Teachers’ Information Notes

Tudors: Monks, Monarchs & Medicine (KS2 & 3)
at Peterborough Museum & Peterborough Cathedral

We are very pleased to offer this dual-site visit which offers a very local perspective to Tudor life. Half a day is spent at each venue, just minutes apart.

At Peterborough Museum:

Peterborough Museum is built on the site of a Tudor mansion, Neville Place, built by Sir Humphrey Orme, a courtier of Henry VIII. Part of this mansion is still visible in the vaults of the museum.

The Tudor period was a time of very nasty diseases and even nastier cures. Time-travel back to 1574 and receive a Tudor aliment! With our Tudor Surgeon find out about the illnesses that affected the Tudor Monarchs and their subjects and how the changes brought about by the Reformation altered the way patients were treated and how, gradually, old ideas were challenged. Throughout the session pupils are asked to consider the responses and impact of the new ideas at this time.

Go down into the Vaults under the museum building and see one of the original rooms in Neville Place. Meet Sir Humphrey Orme’s son, another Humphrey, and receive a local perspective on a significant national event.

At Peterborough Cathedral:

Through costumed role-play, students will discover what life was like here in the Abbey of St Peter in the year 1539. They will learn how and why the Abbey became a Cathedral and the changes that happened to religious life in Tudor times. They will investigate the stories of significant people of the period including a visit to the tomb of Katharine of Aragon.
Vivacity Heritage Education Service
Based at Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, PE1 1LF
01733 864 700 or email: museum.education@vivacity-peterborough.com

We offer the following museum-led exhibition gallery session and complementary activities:

**Meet a time-travelling tourist from**

**Cost:** £180 per group of 35 pupils for the full day at both sites.

**Capacity:** Up to 90 pupils (45 children at each site).

**Lunch:** Either or both sites can accommodate up to 45 children for lunch sitting down.

**Session times:**
- Morning: 10am-12noon
- Afternoon: 12:45pm-2:15pm

**Contact details and booking information:**
- museum.education@vivacity-peterborough.com / 01733 864 700/706
- Once a date has been agreed, a booking form is emailed to you. To confirm the visit you are asked to complete the form and email it back to us. The school is invoiced after the event.

**Outreach?**
- The museum can come out to your school with Tudor clothing, images of Tudor Peterborough and portraits, and a Tudor surgeon. Dress up in Tudor style and create a cure for warding off the plague! Please contact us for more details and prices.

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**NC links:**

**History:** a local history study (KS2)

- a study of two historical sites that are significant in the locality
- a study over time tracing how several aspects of national history (The Reformation, The Plague) are reflected in the locality

**History:** a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils’ chronological knowledge beyond 1066 (KS2)

- the changing power of Tudor monarchs using Katherine of Aragon as a case study
- changes in an aspect of social history, such as health from the Romans, Tudors to the present
- a significant turning point in British history, for example, The Reformation

**History:** the development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745 (KS3)

- the English Reformation and Counter Reformation
- (a local perspective on) the causes and events of the civil wars in Britain
- Society, economy and culture across the period – health, religion and superstition in daily life

**Literacy: Spoken Language (KS2&3)**

**R.E: Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (KS2&3)**