

# What's On For Schools?

## Cultural Heritage



At Kilmartin Museum we offer educational experiences for Pre, Primary and High school pupils. We provide interactive, hands-on, meaningful activities aimed at giving pupils a greater understanding of Argyll's place within the wider world.

Our **cultural programme** ranges from prehistory through to the Highland Clearances, concentrating on the '**People, past events and societies**' element of the **Social Studies** curriculum.



### PRIMARY SCHOOLS



#### Early People c 10000 – 6000 BP

- Museum tour focusing on Mesolithic hunter-gatherers (1 hour)
- Simulated archaeological dig (1 hour)
- Discovery tour in Kilmartin Glen - Nether Largie standing stones, burial cairn and Temple Wood circles (1 hour)

*Can be adapted for Early Level*

#### Crofting Connections - Early Farmers c 6000 – 4500 BP and beyond

- Museum tour focusing on early farmers (1 hour)
- Wool workshop - learn how to card wool and to weave using a peg loom. Includes a spinning wheel or drop spindle demonstration (1 hour)\*
- Discovery tour in Kilmartin Glen – Nether Largie standing stones, burial cairn and Temple Wood stone circles (1 hour)



\* Extra costs involved, please enquire for details

\* Subject to availability

## The Bronze Age c 4500 – 2700BP

- Kilmartin Glen Tour focusing on the linear cairns and their buried treasure (2 hours) **OR**
- Kilmartin Glen Tour and Museum Tour (2hrs)
- Pottery workshop in which pupils have the opportunity to make a Bronze Age coil pot (1 hour)

*Can be adapted for Early Level*



## The Iron Age and Early Historic Period c 2700 – 1000BP

Choose from the following:

- Tour of Dunadd Fort including ‘Inauguration of the King’ role play activity (1 hour)
- Museum tour focusing on the Iron age and the history of the Picts and Scots (1 hour)
- Make an Iron Age pottery vessel (1 hour)
- Wool carding and peg loom weaving (1 hour)



## St Columba c 560AD onwards

- Museum tour focusing on the emergence of Christianity (1 hour)
- Tour and exploratory trail at Dunadd Fort (1 hour)
- Presentation – the life of a monk (20 minutes)
- Calligraphy workshop (1 hour)

*We can also arrange for a local artist to come into school to teach the pupils how to make their own paper. \*\**



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## The Viking Age 794 – 1263AD

Choose from the following:

- Tour and exploratory trail at Dunadd Fort (1 hour)
- See and handle genuine Viking artefacts with the museum curator (20 minutes)\*
- Runic Alphabet. Make your own inscriptions in a clay tablet (1 hour)
- Museum guided tour focusing on the Early Historic Period (1 hour)
- Viking cooking (1 hour) \*\*



## Highland Clearances 1700s - 1800s

- Visit the deserted Knapdale settlements of Kilmory Oib and Arichonan to discover more about life in a pre- clearance township.
- Guided tour including: Who lived there? How did they make a living? How did the clearances change their lives?
- Archaeology based activities including measuring buildings, site map reading, locating key structural features.
- Site talk from a field archaeologist \*\*



## ***HIGH SCHOOL***

### **Landscape interpretation**

Combining elements of History and Geography, this activity is designed for high school pupils and takes place amongst the monuments of Kilmartin Glen. It develops a variety of skills including:

- Cooperative learning
- Recording
- Field Sketching
- Maps and grid references
- Research using the Marion Campbell Library and the internet
- Presentation
- Photography



## Loan Boxes



Loan boxes are available for schools and other organisations to borrow. The boxes contain replica artefacts and hand on activities, resources and teacher guides. The following are currently available at a cost of £5 for a 6 week period:

1. Mesolithic
  2. Neolithic
  3. Bronze Age
  4. Dunadd
  5. The Vikings
  6. Iron Age
- Price - £5 (plus £10 deposit)



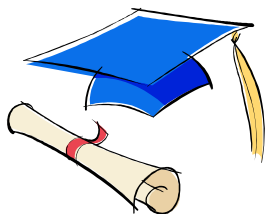
The suitability of museum activities will vary according to group sizes, but we will endeavour to accommodate your requirements.

### Cost:

Full day £5 per pupil, includes Museum tour, classroom activity and Glen tour

Half day £2.80 per pupil, includes Museum tour or monument tour and classroom activity

Why not book a tailor made [Outreach Visit](#) to your school ?



### Higher Education

The activities in this leaflet are primarily designed to support the Curriculum for Excellence, however we can support learning through to University level so please contact us to find out what we can offer.

[Travel subsidies](#) are available for many of these visits, please enquire.



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