

# Hutchesons' Hall for schools

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Hutchesons' Hall, on the Merchant City Trail, is one of the most elegant buildings in the city centre of Glasgow. In 1639-41, George and Thomas Hutcheson founded a hospice for aged and destitute tradesmen in the Trongate, and also a school for orphan boys. By the late 1700s, the hospice had been replaced by a system of charitable pensions, the land was sold and the building was demolished. It is thought that some of the original stonework was used to build the present building. Hutchesons' Hall was built in 1802-5 to the designs of the architect David Hamilton, to house the charity's offices and meeting hall, and the orphan school. Its facade incorporates the brothers' statues, taken from the hospice. In the 1870s, the school was moved (it eventually became Hutchesons' Grammar School) and Hutchesons' Hall had major interior alterations carried out by James Baird, a former assistant of Hamilton. The fine ceiling in the main hall and the grand staircase were added at this time. The building contains portraits of some of Glasgow's past worthies, a series of heraldic shields and good examples of stained glasswork and ceramic tiles.

## ● education programme

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

### a site visit offers

- a tour of the Hall – either as part of the Merchant City Trail or for study of e.g. ceramic tiles, stained glasswork, heraldry
- viewing of the film *The Glasgow Style* (Art & Design, suitable for older age groups)

### classroom resources

- teachers' notes: *The History of Hutchesons' Hall, Glass and Ceramics within Hutchesons' Hall, Heraldry at Hutchesons' Hall*

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- the Hall is open all year round
- access: we regret that the main hall is not accessible for wheelchair users
- maximum class size: 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children in £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we encourage teachers to make a free preparatory visit

### during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report with your class at the reception desk
- coats and bags can be left at the Hall but space is limited
- refreshments: not available at the property
- shop: designer shop - not suitable for school groups!
- toilet: available within the building

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## ● for more information contact

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