

Museums & Heritage Arts Award

Discover

Museum info form

Bruce Castle Museum & Haringey Archive Service

Location

Lordship Lane, Tottenham, London, N17 8NU

Website

www.haringey.gov.uk/brucecastlemuseum

Art forms

- Music
- Drawing
- Painting
- Ceramics
- Sculpture
- Textiles
- Printmaking
- Photography
- Curation
- Interpretation

Museum info

Bruce Castle is a 16th century manor house. Originally known as Lordship House, the oldest surviving part is the Tudor Round Tower. Over the years it has seen many changes resulting in a rich mix of architectural styles, having been for many years a family home as well as a Victorian School.

Today Bruce Castle houses museum and archive collections specific to the London Borough of Haringey. It runs a busy education programme with regular hands-on sessions and art activities for local schools, families and community groups.

Arts Award Discover Programmes

Name and theme of programme 1

Mystery Manor

Duration/timings

Half-day or full day sessions

Cost

Half day sessions £40 per group (max 30)

Full day session £120 per group (max 30)

Programme outline

Bruce Castle is a 16th century manor house. Originally known as Lordship House, the oldest part of Bruce Castle was built over 500 years ago. The Mystery Manor Trail helps children explore the early history of Bruce Castle and the people who have lived here with the help of Wilbur, our friendly Wyvern.

The trail also looks at the '1686 Painting of Bruce Castle'. The painting was discovered in 1993 and was so badly damaged it had fragmented into 37 separate pieces. After a successful fundraising campaign it was restored and now hangs above the fireplace in the reception area.

Activities

- Exploring architectural features
- Sketching
- Creating their own coat of arms
- Exploring the conservation of the 1686 painting of Bruce Castle
- Full day sessions include the option for children to take part in a group activity and to create their own art work of Bruce Castle in oil pastels or paint

Objects to look out for



1686 Painting of Bruce Castle

Object maker information

Jim Diamond – Conservator of 1686 Painting. More information given on booking.

Name and theme of programme 2

Bruce Castle School

Duration/timings

Half-day sessions

Cost

£40 per group (max 30 children)

Programme outline

In the Victorian period Bruce Castle School was a private boarding school run by the family of Sir Rowland Hill (inventor of the Penny Black).

In the main galleries are many portraits of the family.

Our handling collection contains a range of original Victorian objects (desks, inkwells, school bell) and replica costume for children to wear.

Our archive contains images of the school and census records detailing the family, household staff and children who lived in the building.

Activities

- Exploring photographs of Victorian schools
- Costumed role-play/drama activities recreating a Victorian classroom
- Investigating census records to find out about the school, the family and the work of the household staff
- Calligraphy using a dip pen and ink

Objects to look out for



'The Children of Birkbeck Hill'

Object maker information

Arthur Hughes, 1832-1915: <http://artuk.org/discover/artists/hughes-arthur-18321915#>

Further works and biography can be found on the Tate website.