

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

ENRICHING HISTORY



Use the Oxford Castle and Prison's 1,000 year old history to bring the city to life. Our range of cross-curricular workshops engage children with exciting activities; including object handling, role playing, literacy development and practical problem solving.



Suitable for KS1 through to KS5, our workshops are tailored to your learning objectives. Sessions can be linked directly to the national curriculum; such as history, geography, citizenship, literacy, design technology, art and many more.



All workshop prices include a guided tour of the Oxford Castle & Prison, along with time to explore the exhibition space, the mound and wider site.



A free familiarisation visit is available for all group organisers. Request our free teachers pack which is full of ideas on how to get the most out of your visit. Schools will have free use of the lunch room situated in the Key Learning Centre.



Our Learning and Access Officer would be pleased to discuss your requirements and can be contacted on:

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FOR KS1 AND KS2

King of the Castle

What was it like to live inside the walls of a mighty medieval castle? In this interactive session pupils will use their senses to understand some of the differences between 'then' and now, at a site that has been an important local place for over 1,000 years. Suitable for Foundation Stage, KS1 and can also be adapted for KS2.

Empress Matilda and the Great Escape

Develop pupils' story telling using costume and original objects to recreate an episode with a famous character from Oxford Castle & Prison's history. Suitable for KS1 and KS2.

Centuries of Crime and Punishment

From pillories to porridge! Pupils will explore the theme of crime and punishment over a wide period of time. Using objects, documents and costume, they can find out more about changing attitudes to crime and how criminals have been captured and punished over the years. Suitable for Year 4 onwards

Clues from the Past

A 'hands-on' session, including costume, documents and mystery objects, designed to familiarise pupils with different types of historical evidence, How we know about the Castle and Prison, how the site has changed over time and who lived there. Suitable for KS2.

Mary Blandy on Trial: Villain or Victim?

Pupils will learn how a court case works and re-enact the trial of notorious poisoner Mary Blandy, by using original evidence to decide if she deserved her fate in a case that scandalised eighteenth century society. Suitable for Year 4 onwards.

Castle Challenge

How do you build and attack a castle? Pupils will work in teams to consider shapes, materials and forces to find the strongest structure and most successful attack weapon in this practical workshop. Suitable for KS2.

Bird's Eye Oxford

Use aerial photographs to explore changes to the city and discuss the social and environmental consequences. Compare the past with what you can now see from the top of St. George's Tower and Castle Mound. Suitable for KS2.

NEW : Clay Creations

Pupils will use air drying clay to design and make their own pot, based on fragments of medieval face jugs found by archaeologists here at the castle. It's a chance to get hands on with materials and what's best... we clean up the mess afterwards! Please note that there will be a small additional charge for this workshop. Suitable for all key stages.