



Virtual visits to Edinburgh & Stirling Castles

If you're looking for a virtual class trip, delve into our [Edinburgh and Stirling Castle online resources with your learners](#). Historic sites can be used creatively to support a range of curricular areas and topics.

The resources below are starting points and we can't wait to hear how you use them to develop further activities. Do let us know how you plan your #LearningWithHES!

Literacy & Expressive Arts

- Explore and narrate our short films or 360 degree views:
 - Edinburgh Castle: short films about the [Great Hall](#), [Prisons of War](#), [One O'Clock Gun](#), [The Royal Palace](#)
 - Stirling Castle: [flyover footage](#) and [360 views](#)
- Discover [portraiture inspired by Mary Queen of Scots](#). Make your own [Stirling Heads Selfie](#) or draw inside our [Stirling Heads decorative borders](#).

Careers

- Inspire learners through a film about [working at Edinburgh Castle](#) featuring three of our apprentices (3:29)
- Hear about the work of our conservation team at Edinburgh Castle in short films about [moving the Mons Meg cannon](#) (00:41) and [scanning a 34m well](#) (00:59).

Social Studies

- Explore social studies with:
 - Photos and illustrations in Edinburgh & Stirling Castle pathfinder packs on [Scran.ac.uk](#) (subscription is free until the end of October 2020)
 - 6 medieval castle life fact files: [Cooking in a Medieval Castle](#), [Cooking in a Medieval Village](#), [Medieval Feasting in the Great Hall](#), [Having Fun in Medieval Scotland](#), [Keeping Clean in Medieval Scotland](#) & [Working in a Medieval Castle](#).
 - BBC Bitesize films: [Barnaby Bear visits Edinburgh Castle](#) (4:28) and [Stirling Castle siege](#) (2:36)
 - A [timeline of Stirling Castle](#)

STEM

- Broaden digital literacy by investigating 3D Sketchfab models of [Edinburgh Castle](#), [Edinburgh Castle collections](#) and [Stirling Castle collections](#)
- Investigate castle construction techniques by challenging your learners to create [models](#), a [pulley](#) and a [load transport system](#)
- Get inspired to build [castle features](#) and a [castle stronghold](#) using materials from home
- Take our Edinburgh Castle themed [Maths Quest](#), try some [maths word problems](#) inspired by Mons Meg and practice coordinates with a [map of Edinburgh Castle](#).

See more [learning resources](#) on our website and explore [sample virtual visit plans](#).