service: Simply choose from our souvenir pack list, contact the Castle before your visit with your order and we will have your order packed and ready for your departure after your visit.

Special needs groups

All sessions can be adapted for small special needs groups, special rates apply. Please contact the education team for more details.

General: admission price for general visits - £3.25.

Worksheets available... A student and group leaders worksheet accompanies all workshops. Please ask for a copy to be sent in advance.

To book and 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) 709626/709632**
www.tamworthcastle.co.uk

The Castle schools service:

- Group size: We can accommodate large and small groups
- 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: We can offer full or half day visits. Most schools opt to visit for a full day 10.30am - 2.00pm (approx). Workshops last between 45minutes - 1½ hours for one group of 25 - we can accommodate up to 5 groups on a visit depending on the package booked.
- Bookings are taken on a first come first served basis
- Please contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment
- We have a large inside lunch area and toilets

How to book:

- 1 Contact the Education Team for more details and to make bookings.
- 2 A booking form will be filled out by the Castle Education team with you, in person or over the phone.
- 3 A pack will then be sent out including, completed booking form, risk assessment, orientation maps and pre-visit details to help you prepare for your visit.



Secondary School Workshops

To the History Co-Ordinator for Key Stage 3 and 4 students

Academic Year 2010/2011



You are welcome to book the following sessions as soon as you receive this newsletter.

Please contact the Education Team on (01827) 709626/709632 weekdays or email castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk

A small dedicated and experienced team; We are constantly striving to improve and develop our service to schools. We offer a wide range of curriculum led workshops suitable foundation stage and key stages 1 to 4 students.

Workshop prices include the cost of a trained facilitator. Please note in some cases two or more different workshops can be booked with a price increase.

Medieval Life at Tamworth Castle



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

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) £4.15.

Sessions: lasts for one hour per group and can be booked any time in the year subject to availability.

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 a 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?

Guided Tours

Fun, interactive and informative tours focusing on the theme of your choice, particularly relevant for groups studying i) Change over time ii) Attack and Defence iii) Role of museums.

Links to GCSE History at key stage 4 (Edexcel, OCR, AQA)

- **Coursework: 'History around us'**
An investigation of a site, its context and presentation.
The analysis of a site from visual and documentary sources.

Total cost per child: (including admission) £4.15.

Sessions: lasts for one hour per group and can be booked any time in the year subject to availability.

Please note there is a minimum charge for all schools sessions - £60.00 for Medieval Life and Leisure and Tourism; £110.00 for medieval soldier; £140 for History Around us, Archives workshop, two part medieval and civil war sessions and £90.00 for general visits.



The Medieval Soldier

Links with the National Curriculum

- **History at key stage 3**
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Research, sift through evidence and argue a point a 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?

Total cost per child: (including admission) £4.35.

Sessions: lasts for an hour and a half per group and can be booked any time in the year subject to availability.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands on experience of the life of a medieval soldier.

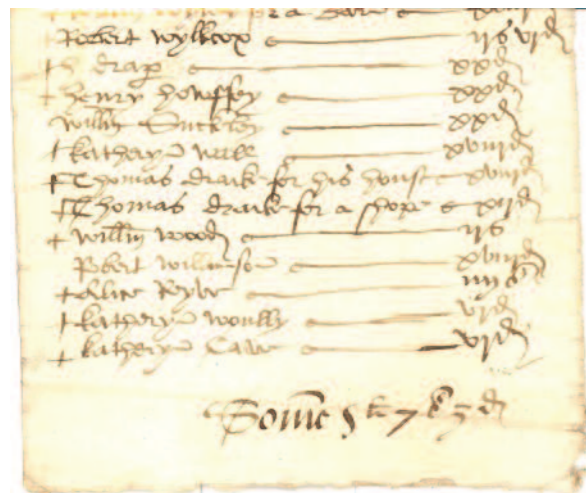
The workshop includes:

Sessions One: Interactive weapons and armour talk – children will learn about the deadly art of combat and will be invited to try on costume and armour.

Session Two: 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.

SPECIAL PACKAGE

combined medieval soldier and medieval life:
Total cost per child: (including admission) £6.15



'History Around us' Archives Workshop

This full day workshop encourages students to explore how historians extract information from historical documents, what these documents can tell us about past societies and their significance today. During the day students will discover how museums care for documents and artefacts and have the chance to handle objects from our collection. In small groups they will study transcribed documents from the Tudor and Stuart period with the support of investigative question sheets, culminating in a presentation of their findings. The day also includes a transcription activity and all participants can try their hand at writing using quill pens and the 17th century alphabet.

Total cost per child: (including admission) £4.15.
Sessions: lasts for a full day per group and can be booked any time in the year subject to availability.

Links to GCSE History at key stage 4 (Edexcel, OCR, AQA)

- **Coursework:** 'History around us'
An investigation of a site, its context and presentation. The analysis of a site from visual and documentary sources.



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

Session One will explore life for a soldier at Tamworth Castle all participants will undergo military training and learn how the different ranks defended themselves.

Session Two: 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 in the English Civil War. All groups will compile a profile of their personality with the help of a 'profile enquiry sheet'.

Leisure and 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.

Links to the National Curriculum: GCSE Leisure and Tourism (Edexcel)

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

By the sword divided: Civil War Workshop

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 a view
Evaluate and use sources of information; recognising how history can be represented and interpreted in different way.
- **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?

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

Sessions: lasts for an hour and a half per group and can be booked any time in the year subject to availability.



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