

Cardiff Castle

Tudor Music and Dance

Location

Your workshops will take place in the Housekeeper's Room (Room 1) of the Education Centre and in the medieval Undercroft.

Description

Groups will take part in two separate workshops in rotation. One workshop will give pupils the opportunity to learn at least two different Tudor dances – one a courtly dance and the other a peasants' dance. The differences between these dances and the reasons for those differences will be discussed.

In the second workshop, pupils will learn the importance of music in the Tudor court, the different types of music that were popular, and the types of musical instrument that were used. They will hear demonstrations of some of the more common instruments and will learn to sing a Tudor song.

Sessions will be led by two costumed facilitators.

Duration

The two workshops will both last for just under an hour.

A guided tour is not included in the price of the workshop though is available at an additional charge. Please note, however that activities provided last for at least 2 hours. In order to include lunch, time to explore the Grounds and also include a guided tour, we would recommend a visit of 4 hours.

Key Learning Outcomes

Workshop 1 - Dance

By the end of the session, your pupils will have:

- ◆ Learnt about the variety of entertainment that existed at a Tudor banquet or feast.
- ◆ Learnt about the layout of a Tudor banqueting hall and how the position of seating in the hall reflected the social status of those attending
- ◆ Learnt about the impact that the clothing worn affected the type of dances that were performed in a Tudor court
- ◆ Learnt about the place dancing had in Tudor society and the difference between dances of the rich and poor
- ◆ Learnt how to take work as a team and act upon instructions, retaining information and performing to a high standard

Workshop 2 – Music

By the end of the session, your pupils will have:

- ◆ Learnt about the different types of music that were popular in the Tudor times
- ◆ Learnt about the main characteristics of Tudor music
- ◆ Seen a variety of musical instruments being demonstrated, including stringed, woodwind and percussion Instruments
- ◆ Learnt to sing a Tudor song in a class activity

Main Links to the National Curriculum

◆ Key Stage 2 (Wales)

- The daily life of people living in the Tudor times (History)
- Creative Activities (Physical Education)
- Performing (Music)
- Skills – Curriculum Cymreig, Communication, Thinking, Personal Social Education

◆ Key Stage 2 (England)

- A Study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 (History)

- **Performing dances using a range of movement patterns (Physical Education)**
- **Developing an understanding of the history of music (Music)**
- **Listening with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory (Music)**
- **Appreciating and understanding a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians (Music)**

What Else is Included in Your Visit

- Use of the Audio Guide for the Grounds which is written especially for children
- Film show and access to all areas of the Grounds including the Keep, the Battlements and Wartime Shelters
- A Visit to Firing Line – Museum of the Welsh Soldier (Military Museum in the Interpretation Centre). Please note: Firing Line is independently managed and any activities offered are not a part of Cardiff Castle's Education Service. Visits may not be possible on certain days, or may incur an additional charge

We usually have birds of prey on site during the week although we cannot always guarantee this.