

Secondary School Programme 2024–25



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to align with the
Higher course”*

S5 teacher, West Lothian



National
Museums
Scotland

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schools offer

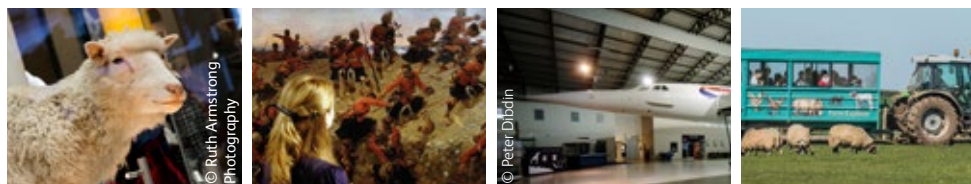


Bookings open 19 Aug

Ignite curiosity, foster critical thinking, and enrich your learning and teaching with the help of our incredible collections.

Science and technology, the natural world, sustainability, art and design, world cultures and Scottish history – we cover it all at our four national museums across Scotland, and online.

Our sessions for high school pupils are co-designed with subject experts and align with the Curriculum for Excellence, Sustainable Development Goals and Meta-skills framework.



National Museum of Scotland

Discover the history of Scotland, the wonders of nature and diverse cultures, scientific breakthroughs and exquisite art, design and fashion.

Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF
0131 247 4041
schools@nms.ac.uk

National Museum of Flight

Explore the history and science of aviation from the First World War to the present day at this former airfield.

East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian EH39 5LF
0131 247 4238
schoolsnmof@nms.ac.uk

National War Museum

Learn about the story of Scotland at war, within the walls of Edinburgh Castle.

Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh EH1 2NG
0131 247 4041
schools@nms.ac.uk

National Museum of Rural Life

Experience life in the countryside and explore learning for sustainability at our museum, farmhouse and historic working farm.

Wester Kittochside, Philipshill Road
East Kilbride G76 9HR
0131 247 4377
schoolsnmorl@nms.ac.uk

We offer free school visits to our four museums

This includes downloadable trail sheets and resources, plus access to a cloakroom* and lunch space* (subject to availability). *excludes National War Museum

Online resources

We offer a range of resources to enhance your learning before, during and after your visit. Find a selection of free trail sheets, films and games online. nms.ac.uk/resources

Exhibitions and workshops National Museum of Scotland

Our workshops and exhibitions are a great opportunity to add depth and breadth to your curriculum. Enhance your exhibition visit by booking one of our linked study days.

Exhibition Game On

29 Jun–3 Nov 2024

Play more than 100 iconic games produced over the last 50 years in the world's largest interactive exhibition about the history and culture of video games.

Exhibition curated and organised by the Barbican Centre
£3 per pupil, booking required
nms.ac.uk/gameon

Study Day Game On

Wed 25 Sep
S3–S6, 5 hrs

Meet experts from industry and academia to explore gaming in Scotland. Includes entry to the *Game On* exhibition.

In partnership with Maths Week Scotland
Free booking required
nms.ac.uk/gameonstudy

Exhibition Cold War Scotland

13 Jul 2024–26 Jan 2025

Explore Scotland's critical position on the frontline of the Cold War and hear the stories of the Scots at the centre of this global conflict.

Free booking required
nms.ac.uk/coldwarscotland



Study Day Cold War Scotland

Wed 9 & Thu 10 Oct
S2–S6, 3 hrs 30 mins

Hear from experts and handle real Cold War objects up close. Includes entry to the *Cold War Scotland* exhibition.

£10 per pupil, booking required
nms.ac.uk/coldwarstudy

Digital Schools Session Teenagers in Cold War Scotland

Fri 4 Oct 11:30
S2–S6, 25 mins

Discover what it was like to be a teenager during the Cold War in Scotland. Hear the stories behind iconic objects from this fascinating period in Scottish history.

Free booking required
nms.ac.uk/coldwardigital

Exhibition Injecting Hope: The Race for a Covid-19 Vaccine

25 Jan–27 Apr 2025

Learn about the worldwide effort to develop a Covid-19 vaccine at pandemic speed and learn how scientists and researchers worked together to save lives.

Free booking required

Workshop Infectious Diseases & Public Health

Tue 4– Thu 6 Feb 2025

Higher Biology & Human Biology, 60 mins

Using the *Minecraft* video game, this workshop demonstrates infectious disease data and modelling in biology. Includes entry to the *Injecting Hope* exhibition.

In partnership with the University of Edinburgh
£5 per pupil, booking required
nms.ac.uk/injectinghopestudy

Special study days National Museum of Scotland

Fashion at the Museum

Thu 24 Oct, 5 hrs

Senior Phase Art & Design, 5 hrs

Meet professionals from the world of fashion, find inspiration in our *Fashion and Style* gallery and take part in a fashion design challenge.

£10 per pupil, booking required

nms.ac.uk/fashionmuseum

DNA and the Genome: A Question of Taste

Various dates in Nov

Higher & Adv Higher Biology and Human Biology, 5 hrs

Students explore their own DNA in this hands-on, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) masterclass, working with scientists from the University of Edinburgh.

In partnership with the University of Edinburgh

£10 per pupil, booking required

nms.ac.uk/DNA

Workshops National Museum of Flight



National Museum of Flight workshop prices

£100 UK local authority schools

£150 Independent schools and non-UK schools

Free 20% of these sessions are available free of charge to schools in SIMD 1&2 areas and all special schools (Scotland only). Free coach travel is also available to support these visits. Offer is subject to availability.

Flying Friction

Wed & Thu during term time

Third level (S1–S3), 60 mins

Study energy loss in aircraft due to friction, explore aerodynamics through simple experiments and investigate the effects of gravity on objects.

nms.ac.uk/flyingfriction

First World War Aviation

Wed & Thu during term time

Third level (S1–S3), 60 mins

Explore the use of aircraft during the First World War. Study contemporary photographs and maps, handle original flying clothing and learn about the importance of aviation throughout the conflict.

nms.ac.uk/worldwaraviation



Don't miss

Maths Week Scotland (23–29 Sep 2024)

A range of fun-filled and inspiring maths activities taking place at our museums and at venues across Scotland. mathsweek.scot

Careers Hive (28 Oct–2 Nov 2024)

Our free immersive STEM careers event for S1–S3 pupils at the National Museum of Scotland.

edinburghscience.co.uk/careershive

In partnership with Edinburgh Science



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nms.ac.uk/schoolssignup

