

# Alloa Tower for schools

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Alloa Tower was the ancestral home of the Earls of Mar and Kellie for four centuries. It was built c. 1497 by Alexander, 3rd Lord Erskine. The building has been modified but retains rare and important medieval features, notably the complete timber roof structure and groin vaulting. A medieval pit dungeon, a well at first floor level and a minstrels' gallery are present. The tower is furnished with a loan exhibition of portraits and chattels of the Erskine family. Their early entrepreneurial flair paved the way for the industrial development of modern Alloa. An impressive parapet walk round the tower's battlements offers spectacular views of the Forth.

## ● education programme

Alloa Tower is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

### a site visit offers

- a display of 17th- and 18th-century furniture and paintings
- a guided tour of the property (allow 1 hour)

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Living History – Children £2.00 for non – members and £1.00 for members
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we strongly recommend a free preparatory visit by the teacher

### your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to reception
- picnic facilities: outdoor grassland area or may use solar area in castle by arrangement
- shop: open during the property's opening hours - please visit in small numbers to avoid overcrowding
- toilets: available at the property

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