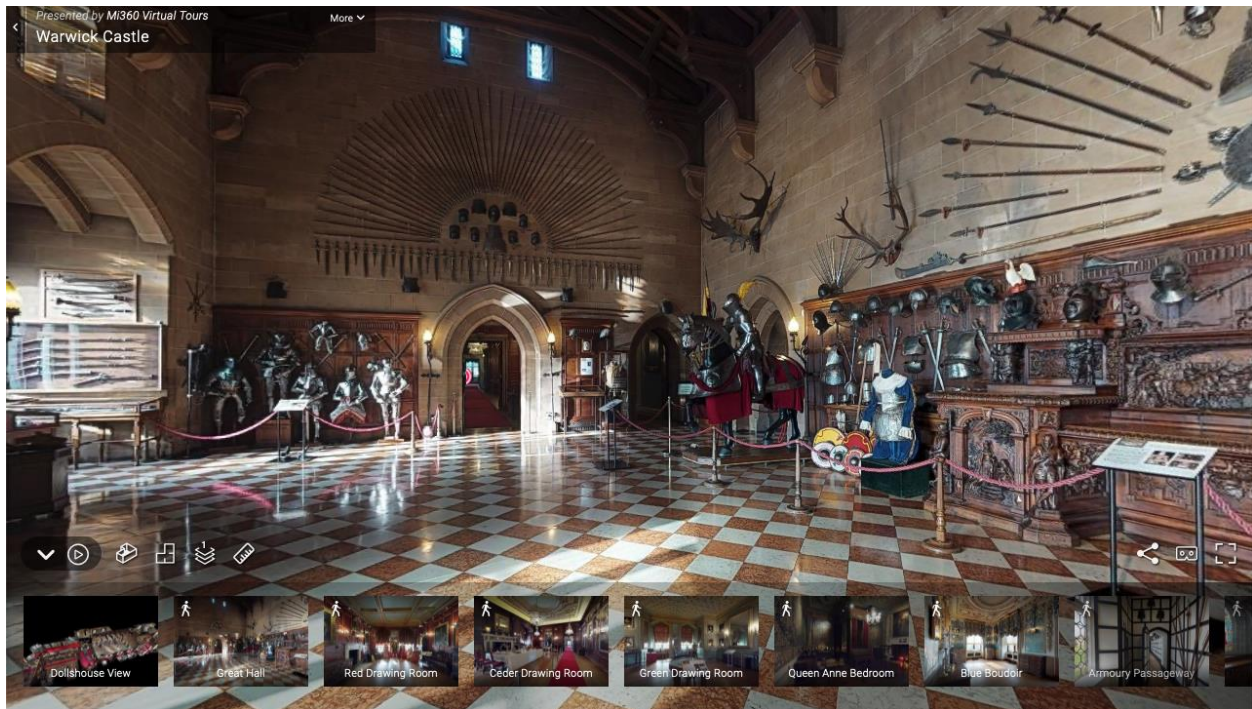




## WARWICK CASTLE RAISES THE PORTCULLIS ON HISTORY WITH NEW ONLINE LEARNING LIBRARY



New 360° virtual tour of Warwick Castle inside and out is part of the Learning Library. Image © Warwick Castle

*12 January 2021:* Warwick Castle's Edwardian library may be off-limits for the time being, but a new online [Learning Library](#) is taking the Castle experience online.

With families across the country returning to home-schooling during national lockdowns, history experts at Warwick Castle have developed a range of all-new free resources providing fun and educational activities for children of all ages.

The Learning Library contains a host of brand new multimedia resources including puzzles, quizzes, videos, downloadable colouring sheets and more, suitable for children from pre-schoolers to Key Stage 3.

One of the Library's highlights is an extensive 360° [virtual tour](#) of the interior and state rooms with facts about each room's history and purpose on the way. Explore at your

own pace (and with it all to yourself!), from the Great Hall with its extensive collection of weapons and armour, to the battlements and grounds themselves.

Other activities include guidance for [designing your own castle](#) with a step-by-step guide to key features, key facts about the incredible [birds of prey](#) that live at the Castle, and fun puzzles to help children learn about medieval warfare, from the [art of longbow](#) to the colossal [trebuchet](#).

Importantly for all those parents juggling home-schooling with working from home, and teachers struggling to teach remotely as well as face-to-face, resources can be used for independent study or play as well as starting points for discussion - and inspiration for future visits when the Castle reopens later this year.

The Library will be updated on a regular basis with new content. Next to go live include a letter-writing project with templates for postcards, letters or a drawing to send to Princess Florence, and a historical ordering task based on the Kingmaker exhibition.

“Our online resources are a great way to share the interactive learning experience that Warwick Castle offers, bringing history to life even though our gates are currently closed,” says Nick Blofeld, Divisional Director at Warwick Castle.

“We hope these materials provide an interesting insight into the castle, as well as a useful resource for teachers and educational fun for families whilst they are unable to experience the castle in person.”

Anyone trying out the new resources is encouraged to show off the results of their activities on social media, tagging @warwickcastleofficial to share the fun with families around the world.

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#### **Learning Library**

All resources mentioned above and more can be accessed online at <https://www.warwick-castle.com/education/library/>

#### **Warwick Castle**

Warwick Castle is currently closed to visitors. Full details can be found at: <https://www.warwick-castle.com/about/coronavirus/>

Warwick Castle is easily accessible from Junction 15 of the M40, just 40 minutes from Birmingham and 1 hour 40 minutes from London. Warwick Castle is easy to reach by train from London Marylebone in only 86 minutes. The Castle, set in 64 acres of grounds designed by Capability Brown, rests on the banks of the River Avon at the heart of historic Warwick.

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