

First World War Workshop Information for Primary Schools



1. Introduction

The Black Watch Castle and Museum is committed to creating and delivering world class learning opportunities that will contribute to the advancement of education, arts, heritage and culture.

Our learning programme focuses on encouraging pupils to engage with and learn from the fascinating artefacts and personal stories within The Black Watch Museum. Each of our workshops incorporates relevant aspects of the Curriculum for Excellence and gives your pupils the opportunity to handle and learn from primary source materials as a way of developing their investigative, creative and communication skills.

As the original recruitment area for The Black Watch was Angus, Dundee, Fife and Perthshire, the Regiment's history has a relevance for pupils living in these counties.

A visit to The Black Watch Museum includes:

- Themed learning experiences led by our dedicated Learning Team.
- A unique opportunity to engage with significant artefacts from Scotland's history. These include uniforms, weapons, medals, fine art, photographs, letters and diaries.
- A complementary 2-for-1 Museum Admission Voucher for each pupil.

If your class is studying a particular topic or theme, we can work together to create a bespoke activity which will meet your specified learning objectives.

To book a learning visit please complete a booking form and return to: Chris

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2. Museum Visit Structure: First World War Workshop

Our workshops have been devised to give visiting groups full flexibility on the topics and subjects investigated. We have four principle workshops and a standard half day visit would allow your group to experience two of those, although we're always happy to discuss longer visits or adapting sessions to suit your needs. In addition, teachers are welcome to ask for a period of self-guided exploration to be incorporated into the visit.

We split a group into two smaller parts with each undertaking a different session before swapping over to maximise pupil enjoyment and engagement.

Activity	Location	Duration
Arrival and Introduction	Education Room	15 Minutes
Group A - Session 1 Group B – Session 2	Various	45 Minutes
Group A - Session 2 Group B – Session 1	Various	45 Minutes
Conclusion	Education Room	15 Minutes

Sessions

1. History Hunt

Time: 45 minutes

Curriculum Links: SOC 1-02a, SOC 2-01a, SOC 2-02a, SOC 2-06a

Supported by a member of the Learning Team, pupils will explore The Black Watch Museum's First World War Gallery in order to locate and identify a series of important artefacts. By completing the History Hunt, pupils will learn about the experiences of Black Watch soldiers during the First World War.

2. Uniforms and Weapons

Time: 45 minutes

Curriculum Links: HWB 1-20a, HWB 2-20a,
SOC 1-02a, SOC 2-02a, SOC 1-04a, SOC 2-04a

Through object handling and dressing up pupils will learn about the weapons, uniform and kit used by Black Watch soldiers during the First World War. They will explore key features of the uniform's design and compare it to examples worn by The Black Watch in earlier conflicts. In addition, pupils will identify important factors which caused the uniform to evolve throughout the war.



3. Lance Corporal Finlay VC

Time: 45 minutes

Curriculum Links: SOC 1-03a, SOC 2-01a, SOC 2-02a, SOC 1-06a, SOC 2-06a, EXA 1-13a, EXA 2-13a

Pupils will handle a selection of medals and decorations which were awarded to Black Watch soldiers during the First World War. They will then look in detail at the story of how one man, Lance Corporal David Finlay, received a Victoria Cross for his actions during the Battle of Aubers Ridge using drama techniques.

4. Life in the Trenches

Curriculum Links: SOC 1-02a, SOC 2-02a, SOC 1-04a, SOC 2-04a, HWB 1-30a

Pupils will explore the Museum's reconstructed First World War trench and discover what it was like to be on the front line. In particular, they will think about a soldier's daily routine, food, hygiene and pastimes. In addition, according to availability, they will meet the Museum's resident First World War soldier who will talk about his experiences.



Pre and Post Visit Activities

The Black Watch Museum has created a series of activities which can be used to either prepare a class for a visit to the Museum or to consolidate what they have learned during a workshop. Please contact the Learning and Audiences Officer for more information.

3. Booking a Visit

Learning visits can be booked for any weekday, either in the morning or afternoon. The duration and content of each workshop can be tailored to suit the needs of individual classes.

There is a charge of £3.50 per child (ages 5-16) to cover the admission cost for the Museum, with accompanying adults being free of charge.

Travel Bursary

Through the generosity of the Friends of The Black Watch Castle and Museum a School Travel Bursary is now available. This bursary is targeted at schools that may be deterred from organising a visit due to the cost of transport and whose students would most benefit from a visit to the Museum. To make an application, please complete a Travel Bursary Application Form and email to the Learning and Audiences Officer.

Self-Guided Learning Visits

If you are planning a self-guided learning visit, we still ask that you arrange a time for your visit with our Learning and Audiences Officer so that we can avoid clashes with other groups. This will also ensure that we have trails or worksheets available for your class upon arrival.

The admission fee for pupils will apply (£3.50 per child aged 5-16). Accompanying adults will not be charged.

4. Education Outreach Service

We strongly recommend that your class visits The Black Watch Museum as this allows pupils to access the full range of its engaging exhibits and artefacts. If this is not possible, a member of our Learning Team can visit your school.

All optional workshops detailed above can be adapted for delivery in the classroom. We can also create a bespoke session which will meet your specified learning objectives.

For outreach visits of up to 3 hours, within a 10 mile radius of The Black Watch Museum, there is a £50 suggested donation. A further donation of £0.40 per mile is suggested to cover travel expenses out with a 10 mile radius.

5. Additional Information

Opening Hours

Summer (1st April to 31st October) | Monday to Sunday 9.00am-4.30pm

Winter (1st November to 31st March) | Monday to Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

Group Size

The Black Watch Museum can accommodate pupil groups of up to 30. Larger groups could be accommodated upon request. In order to facilitate learning, classes of 16 or more pupils will be divided into smaller groups. Please ensure that visiting groups are accompanied by one responsible adult per ten pupils.

Parking

There is a car park on site with allocated space for a coach; please indicate in the booking form if a coach space will be required.

Upon arrival

Please report to the front desk. Coats and bags can be left in the designated learning space. The room will be locked if left unoccupied for any period of time however we are unable to accept responsibility for any lost or damaged belongings.

Toilets

Toilets are situated at the far end of the Castle Gift Shop on the ground floor. Group leaders are asked to take responsibility for pupils leaving the group to visit the toilet.

Lunch/snacks

Pupils can eat a packed lunch or snack in the designated learning space. We also have a Cafe on site that is open during Museum hours. Please let us know in advance if you would like the Cafe to provide lunch or a snack for your group.

Accessibility

The Black Watch Museum covers two floors. The first floor can be accessed using the stairs or lift. Please advise of any access needs when completing the booking form; the Learning Team will do all they can to assist.

Castle Gift Shop

The Castle Gift Shop stocks a range of children's products. Please detail in the booking form if you would like to factor in time to allow your pupils to browse and make purchases.

Group Behaviour

It is the responsibility of the Learning Team to provide a safe environment during a visit. Pupils will remain the responsibility of accompanying teachers and group leaders; we ask that your group is mindful they are sharing the Museum galleries with other members of the public. Please respect the following guidelines:

- Group leaders must supervise pupils at all times. The Learning Team's role is to provide an interactive, engaging and fun educational visit however we are not responsible for pupil behaviour.
- Pupils should not run within the galleries.
- Pupils should not leave the building without prior permission from their group leader.
- Do not touch gallery exhibits.
- Be aware of uneven flooring, steps and stairs, and areas where lighting is reduced.
- Beware of doors closing on fingers.
- Pupils should not to enter any unauthorised areas (these are clearly marked) or go under or beyond any barriers.

To make further enquiries or to book a learning or outreach visit contact Chris

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We look forward to welcoming you to The Home of The Black Watch