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## SCHOOLS MULTIMEDIA GUIDE

### Bolsover Castle

Take your class on an interactive tour of Bolsover Castle with our free multimedia guide, developed especially for schools. This innovative resource uses touch-screen technology to bring to life the people, buildings, art and architecture of Bolsover Castle during the Stuart period.

Use this information to help your pupils get the most out of the schools multimedia guide.



#### INCLUDED:

- Teachers' Guide
- Helpful Hints
- Site Plan

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## TEACHERS' GUIDE

KS2

### Recommended for

KS2 (History, English, Maths, Art, Music)

### Learning objectives

**WHAT:** understand why and when the Stuart mansion was built, how its different parts were used by whom, and its significance in the local area.

**HOW:** using iPod touch devices, explore key locations at Bolsover Castle by watching videos (A Word from Jane) and completing on-screen tasks (Jane's Challenge) to gather evidence.

**OUTCOME:** pupils will confidently engage with the story of key people, events, architecture and art from the Stuart period at Bolsover Castle.

### Time to complete

60–90 minutes



A maximum of 20 devices are available for school groups to book.

## PRE-VISIT

### PREPARATION & RESOURCES

The free resources available for school groups to book are:

- Multimedia guides (max. 20), which pupils can use in pairs.
- Headphone splitters, for pupils using one device between two (max. 20).
- Headphones (max. 40).

**Please contact the Education Bookings Team to enquire about booking the multimedia guides.**

Before your visit, read our **Helpful Hints**, and share this information with your supporting staff. You may also want to print the **Site Plan** and bring it with you to Bolsover Castle for reference.

### PRIOR LEARNING

We recommend doing the following before your visit:

- Familiarise pupils with where the Stuart period features on a timeline.
- Introduce pupils to William Cavendish and explain that he built Bolsover Castle.

### FREE PLANNING VISIT

To help plan your trip, we can offer you a free advance visit. Simply print off your visit permit and take it along to Bolsover Castle. A member of staff in the shop will be able to provide you with a multimedia guide to help you familiarise yourself with the resource before using it with your pupils.



Each stop on the tour has a short video (A Word From Jane) and a touch-screen activity (Jane's Challenge).

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## AT THE CASTLE



Year 5 pupils using the multimedia guides at Bolsover Castle.



Use the devices to find your way around the castle, watch videos and complete challenges.

### WHEN YOU GET HERE

- Go to the front desk in the Visitor Centre and ask to collect your pre-booked multimedia guides (please book in advance to avoid disappointment).
- You'll be asked to sign for your multimedia guides and shown to the education space where pupils can drop their bags.

### SETTING UP THE ACTIVITY

- In the education space or near the red gates, hand out the multimedia guides.
- Remind pupils to keep the devices around their necks at all times and be careful not to drop or damage them.
- Ask pupils to stand still while watching the videos and doing the challenges.
- Remind pupils that other people may be visiting the castle and ask them not to block doorways, staircases and thoroughfares as they move around on the tour.
- When you are ready to begin, ask pupils to select 'Schools Tour' on the Menu screen and watch the instruction video.

## POST-VISIT

### FIND OUT MORE

Find out what became of Jane Cavendish and Bolsover Castle by watching our **post-visit YouTube video** back at school (1 min 20 sec) [[www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj9JEF4I75s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj9JEF4I75s)]

To find out more about the **history of Bolsover Castle**, please visit: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/bolsover-castle/history](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/bolsover-castle/history)

### SHARE YOUR VISIT WITH US

We'd love to see any work your pupils create after their visit. Tweet us @EHEducation or post/email it to us.

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## HELPFUL HINTS

1. Book enough devices for pupils to have at least one between two, plus an extra device for each adult leading the education visit.
2. For pupils using the multimedia guides in pairs, headphone splitters are available to book.
3. You may wish to put your class into smaller groups and stagger their start times. Please ensure pupils are supervised by adults at all times.
4. There are 18 stopping points in total.
5. Stone markers have been placed around the site, numbered to match the stopping points. Use these to check you're in the right place before pupils watch 'A Word from Jane' and complete Jane's Challenge.
6. Each video is around one minute long, or less.
7. If pupils get lost, there is a digital map built into the multimedia guide to help them get back on track.
8. Check that each pupil has watched the video and completed the challenge before moving onto the next stop.
9. If you have issues with a device not working, please try the following:
  - Switch it off and on, then re-open the app and re-select 'Schools Tour'.
  - Swap the device with a spare (perhaps one being used by the adult in charge).
  - If neither of the above fixes the problem, take the device back to the Visitor Centre and ask for a replacement.
10. There's a quiz at the end of the tour which generates a mark out of 10. You could record pupils' scores to get a sense of how much they've learnt.
11. When you've finished using the multimedia guides, please return them to the Visitor Centre.





# LITTLE CASTLE PLAN

