



ORGANISING YOUR VISIT

All workshops are available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Outdoor workshops also run on Thursday and Friday.

Workshops are led by our experienced, knowledgeable and friendly staff.

They run from 09.45 to 14.30, although these times can be changed to suit your needs.

We have a dedicated Education Room where children can prepare for the workshops and packed lunches can be eaten.

There is a shop available at pocket money prices for souvenirs of your visit.

Teachers and accompanying adults FREE (up to 3 per 20 children)

Free coach parking

CONTACT

Indoor workshops

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Outdoor workshops

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HOPETOUN
SCOTLAND'S FINEST STATELY HOME

SCHOOL VISITS

Award-winning, curriculum linked workshops for schools, involving drama, role play and costume.



SANDFORD AWARD

Hopetoun House has been recognised for educational excellence and has been awarded Sandford Awards from the Heritage Education Trust for its education programme

Judges citations read:

Primary school pupils visiting Hopetoun House will have in a single day a whole series of enjoyable active learning experiences that fully support Curriculum for Excellence. They will leave this magnificent stately home with a deeper understanding of past lifestyles, particularly in relation to the Victorian era, that are very different to their own. The infectious enthusiasm of the education team combines with their skill in engaging even the most reluctant of learners to ensure that a memorable and engaging learning experience for pupils. This immersive session brings time travel as close as possible. The learning activities on site, key photo opportunities and take-away resources provide excellent material for follow up activities at school





All of our workshops offer hands on, active learning and meet the Curriculum for Excellence for first and second levels, in particular the curriculum areas Social Studies (People, past events and societies), (People, place and environment) and Expressive Arts (Drama).

INDOOR WORKSHOPS

Victorian Workshop

Following a brief introduction on the history of Hopetoun House, pupils are provided with period costumes and take on the role of servants, to discover life "below stairs". A butler is selected from the group, who then works with the Housekeeper to lead the "servants" through the magnificent rooms, using roleplay and drama to bring the tour to life. In the afternoon they return to the Butler's Pantry to carry out hands-on chores such as polishing, ironing and butter churning. This is followed by a session of quill penning. This workshop is available for groups of up to 33 pupils and is particularly suitable for second level.

Victorians at Hopetoun

The morning is similar to the Victorian Workshop, while the afternoon involves an exploration of the exterior of the House, including the grounds, ballroom, stables and a visit to the roof. There is also the chance to play Victorian street games and a short session of quill penning. Available for larger groups of up to 60 pupils and most suitable for second level.

Hopetoun at War

Discover how life in a stately home was affected by the outbreak of the First World War. Experience a morning of life in service, working above and below stairs. Follow this with a visit to the ballroom, a military hospital from 1915, and other areas of the grounds put to military use. Available for larger groups of up to 60 pupils and most suitable for second level.

Homes and Houses

The children are dressed as servants and led by the Housekeeper through Hopetoun House to discover how people lived in the past. Time is spent in the Butler's Pantry working on chores such as cleaning, polishing and ironing. The afternoon is spent with the Ranger outside in the magnificent grounds, developing the idea of animal homes and habitats.

This workshop is aimed at the first & second levels and can accommodate up to 60 pupils.

"Dear Hopetoun Education Team, Just wanted to pass on a huge thank you for making our trip to Hopetoun House so memorable. The children loved their day and from the very first were engaged in the most well organised and worthwhile activities. I have been on many outings and this has rated as one of the best!"

Bellsquarry Primary School

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Learn about life in the Hopetoun 100 acres with an environmental education workshop. The workshops are led by our rangers, take place completely outdoors and are linked to the Curriculum of Excellence.

Full day visits are available for groups of up to 33 children and can be adjusted to suit Early, First and Second levels. The rangers will be happy to create a session tailored to individual groups in order to compliment the learning in school.

Workshop Examples:

Minibeast Safari

Search for invertebrates and understand the world they love in. Play environmental games and explore food chains.

Pond Dipping

Use nets to search for underwater invertebrates and play environmental games to help introduce freshwater food chains.

Living Things

Ranger led hands on activities and environmental games that help learners understand the living world around them with a focus on woodland habitats.

