



Norwich Castle, Strangers' Hall and Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell Secondary Schools' Programme 2019-2020

Norwich Castle is undergoing some exciting changes! From spring 2019 until 2021, the Castle Keep will be closing for redevelopment work which will restore it to its medieval heyday as a royal palace. While the work is taking place, we'll still be running our schools programme, with a few tweaks here and there and a slightly reduced provision – there's more information on our [website](#). Strangers' Hall and the Museum of Norwich are not affected by the work. Please see below or contact norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk for more details.

At Norwich Museums we offer three types of facilitated activities led by members of our Learning Team, as well as teacher-led visits:

- **Events:** Half- or full-day immersive events. Events take place in different locations, include a range of activities, and involve meeting characters from the past.
- **Workshops:** Shorter activities based around object-handling sessions.
- **Tours:** Shorter tours of specific areas.
- **Teacher-led visits:** these are flexible visits which teachers can lead for their students. We offer resources to support teacher-led visits on our website.

Events

Storming the Castle: A Maths and History Investigation KS3

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per student, max 120 pupils

A maths investigation of a real historical event – the siege of Norwich Castle in 1216. Work with medieval costumed characters to solve real-life problems. Devise the best ways to attack and defend the Castle using maths skills (estimating, measuring, costs and coinage, weights and measures). **Please note:** the Keep tour session will be a video tour while the Keep itself is closed.

William I: Hero or Villain? KS3

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils

Investigate both sides of the Norman Conquest, which changed Saxon Norwich forever. Take a virtual tour of the Castle, analyse the Domesday Book, examine Norman and Saxon weapons and war tactics, and compare and contrast Saxon and Norman society. **Please note:** the Keep tour session will be a video tour while the Keep itself is closed.

Slavery KS3

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils

Meet a 19th century abolitionist and a slave-owner to discover the arguments for and against abolishing the Atlantic slave trade. Imagine life as a slave during a drama session and study documents from the Norfolk Record Office to discover Norfolk's connections to the trade.

The Changing Face of Norwich: A Geography Investigation with History and RE KS3

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils

A proposal has been put forward to turn a disused church in Norwich into a car park. Consider the different viewpoints of a town planner, a rescue archaeologist and a Medieval monk before making a recommendation to the planning enquiry.

Medicine KS4

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, suitable for all GCSE exam boards apart from OCR B SHP, max 120 pupils
Meet four costumed characters and study medical theories and objects from the Medieval, Renaissance, Industrial and Modern periods. Compare and contrast these eras before deciding which one was the most significant in the history of medicine.

Norwich in the Industrial Revolution KS3

Norwich Castle and Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell, 10am-2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils
Discover Norwich's industrial past and examine historic tools and documents used by Norwich industries including our most famous export, Colman's Mustard. Follow a museum trail and take a teacher-led tour of nearby post-industrial sites (map and details included).

Crime and Punishment KS3, 4 & 5

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, suitable for all GCSE and A Level exam boards and available as a bespoke KS3 event, max 60 pupils

Take a tour of the museum's Georgian former prison buildings, handle real and replica punishment objects and re-enact a Victorian murder trial in the original Shirehall courtroom. **Please note:** this event won't visit the dungeons, which will be closed during the Keep redevelopment project.

Historic Environment KS4

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, suitable for OCR and SHP B, max 120 pupils
Choose from up to four facilitated tours to help understand Norwich Castle as an historical site. Resources and supporting information are available on our website. **Please note:** During the Castle Keep redevelopment project, the Keep tour will be replaced with a video tour of the Keep.

Anglo-Saxon and Norman England KS4

Norwich Castle, 10am to 2pm, £5 per pupil, max 120 pupils
Meet Saxon and Norman characters and compare and contrast their cultures. Re-enact the Battle of Hastings and the Saxon rebellions, study and handle Saxon objects and take a tour of the Castle to discover why it was built, how it functioned and how important it was to the Normans. **Please note:** the Keep tour session will be a video tour while the Keep itself is closed.

Tudors KS5

Strangers' Hall, 2 hours, £3.50 per pupil, max 25 pupils, suitable for all exam boards, available Wednesday - Friday
Bring Tudor history to life at Strangers' Hall Museum, home of Tudor merchants and mayors. Explore Tudor rooms, objects and documents to build up a picture of the political, religious and social changes during and after Tudor times.

Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest KS5

Norwich Castle, 2 hours, £3.50 per student, max 40 students, suitable for all exam boards
Use our world-class collections to explore Anglo-Saxon England's economy, royal mints, urbanisation and the growth of trading centres such as Norwich. Find out the motives, techniques and effectiveness of Norman castle-building and their impact on Norman control and royal power.

Workshops

First World War Workshops KS3

Norwich Castle, 40 minutes per workshop, £2.50 per student per workshop
Choose from three workshops: delve into the lives of Norfolk soldiers by reading letters and other original documentation; handle and try on authentic and replica First World War soldiers' and nurses' clothes and equipment; or visit our courtroom to witness the re-enactment of tribunals for those who refused to fight.

A-Level Art Masterclasses and A-Level Textiles/Embroidery Masterclasses

Norwich Castle, times and prices vary

Please check our website for details.



Tours

Prison buildings

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Find out about Norwich Castle's past as a prison, exploring how the building has changed over the years. **Please note:** this tour does not visit the dungeons.

Museum highlights

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 30 pupils

Take a tour around some of the star objects and significant items in our displays.

Shirehall courtroom

Norwich Castle, 35 minutes, £2.50 per pupil, max 15 pupils

Follow in the prisoners' footsteps down a dank spiral staircase and through a tunnel into the historic Shirehall courtroom to find out about justice in the past.

Resources and more information are available on our website:

- Norwich Castle resources: <https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/norwich-castle/learning>
- Museum of Norwich: <https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/museum-of-norwich/learning>
- Strangers' Hall: <https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/strangers-hall/learning>
- [GCSE Art Study Support materials](#)

Information, enquiries and bookings:

Booking is essential for all school visits, and we'd recommend enquiring usually a term in advance. If you'd like to make a booking, contact norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk or call 01603 493636, and have the following information to hand:

- The name and postcode of your school
- The number of students you want to bring
- Their year group(s)
- The number of accompanying adults
- The event or workshop you're interested in
- Which half-term/term you'd like to visit
- Whether anyone in the group has any access needs
- For workshops or half-day events, whether you'd like a space to eat packed lunches. If you visit for a full-day event, you'll automatically be assigned a lunch space. Please note that our lunch spaces will have reduced capacity this year.



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