“Would definitely recommend and plan to come back in the future” - Merchiston Castle School (2020)
Welcome

Located in Dundee’s historic Victoria Dock, HMS Unicorn is Scotland’s oldest ship and one of the few remaining warships from the Georgian Navy (1714 to 1830).

Built in 1824 at Chatham Dockyard, HMS Unicorn was constructed as a 46-gun frigate for the Royal Navy. The ship was brought to Dundee in 1873 to be used as a training ship and has remained in her adopted city ever since.

HMS Unicorn’s learning programme offers pupils the chance to experience interactive tours of the ship’s four incredible decks and discover 200 years of naval, social and local history. Our hands-on workshops allow pupils to learn about a variety of subjects in a new and exciting environment.

We look forward to welcoming you and your group on board soon.

Curriculum for Excellence

HMS Unicorn’s learning programme supports the Curriculum for Excellence by encouraging:

1. Successful learners
2. Confident individuals
3. Responsible citizens
4. Effective contributors

Pre-Visit Material

Learners can access a variety of free resources before visiting the ship by going online at www.hmsunicorn.org.uk.

Learners will find a selection of material to help enhance their visit to HMS Unicorn and support their learning.
Visit Information

Cost

The cost of a school or youth group visit to HMS Unicorn is £3.50 per child.

If you choose a self-guided tour, then the cost is £3.00 per child.

One adult is free per ten children, with a cost of £5.00 per adult thereafter.

Adult / Child Ratio

When visiting HMS Unicorn, we insist on a minimum ratio of one adult leader for every ten children.

If the children are aged five or younger, then we insist on a minimum ratio of one adult leader for every six children.

Supervision & Safety

Children must be supervised at all times when on board the ship and remain the responsibility of the school or group throughout the visit.

Further information and guidelines, as well as a risk assessment, will be provided by the Learning team before any school or group visit to the ship.
Interactive & Self-Guided Tours

**Interactive Tour**

Experience HMS Unicorn through an exciting interactive tour.

Led by a member of our Learning Team, the tour will explore the four decks of HMS Unicorn and delve into her 200 years of history, using a variety of materials from the ship’s handling collection.

**Curriculum Areas:**
- Health and wellbeing
- Languages
- Sciences
- Social studies
- Technologies

**Curriculum Levels:**
Suitable for all curriculum levels (Early to Senior phase)

**1 hour**

**No max**

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**Self-Guided Tour**

Lead your group on a fascinating trip around one of the oldest ships in the world.

Our Learning Team will supply you with the tools, factsheets and handling materials to guide your own group around HMS Unicorn and discover her incredible stories.

**Curriculum Areas:**
- Health and wellbeing
- Languages
- Sciences
- Social studies
- Technologies

**Curriculum Levels:**
Suitable for all curriculum levels (Early to Senior phase)

**1 hour**

**No max**
Hands-On Workshops

Note for Workshops
All workshops are provided alongside an interactive tour of the ship which will take place beforehand.

Guns & Grog
Life & Times in the Georgian Navy
Do you have what it takes to join the Georgian Navy?
This workshop will help your pupils to discover some of the skills that sailors would have needed to be a successful member of the crew, from working the guns to making the ship’s grog.

45 mins 35 max

Curriculum Areas:
Health & wellbeing, Languages , Sciences and Social studies
Curriculum Level:
Early, First and Second

Sailors’ Stories
The Characters & Crew of HMS Unicorn
With a crew of 300 sailors, HMS Unicorn has dozens of characters for your pupils to discover.
Learn the different roles on board a Royal Navy warship - from the captain to the cook - using drama, historical costumes and fun props.

45 mins 35 max

Curriculum Areas:
Expressive arts, Languages and Social Studies
Curriculum Level:
Early, First and Second

Ship Shape
Design & Construction in the Industrial Revolution
Built during the Industrial Revolution, HMS Unicorn is an historical marvel of 19th century design and construction.
This workshop will allow pupils to learn the parts of a ship and give them the opportunity to try their own hand at construction.

45 mins 25 max

Curriculum Areas:
Expressive arts, Sciences, Social studies and Technologies
Curriculum Level:
Third, Fourth and Senior phase
How to Book

To book a visit for your group to HMS Unicorn, or for any further information, please contact our Learning & Engagement Officer at:

Telephone – (01382) 200900
Email – finlay@hmsunicorn.org.uk

How to Find Us

HMS Unicorn is located in Dundee’s Victoria Dock, right next to the Tay Road Bridge. She is only a short walk from the rail and bus stations and the city centre. She is linked to V&A Dundee and RRS Discovery by a riverfront walkway.

Address - HMS Unicorn, South Victoria Dock Road, Victoria Dock, Dundee, Scotland, DD1 3BP.
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