



Durham Castle, founded in 1072 during the reign of William the Conqueror, was the administrative seat of the Prince Bishops of Durham, who represented the Crown in the North of England for several centuries. As a result, over the centuries we have received a number of royal visits.

Some of our more prominent visitors included Edward I, Edward III, Henry VI, Queen Margaret Tudor of Scotland (whose marriage to King James IV of Scotland was arranged by Bishop Fox), James I, Charles I and James II.

Her Majesty and most members of the present Royal Family have also visited the Castle. In fact the Queen has been to Castle on six separate occasions, in 2002 when she took lunch at the College as part of her Golden Jubilee, in 1991 during a tour of County Durham and in March 1967, following the Royal Maundy Service at Durham Cathedral. She also visited the Castle in May 1960, and came in October 1947 as Princess Elizabeth.

Most recently we've had an enormous privilege of hosting Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in 2012, as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.