



Norwich Dragon Festival 31st January – 22nd February 2009

Information for Schools

The first ever Norwich Dragon Festival is a unique celebration of the contribution that dragons have made to the history, culture and artistic development of Norwich over the centuries. A lively programme of activities, events and exhibitions will take place throughout the City and there is plenty on offer for schools.

The 'House of Dragons' Education Packs commissioned by the Forum Trust

These specially designed education packs have been created to help pupils explore 4 of the key heritage sites in the City with the aim of developing artwork and sculptures based on the history, functions and architecture of the buildings. The 4 sites are Norwich Castle, Dragon Hall, St James Mill and The Assembly House. The pack was produced specifically (with financial support of Heritage Lottery fund) for a sculpture project with 5 schools- but other schools may find this material of use in the class room and to support participation by their learners in the Dragon Festival and Dragon Trail. Copies will be available to be downloaded from the Norwich 12 web site www.norwich12.co.uk/dragonfestival

The Dragon Trail

School groups coming into Norwich City centre can explore the colourful, ferocious and mischievous dragons on permanent display around the City. The trail also covers dragons not normally on show to the public and dragons that are appearing only during the Festival. For a copy of the trail, please go to www.norwich12.co.uk/dragonfestival

House of Dragons

The Forum will be hosting an exhibition of the five dragons created by schools, including an animated digital dragon by students of City College Norwich from 2 – 15 February. The Forum is open all week and free of charge. See www.theforumnorwich.co.uk for details.

Young persons Dragon Art Competition-with prizes

The Royal Society of St George invites you to track down an image of a dragon, or one of St George, somewhere in Norwich and draw, paint or photograph it. A panel of judges includes renowned local-based artist Colin Self and also artists Bruer Tidman and John Kiki. Prizes will be awarded in the following age groups:

*** Under 7s years * 7 – 11 years* 12 – 16 years**

For more details on the competition and on dragons and St George, please go to www.norwich12.co.uk/dragonfestival. Competition entry forms will be distributed to the locations on the trail during the Festival.

Further Activities and Site visits

Schools can make visits to sites on the **Dragon Trail** taking part in the Dragon Festival (details as per the brochure) where they can see exhibits or permanent Dragon related images. Some of these sites may also be able to organise specific activities.

In particular, the following sites can be contacted and a visit or activities arranged which in some cases will need to be charged for:

DRAGON HALL

Dragon Hall can offer sessions for school groups of up to 60 children based around medieval Norwich, the Tudors and we also do a wide range of dragon themed arts and crafts activities which could easily be adapted as part of a school visit. Each session lasts about 35-40 minutes and is led by a member of the Learning Team. Most schools have a tour and then two or three other sessions. We also have a fun break time activity in which children learn about the medieval/Tudor Norwich Procession.

- Schools within 5 miles of City Hall visit Dragon Hall for free thanks to a full subsidy from the Joanna Scott Foundation.
- For schools outside the 5 mile radius, each child costs £3.50. Teachers and parents are free and there is no time limit on the visit.
- The Learning Officers can tailor make sessions for Home Education groups, Brownies and Cubs and other Out of School Clubs.
- Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm.
- Contact details: Learning and Development Officers - Natasha Harlow and Gina Woods
- Telephone: 01603 677624/01603 677623
- Email: Natasha.harlow@dragonhall.org or gina.woods@dragonhall.org

NORWICH CASTLE MUSEUM

School groups are welcome to come to the Castle for teacher lead visits during the festival. They will see the Snap dragon in the Castle Keep, and armour in the keep (these can be related to George and the Dragon).

- The Castle will ensure that there are enough craft activities and supplies out for their group. There will be a dragon trail around the museum and a word search will be available.

– but please note the following:

- teachers are welcome to visit the Castle once before their school visit, for free, to explore the museum and see what we have to offer)
- schools must book their visit in advance (to book call our bookings administrator on 01603 493 636)
- teachers should divide their students into smaller groups to explore the museum
- Museum Interpreters will be available to ask questions
- all schools located within Norfolk will be given free admission to the Castle.

THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE

To arrange a guided tour for your school visit to the Assembly House please contact (Mike King) on 01603 626402

THE GREAT HOSPITAL

The Great Hospital is open for people to view their carved Dragons in half term week. School visits must be arranged and booked in advance with Jane Neville by phoning 01603 622022 or emailing jane@greathospital.org

THE NORWICH PUPPET THEATRE

The Norwich Puppet Theatre is one of only two dedicated puppet theatres in England. As well as the published programme they are able to offer puppet making workshops and/or talks and demonstrations of puppets and puppetry either at the Theatre or in schools or other venues. There is a charge for these services.

Schools, Home education groups, Brownies or Cubs should contact the Theatre to discuss requirements - e.g. location of event, number and age of children and the desired outcome. Contact details; E-mail info@puppettheatre.co.uk
Phone 01603 615564-Ask for Ian Woods or Jude Orange.

CINEMA CITY

The Dragon related schools projects to be run during the Dragon Festival are now all booked up. But their education officers may well be able to organize similar activities for your school after the festival (but it will be charged) - Please contact Anna Stubbings at Cinema City to discuss.

Tel: 01603 625145 / 628612

Emails: anna@cinemaplus.org.uk / guy@cinemaplus.org.uk

Website: www.cinemaplus.org.uk for Screenlink details (the Cinema City school's programme)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST EARLHAM RD NORWICH

For school visits please contact Naomi Perowne
development@stjohncathedral.co.uk 01603 728936

THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL – CATHEDRAL CLOSE NORWICH

For general visits please contact Schools Officer on 01603 218320 or education@cathedral.org.uk

SURREY HOUSE

The wyverns can be seen on the outside of the building in Surrey Street as part of the Dragon trail. Any schools wishing to take their students into the building to see the Marble Hall should call or contact the numbers below.

Tel: 01603 (7) 681062 or (7) 681063

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