

Pollok House for schools

Pollok House is a beautiful country house uniquely situated near the centre of Glasgow. Built c.1750 on land owned by the Maxwell family since 1270, it was extended by Sir John Stirling Maxwell in the 1890s and was his home until his death in 1956. This fine classical building is furnished in the Edwardian manner and hung with an impressive art collection, containing many important Spanish paintings (including two by Goya) and also works by William Blake and El Greco. As well as the elegant family rooms, the house has a large range of servants' rooms so pupils may contrast life above and below stairs. Pollok House is open all year round.

● education programme

Pollok House is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum. Contact the Education & Interpretation Officer for more information.

a site visit offers

- education programmes designed to fit the curriculum– contact the education & interpretation officer
- a tour of the property (designed for schools)
- an object handling session
- opportunity to study fine art works

classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available for sale on request)
- teachers' notes to accompany the education programmes

● practical information

planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- access: there is access for wheelchair users (lift and stair lift) to the two main floors of the house (the family and servants rooms) but not the top floor containing a bedroom/exhibition
- maximum class size: 33 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 pupils
- preparation: we encourage teachers to make a free preparatory visit

cost of visit

- tour of property: Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to NTS properties. Non Members pay £1 per child, accompanying adults free.
- special programmes tailored to the curriculum, which combine a tour of the house with activities in the education room, cost £1 per child for members and £2 per child for non-members.

● for more information contact

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during your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- parking: available for cars and coaches beside the house
- on arrival: please report to the ticket desk in the front entrance hall
- refreshments: bring packed lunches for the park or gardens – wet weather area available in house. Café (booking essential).
- shop: open all year round; please visit in small numbers to avoid overcrowding
- toilets: available in the house

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