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The Georgian House

Teacher's information



The Georgian House, in Edinburgh's New Town, is set in a fine Georgian square. The house, built in 1796, was designed by the foremost architect of the day, Robert Adam and is a wonderful example of late 18th century classical architecture. Rooms are presented as they might have been by the first owner, John Lamont of Lamont, and reflect the domestic surroundings and social conditions of the age.

The school programme offers curriculum-linked tours of the house led by specially trained education guides. A range of tours is available for different age groups, all of which are based on different aspects of life in the house. 'Trainee Servants' sees pupils take on the role of servants learning their duties in the house, while 'Georgian Life' and 'Houses and Homes' (this for younger children) compares life in the house with life today. For classes studying 'Old Edinburgh' or the 'Development of the City' there is also an introduction to the New Town and Charlotte Square. There are handling objects in many of the rooms, and pupils dress in costume to tour the house.

The school programme offers many opportunities for cross-curricular work and engaging with the Curriculum for Excellence:

- You can download the teaching pack (pdf) which contains historical information and activity sheets: www.nts.org.uk/learn/downloads/packs/NTS_TP_GeorgianHouse.pdf.
- If preferred, the Teaching Pack can be sent to you on a CD – please ask when you make your booking.
- Georgian Dance Pack: A CD and instructions to enable your pupils to learn simple Georgian dances at school is available for loan on request. Pupils may then dress in costume to perform these dances in the drawing room of The Georgian House (please allow an extra 35-40 minutes, additional to your tour, for this).
- A sixteen-minute film "Living in a Grand Design" is available for loan. The film gives an excellent pre-visit introduction to life in The Georgian House, and includes information about the building of the New Town.
- Secondary schools are also welcome (but please phone The Georgian House to discuss your requirements).
- You can check more information for teachers on the NTS Learn website: www.ntslearning.org.uk

Planning your class visit:

- To book: please contact The Georgian House for a booking form.
- Book well in advance to avoid disappointment.
- The Georgian House is open for educational visits from March to November. School programmes run in the morning and the afternoon, and usually last one and a half to two hours, depending on class size.
- Maximum class size: 35 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 pupils.

For more information, visit www.ntslearning.org.uk

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Planning your class visit (continued):

- Access: There is limited access to this historic house for those with mobility impairment. Special touch tours of the house can be arranged for those with sight impairment, and a portable induction loop is available for pupils with hearing difficulties – please discuss any additional support needs with the property manager when booking your visit. You can also check the Georgian House webpage on the NTS website: www.nts.org.uk
- Toilets: there are limited toilet facilities at the property.
- Refreshments: There are none available at this site.
- The education room can be used for eating packed lunches, if required.
- The site has been risk assessed. Teachers are expected to prepare their own RA for the visit.

Charges:

- Charges: There is no charge for schools with NTS educational membership.
- Non-member schools are welcome but there is a charge of £2 per pupil – accompanying adults are admitted free.
- To apply for educational membership, go to the NTS Learn website – or contact The Georgian House
- Class teachers are encouraged to make a free preparatory visit to the site.

During your class visit:

- NTS staff will lead the school programme.
- For the programme, your class will be taken to the education room, where pupils will dress in costume (over their own clothes). From there, pupils will be divided into groups and toured round the house, spending time in each room, before meeting again in the education room for costumes to be removed.
- Teachers are responsible for their pupils, and for their behaviour.
- Pupils do not need to bring any materials for the school programme.
- For conservation reasons, it is not possible for teachers/pupils to take photographs inside The Georgian House - except for a class photograph in the Drawing Room once the children are in costume. Pupils/teachers are welcome to take photos outside the house.
- Coats and bags can be left in the education room.
- On arrival: please press the buzzer on the right-hand side of the front door.

Getting to The Georgian House

- The Georgian House is at No. 7 Charlotte Square, approximately 20 minutes' walk from either Waverley or Haymarket Train Stations.
- Any City Centre bus that stops at the west end of Princes Street, west end of George Street, the foot of Lothian Road or in Charlotte Square will place you near The Georgian House.
- Metered parking spaces are available in Charlotte Square – school buses normally drop pupils off and pick them up later, as parking space availability is limited.

Feedback for The Georgian House from teachers:

"The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to The Georgian House & were thrilled at the chance to dress up. They said it brought the project to life."

Musselburgh Primary School



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"We had a wonderful, interesting, informative & welcoming visit. Many thanks. The children are still talking about it."

Broxburn Primary School

Feedback for The Georgian House from pupils:

"I enjoyed everything. It was sooo fun!"

"Thank you, that was the best trip EVER!"

For more information and a booking form contact:

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