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Brodie Castle to host Elf Academy in the run up to Christmas

Brodie Castle, National Trust for Scotland's Morayshire gem, is to be transformed into an Elf Academy this Christmas – complete with a visit from Father Christmas himself.

The historic castle is to be taken over by elves preparing for Christmas day, with new recruits sought to lend a hand. Families can register for elf training and be part of an unforgettable festive experience, which takes place between Saturday 7th and Sunday 22nd of December.

Children who sign up for elf training will be taken on a tour of the castle, where magic has been sprinkled all around and will get the chance to meet Mrs Claus who will help them make a yuletide name badge. The recruits will then learn all about 'elf & safety', and the art of being an elf in all areas of life, before graduating with a special certificate.

Brodie is also host to a Christmas market on every date in the café area of the Playful Garden, giving people the chance to browse work by local artists and makers. The Playful Garden will also be open, allowing children to let their imaginations run free.

To cap it off, families can capture a memento of their fun experience by taking photos in Santa's sleigh, which will be parked outside the castle.

Brodie Castle Operations Manager James Dean commented: "The team here at Brodie Castle will be doing all it can to make this the most magical Christmas experience possible. For those enrolling in the Elf Academy, we are sure it will be full of festive fun memories which you will treasure forever.

"We can't wait to welcome visitors to Brodie, including Santa and Mrs Claus, in what we are sure will not only be a fun family experience, but events like this also help our charity to protect Brodie Castle and Scotland's other special places."

Entry to Christmas at Brodie is £5 for adults and £12 for children – if they are on the good list. You can find more information at www.nts.org.uk/visit/events/christmas-at-brodie-castle.

Brodie Castle, the rose-coloured ancestral home of the Brodie clan for over 400 years, sits in acres of Moray countryside. From an artwork, furniture and ceramics collection boasting 17th-century Dutch masters and 20th-century Scottish colourists to a Playful Garden that houses Scotland's largest rabbit sculpture, there's something for everyone at Brodie Castle. Visitors can learn about the history of the Brodie family in a fun and unique way.

