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Museum visits and the National Curriculum

"We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstances." Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto. November 2006

At Kirklees Museums and Galleries we offer a wealth of real life hands-on experiences which young people of all ages and ability can benefit from.

If you would like any further information please contact:

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Learning Opportunities
at Kirklees Museums and Galleries



From Ancient Egyptians to World War II...from the natural environment to modern technology.

These are just some of the many learning opportunities that are available to schools at Kirklees Museums and Galleries. Each year over 1,000 groups visit our sites and discover the exciting possibilities for learning outside the classroom.

Visits and resources support a wide range of subjects at different key stages and are available throughout the year.

Included in this guide are details about the types of visits available at each of our sites.

A visit to one of our sites will support children's learning across a range of subjects and also promote:

Key Skills:

- Communication
- Working with others
- Improving own learning and performance
- Problem solving

Thinking Skills:

- Information processing
- Reasoning
- Enquiry
- Creative thinking
- Evaluation



General Information

Session Times:

Half day visits:
10.00 – 12.00 & 1.00 – 3.00

Full day visits:
10.00 – 2.30
Times are approximate and can be amended on request.

Booking:

To book a session, please contact the relevant venue directly for details of available dates and further information.

Charges:

Charges are made per class. Details of current prices are included on our website or can be obtained by contacting the museum of your choice. Up to 35 pupils at each session plus accompanying adults.

Lunch Space:

Space for children to eat lunch is available at each venue. Please enquire at the individual sites for details.

Coach/car park:

Each museum has free coach and car parking space, or coach drop off facilities.

Shop:

Each museum has a shop on site selling a wide range of books, postcards and pocket money souvenirs.

Pre-visit briefings:

We recommend that teachers attend a free pre-visit briefing session to discuss the details of the visit and any special requirements that you may have.



Bagshaw Museum

A world of wonder

Founded by Walter Bagshaw at the beginning of the twentieth century, the museum was created for the education of local people, and to introduce them to civilisations and cultures from around the world. A hundred years later, this award winning museum still fulfils that vision.

Bagshaw Museum is one of the few places in the north of England that offers children the opportunity to handle and investigate real objects from Ancient Egypt.

Other galleries offer displays about mythical beasts, the culture of South Asia and the history of Batley.

Contact details:

Bagshaw Museum
Wilton Park
Batley WF17 0AS



Tel: 01924 326155
bagshaw.museum@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

School Packages:

The Egyptian Archaeologist KS2

This visit is designed to inspire young people with the wonders of this ancient civilisation and give them a personal encounter with real objects.

Children will learn about the work of archaeologists and will have the opportunity to use their investigative skills to explore a replica tomb and handle objects.

The children will be required to develop theories, analyse different types of evidence and present their findings in a plenary session.



Mummification Unwrapped KS2

Pupils will learn about preservation, decay and the art of mummification as they carry out the fourteen processes from organ removal, to wrapping the body for burial. Children will be able to try out their mummification skills on one of their classmates.

Pride of Place KS2

This session has been designed to enable children to explore the history of their locality through a variety of sources. This cross-curricular workshop offers the opportunity for students to explore the local community and its heritage.

The theme of identity is explored through journeys. Children will investigate the lives of two immigrants and consider the impact that migration has on families and communities. There will be an opportunity to study artefacts, exhibitions and archives.

Additional Resources:

Victorian Picture Gallery

A self-led session with support pack is available free of charge – suitable for KS3.

Wish You Were Here:

This loan scheme comprises two suitcases of seaside related artefacts; one modern case and a vintage brown leather case. The objects enable children to compare modern day objects with those from the past.

Access Information:

Ramped access to the ground-floor displays.
Platform lift to the upper floor.
Fully accessible toilet.
Induction loop in the shop.





Dewsbury Museum

Discover Dewsbury and revisit your childhood

Dewsbury Museum is a treasure house for those interested in local history. Recently restored and refurbished, the museum offers interesting snapshots of local life in past times in the Discovering Dewsbury gallery. The recreated 1940s classroom and the Toys will be Toys gallery are the backdrop for the toys and World War II classroom packages that are offered to schools.

Contact details:



Dewsbury Museum
Crow Nest Park
Heckmondwike Road
Dewsbury WF13 2SG

Tel: 01924 325100
dewsbury.museum@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

School packages:

World War II Classroom KS2

This session is based around Dewsbury Museum's recreated 1940s classroom. Children take on the role of evacuees, and are welcomed to Crow Nest School by their new school master or mistress and inducted into their new life.

Children write a letter home using a dip pen, complete an arithmetic test and survive an air raid. They will also have the opportunity to investigate the contents of an evacuee's suitcase and play with toys from the period. For those schools booking a whole day session there are additional workshops including wartime costume and a craft activity.

- Evacuees Suitcase
- War time Costume
- Craft Activity
- Outdoor Toys

School packages:

Toys KS1

Toys naturally excite the imagination of children and provide an excellent introduction to both history and technology.

This session takes pupils through a number of related activities designed to develop their understanding of toys from the past, what they are made from, how they move and most importantly who might have played with them.

Children will see historic toys from the museum's collections, play with traditional toys and investigate the Toys will be Toys gallery. For those schools booking a whole day session there are additional workshops on levers and pivots, a craft activity and a playground survey.



Additional Resources:

Historical Guide to the Museum
Café facilities in the park.

Access information:

Dewsbury Museum is fully accessible, with ramped access, lift to all floors and accessible toilets.





Huddersfield Art Gallery

The Creative Heart of Huddersfield

Located in Huddersfield's town centre, Huddersfield Art Gallery houses a stunning collection of art by internationally renowned artists such as Francis Bacon, L.S. Lowry, Walter Sickert, Frank Auerbach and Henry Moore along with significant local artists. In addition to the Kirklees Collection, there is a vibrant programme of temporary exhibitions throughout the year.

Contact details:

Princess Alexandra Walk
Huddersfield HD1 2SU



Tel: 01484 221964
Info.galleries@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/art

School Packages:

Self-led visits and talks.

Self-guided visits and short talks are available to schools. Talks may be an introduction to the gallery or they may focus on a specific theme or exhibition. Self-guided visits or talks must be booked in advance.

Exploring Art in the Gallery KS1&2

This workshop will explore how to look at art. Looking at a variety of artworks, children will question, debate and gain confidence in discussing visual art. They will draw, using different media, from works of art, and have the opportunity to use their imagination to create original works to take home.

Art and Identity KS1&2

This inspiring workshop encourages pupils to explore some big questions. What is identity? What makes us who we are? What can we learn about the identity of others through looking at their art and exploring their beliefs? Children will look at and discuss works of art and explore their own interpretation of identity through debate and visual work.

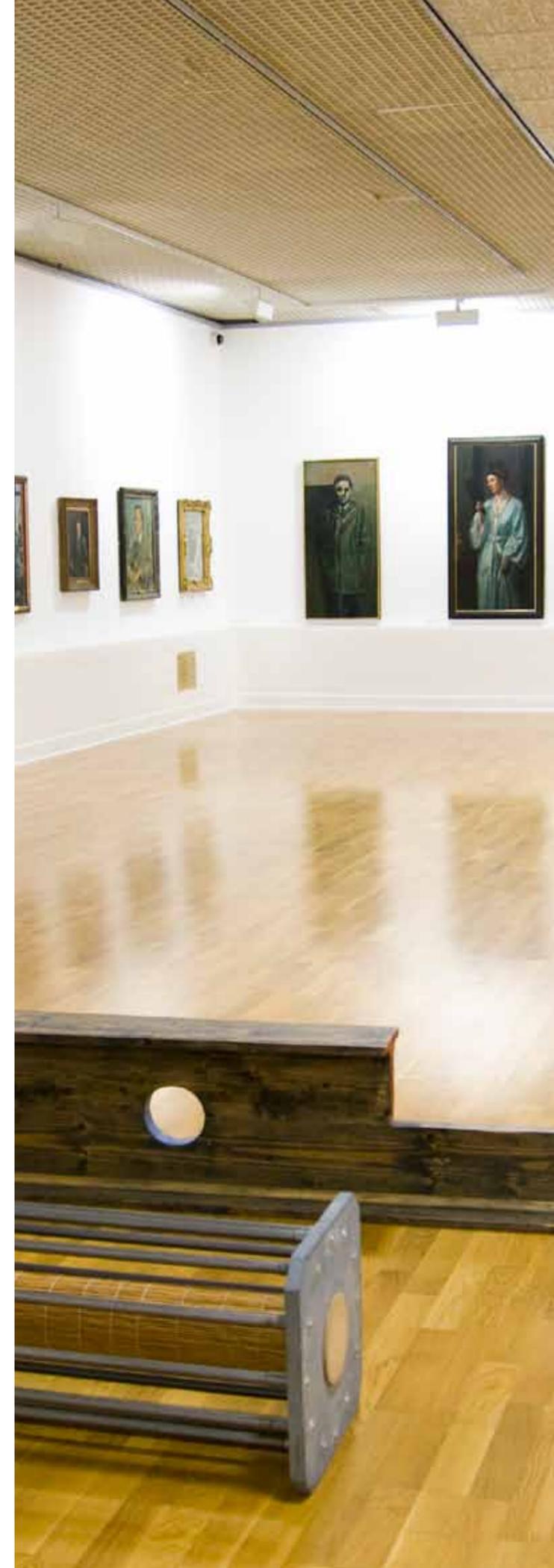
Artist - Led Workshops. Adapted to any key stage.

Huddersfield Art Gallery works closely with professional artists specialising in a diverse range of art forms. Sessions will encourage debate and discussion about art, teach artistic techniques and offer young people the opportunity to explore new creative processes.



Access Information:

Huddersfield Art Gallery is accessible via a lift and there are accessible toilets in the building.





Oakwell Hall

Where living history meets natural history

An Elizabethan manor house and over one hundred acres of Country Park provide a unique historic environment for a wide range of visits.

At the heart of the site is the Hall itself. Built in 1583, this Grade 1 listed building offers insights into sixteenth and seventeenth century life when it was home to the Batt family. The hundred acres of wildlife rich parkland which surrounds Oakwell Hall offer more learning opportunities.

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Birstall
Batley WF17 9LG



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oakwell.hall@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

School Packages:

Tudor Role Play KS1&2

Children have the opportunity to find out what it was like to be a servant in an Elizabethan Manor house. The class (dressed in period costume) will rotate around a range of interpretative and craft activities which may also include the preparation of a vegetable broth for lunch and the task of roasting a chicken on a spit.

Tudor Hall and Handling Session KS1&2

Pupils have the opportunity to put their observation and interpretation skills to the test in this session which involves an investigative tour of the hall and the study of genuine and reproduction 16th and 17th century artefacts.



Science Visits KS1&2

The woodlands, wetlands, grasslands, ponds and streams within the country park provide ideal locations to support science studies. The practical skills based approach to learning links directly to experimental and investigative science through discussion, observation, prediction, testing, hypothesising and drawing conclusions.

The following sessions last for half a day and can be mixed and matched to create a bespoke learning day for your children.

- Mini-Beast Safari
- Pond Study
- The Wonders of Oakwell
- Plant Life

Rocks and Soils KS1&2

This visit introduces children to the geology of the local environment through a session that incorporates fieldwork, experiments, sorting and classifying.

Children will learn to test, sort and classify rocks using a key and have the opportunity to investigate rocks and minerals from around the world.

In the fieldwork session the children will dig a soil profile pit, investigate the geology of the country park and find out about the prehistoric plants and animals that once flourished in the area.

Additional Resources:

- Café and picnic areas.
- Orienteering course.
- Period and Faith gardens.
- Nature trail.
- Children's play area.

Access information:

- Level access to the hall and visitor centre.
- Fully accessible toilet in the visitor centre.
- Shallow step to the entrance of the café.
- Braille and large print guide available.
- Induction loop in the shop.





Red House

A houseful of history

Red House is the former home of woollen cloth merchants, the Taylor family. The period rooms, are set out to reflect domestic life in a middle-class family home of the mid-1830s. Charlotte Brontë was a family friend who visited often. She described the house and the family in her novel *Shirley*.

The Secret's Out gallery explores Charlotte Brontë's connection with the Spens Valley and her friendship with local women Mary Taylor and Ellen Nussey.

Spens Valley Stories explores aspects of life in the local area over the last 100 years. Red House is set in a very picturesque period garden.

Contact details:

Red House
Oxford Road, Gomersal
Cleckheaton BD19 4JP



Tel: 01274 335100
red.house@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

School Packages:

Homes Long Ago KS1

A costumed character from Red House's past helps children to compare aspects of homes long ago with the present day to find out how people coped without the aid of modern-day technology. Throughout their visit, children use the house and artefacts in a range of practical activities to help them discuss and answer questions about the past.

Sessions include:

- Mystery Object Handling
- Dip Pen Writing
- Optical Toys
- Period Room Investigation
- Silhouettes
- Sketching



Victorians at Rest & Play KS2

A school led package for KS2

A look at how Victorian families spent their spare time at the start of Queen Victoria's reign. In this package children can compare leisure and home life in early Victorian times with life today, focussing on children's pastimes and play in a middle-class household.

Additional Resources:

Advice for planning self-led visits.
Information sheets about the period rooms.
Period gardens for walks, study and play.
Reproduction period toys to play with.
Education space in the barn.

Access Information:

Access to ground floor displays and gardens, stairs to upper floor. T-setting option to sound system in exhibition areas. Braille plan and room guide.





Tolson Museum

Huddersfield's history book

Tolson Museum presents a vivid and intriguing picture of the local area and its people, from pre-historic times to the present day. Each layer of this rich history is revealed through unique collections that range from Roman finds through to textile machinery.

Contact details:

Ravensknowle Park
Wakefield Road
Huddersfield HD5 8DJ



Tel: 01484 223830
tolson.museum@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

School Packages:

A Victorian Childhood KS1&2

Children will experience the rigours and discipline of a typical Victorian classroom, the lesson includes:

- Drill
- Inspection of dress and general presentation
- Writing on slates
- Recitation of tables
- Queen Victoria and her Empire

In addition the children will have the opportunity to play with Victorian toys, try out parlour games and handle original Victorian artefacts.

In the afternoon children will do three workshops; teachers can choose from:



Rag rug making:

Make a sample piece of traditional rag rug.

Dip pen writing:

Use pen and ink to start a copy book of basic cursive handwriting.

The Victorian Wardrobe:

Compare rich and poor children through the clothes they would have worn

Children at work trail:

Follow the trail and discover the conditions in which children worked and see the machinery that they had to use.

Transported Through Time KS1&2

Use our collection of vehicles to enrich history, science and D&T. This session enables pupils to explore how transport has changed over the past two hundred years and make comparisons with travel today. Making use of the extensive collection of carriages, cars and bicycles displayed in the Transport Gallery, the session is based on investigation, discussion and practical activities, including object handling and making a balloon powered buggy.

Additional resources:

Archaeology pack.
Historic bird room with quiz sheet.
Victorian playground toys available over the lunch period.
Victorian support materials loan boxes – this is offered free of charge to schools who have booked a Victorian Childhood visit.

Access Information:

Ground floor displays via step and rail at the front entrance or via ramp at the rear. Fully accessible toilet.

