

Information for Teachers

History in an Hour KS1-4 Sessions

at Peterborough Museum



Take a bite out of history with one of our Living History sessions and transport your pupils back in time to experience life in the past.

Choosing one is an ideal way of incorporating a visit to the Museum alongside a visit to a Mosque in the city or to Peterborough Cathedral. Or maybe you would like to add a museum-led activity to an independent visit. Either way, these sessions will stir the emotion and curiosity for learning beyond the hour.



Meet Dr Jex-blake or Doctor Walker, a Victorian doctor in the original operating theatre. How were ailments treated in the past?



Meet Mary Anning, the famous fossil hunter in the Jurassic Gallery. What do the fossils tell us about Jurassic life?



Meet a Roman surgeon in the Roman Gallery. Imagine you live in Roman Britain and are feeling poorly. Will a trip to the surgeon make you feel better?



Meet your local ARP warden in the original air raid shelter in the museum cellar. What was the role of the Home Front in WWII?



Meet a Tudor barber surgeon in what was once the kitchen of Peterborough Infirmary - an ideal place to mix some herbs and talk about the plague...



Meet your dressed up tour guide and discover the history of your City! Themed tours include: general history, Medieval, Tudor, Victorian and WWII



Duration:	Up to one hour. Any time of the day from 10am -3pm
Key Stage	KS1 - KS4: We can adapt the sessions to suit. The Roman surgeon is more appropriate for KS2+ though.
Cost:	£120 per group.
Maximum group size:	30 students
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
Can I do more than one session?	Yes of course, but talk to us first so that we can consider logistics. Your museum teacher may need to factor in a quick change of outfits and resources!
Can I bring more than one class?	Yes, but again, please talk to us so that we can discuss what the other class can do whilst the one class is doing the chosen activity. You could consider doing another session like the city tour– then you can rotate between an activity in the museum and a city tour – linked ideally to the museum activity period. Or maybe one class is doing an activity at the Cathedral and then swap. The choice is endless!
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activity and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
Staying safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The historical reenactor will wear a face shield/mask when indoors. • All school adults and students over 11 years are asked to wear face masks indoors. • Bring hand sanitiser and we will all apply it to our hands before and after any handling. • We will keep our distance from you. • All handling material will be cleaned before and after use. • Where possible, windows and doors will be open to allow for ventilation. • No cancellation charges if you have to cancel at short notice due to following Covid protocol – we can reschedule.