

Stirling Castle

pick 'n' mix medieval jobs



This virtual visit could be adapted to suit upper First or Second Level learners (7 to 12 years). Learners could pick a few activities or complete all of them over several days.

Get to know your new workplace

Check out the [360 views](#) and [highlights of Stirling Castle](#) and pick a few activities linked to medieval jobs.

Be an artist for the lord and lady of the castle

Only the richest people could afford to have portraits painted or carved.

- Look at [3D models of the Stirling Heads](#) and [draw a portrait inspired by them](#).

Work in the castle kitchen

Children called 'turnbrochies' worked to turn the spit of meat in the kitchen fireplace.

- Read '[cooking in a medieval castle](#)' and **write a story** about the life of a turnbrochie.

Plan a feast for the Great Hall

Lords and Ladies held lavish parties with fancy food and entertainment for their guests.

- Read '[feasting in the great hall](#)' and **plan your own feast menu and entertainment**.

Defend yourself against attack

Drawbridges, gates, arrow slits and battlements helped defend castles from attacks.

- Watch the BBC Bitesize clip about a [siege at Stirling Castle](#), then [make a castle stronghold](#) and **write a list** of all the things you'd stock up on for a castle siege.

Become a master stonemason

Stonemasons had to transport very heavy stones for building work and repairs.

- Find out how pulleys were used in medieval times and [make your own](#).

Hold a jousting tournament

- Watch the [Craft Knight video](#) and **make your own clothes peg horse and knight**.

Plan some medieval home-schooling fit for royalty

- Read about [home-schooling at Stirling Castle](#) and **write an imaginary school timetable or diary entry** for the young James V or Prince Henry.