COVENTRY MUSEUMS

Learning Programme
Primary
Ignite your pupils’ imaginations with unique experiences led by our expert learning team.

We have carefully developed onsite workshops and virtual content, to bring the National Curriculum to life.

As we move into 2021, Coventry’s City of Culture year, and beyond, we are welcoming schools back into our museums with a variety of workshops and self-led visits. Schools can participate in half or full-day visits, combination packages across sites, achieve the Arts Award Discover and experience cross-curricular learning opportunities. We can adapt all programming to suit SEN and home-education groups, creating learning opportunities that are accessible for all.

Pupils will have opportunities for hands-on experiences with real museum artefacts, come face to face with national collections and art works, encounter living history experiences and have fun in out of classroom environments.

We have also developed an extensive virtual learning programme, to further embed pupils cultural learning and support you with pre- and post-visit activities and digital outreach.
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Coventry Transport Museum

Coventry Transport Museum houses the largest publicly owned collection of British vehicles on the planet and tells the story of a city which changed the world through transport.

A visit to Coventry Transport Museum provides a fantastic opportunity to inspire your pupils with authentic collections and exciting new displays.

We offer sessions led by our expert learning team or resources for your own teacher-led visit, from EYFS to KS2, including SEN and SEBD. Our workshops link to multiple curriculum areas, enhance pupil engagement with core topics and offer enrichment by bringing students into an inspiring environment. Above all, our sessions are interactive, hands-on, and fun!

Museum-led Sessions

**Boneshaker Storytelling Session**
EYFS - 45 mins
Learn about bicycles of the past, through our interactive story about the ‘boneshaker’. This interactive and fun session is based on the first bicycle produced in Coventry, and its pioneer Mr Rowley Turner. Pupils will join in with this immersive storytelling session, through object handling, action songs, and dressing up.

**Victorian Cycles**
KS1 KS2 - 75 mins
This workshop allows pupils to explore real cycles, combining History and STEM with a range of physical activities. Pupils will learn how cycles came to be made in Coventry and how they have evolved over time. Your class will investigate materials, create frame models, and examine cycles up close.

**Blackout, Rationing & Evacuees**
KS1 KS2 - 75 mins
Use STEM skills to investigate life during World War II, learning about the blackout, rationing, and evacuees from a Coventry perspective. This session includes the walk-through Blitz Experience exhibition and uses vehicles on display, other primary and secondary sources, and practical activities to deepen pupils’ understanding.

Create a full day experience by combining with the Herbert’s ‘Coventry at War’ session at a discounted rate and take advantage of our travel bursary scheme, too. See p.11 for full details.
Need for Speed
KS2 - 75 mins
Starting in our unique Land Speed Exhibition, home to the fastest car in the world, pupils will learn about the science behind speed, including air resistance and friction. They will develop working models to explore these principles and can experience our land speed record simulator.

Teacher-Led Visits
If you prefer to lead your own visit, we have resources available for you and your pupils. We will provide a short introduction and then leave you to explore the museum at your own pace.

Transport Activity Trail
EYFS
This self-led activity helps pupils to engage with a variety of different exhibitions. The trail offers activities linked to the EYFS framework in six exhibitions; creating opportunities to apply key skills and build confidence.

Wheelie Wicked
KS1
Our Wheelie Wicked trail guides pupils around the museum to learn more about road transport, and the way in which it moves. Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in simple activities, including spotting and drawing, to provide a challenge and focus in several of our exhibitions.

Transport Timeline
KS1 KS2
Working in small groups, pupils will draw and record vehicles from different decades around the museum. The activities will support pupils’ understanding of the evolution of transport design over time, strengthening their grasp of the concepts of chronology and technological innovation.

*Alternatively, you can make a general visit to the museum without any input from our learning team, free of charge. Please note you must still book your general visit to ensure we can accommodate your group on your chosen day.
Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum is the perfect place to delve into Coventry’s history and engage with art and culture.

Our permanent galleries range from Visual Arts, to Social and Industrial History, Archaeology and Natural History, there is something for every visitor.

The Museum’s educational programme offers a wide variety of Keys Stage 1 – 4 sessions and programmes linked to the skills, knowledge and critical thinking required in a range of subject matters.

Enjoy high quality museum-led sessions in art, social history and literacy, and an outreach programme that promotes interactivity and inspires imagination through object handling.

Museum-led Sessions

**Stories In Art**  
KS1 KS2 - 90 mins  
Children will explore how paintings and artefacts can communicate stories, developing their imaginations and verbal skills through immersive activities. As they are introduced to characters from traditional myths and legends, pupils will demonstrate their acting skills through a gallery performance and have time to sketch in response to the artworks.

**Sculpture**  
KS1 KS2 - 90 mins  
Discover how sculptures are made and learn about a variety of techniques and methods including carving, casting, and modelling. Pupils will see sculptures by famous artists and get hands-on as they make their own sculptures from clay to take away.

**Exploring Painting Through Sketching**  
KS1 KS2 - 90 mins  
This workshop encourages pupils to engage with paintings by famous British artists throughout the centuries. Focusing on portraits, landscapes and abstract art, pupils will learn about traditional and modern techniques. Exploring original masterpieces, children will improve their drawing skills as they are encouraged to make their own sketches.

**Patterns and Print**  
KS1 KS2 - 90 mins  
Explore a variety of artefacts, traditional and modern paintings, and aspects of architecture throughout the art gallery to discover patterns. In this practical workshop, pupils will design their own patterns and learn printing techniques to produce art to take back to school.
**Coventry Timeline**
KS1 KS2 - 75 mins
This cross-curricular workshop tracks the history of Coventry through a chronological timeframe. Pupils will handle a genuine dinosaur fossil, discover how Coventry got its name, and learn about key local figures. Aspects of architecture, music and football will be explored, and children will engage with costumed role-play exploring Coventry’s history.

**Anglo Saxons and the Legend of Lady Godiva**
KS1 KS2 - 75 mins
Uncover the legend of Lady Godiva to find out about Anglo-Saxon Britain. Children will engage in role-play and examine evidence to decide the truth of this story. The workshop explores aspects of crime and punishment alongside art and culture. Additionally, pupils will create an Anglo-Saxon print to take away.

**Coventry at War**
KS1 KS2 - 75 mins
Discover the impact of the war on daily life using original costumes, role-play and a range of stimulating Second World War objects. Explore the experiences of people in wartime Coventry including the Blitz, air raid precautions and civil defense. Pupils will also visit a real underground shelter.

**The Life and Times of Victorians**
KS1 KS2 - 75 mins
Compare past with present as pupils use role play and museum objects to learn about life in Victorian Britain. Experience a day in the life of Queen Victoria’s servants, explore toys of the past and take a trip to the seaside to find out about 19th century developments in transport.

**Outreach Sessions**

**Toytime**
EYFS KS1 - 45 mins
Compare toys and games of today with real and replica toys from the past. Pupils will dress up as Victorians and try out a range of traditional toys, as well as learn about materials and see how technology has changed the way that children play.

**Blitz Experience**
KS2 - 50 mins
Investigate Coventry during WW2 using objects and archive material. Through groupwork, pupils will research Coventry during the Blitz and the lives of local citizens. Documents include aerial images, maps, photographs, personal letters and more. Pupils will discuss what they have discovered with the class during the session.

**Coventry Firsts Assembly**
KS1 KS2 - 15 mins
Enable your whole school to experience a brief introduction to all our museums and then a focus on celebrating Coventry Firsts: pioneers, unsung heroes and fascinating facts. This session is delivered using a PowerPoint presentation with images, sounds and video clips.

**SPECIAL OFFER**
Book two museum-led learning sessions across any of our sites to receive this assembly for free!

Create a full day experience by combining with Coventry Transport Museum’s ‘Victorian Cycles’ session at a discounted rate and take advantage of our travel bursary scheme too. See p.11 for full details.
Lunt Roman Fort

The Lunt is an excellent example of an early Roman fort and is the only reconstructed Roman cavalry fort in Britain. Based on the archaeological evidence on site, the Lunt’s imposing wooden gateway and ramparts have been reconstructed to create a glimpse into the history of Roman Britain.

Educational visits to the Lunt are tailored to the Key Stage 2 History curriculum, supporting your study of the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

Download a free teacher resource pack from www.luntromanfort.org

Museum-led Sessions

Following In The Footsteps Of A Roman Soldier

KS2 - 2 hours

Discover and explore the only reconstructed Roman fort in Britain. Encounter our costumed interpreters who will truly bring history to life. Pupils will hear about the lives of soldiers at the fort and find out how the huge circular gyrus was used.

Extend your visit to a full day experience to take part in an exciting Roman battle drill. Pupils will dress up in tunics and be equipped with wooden swords and shields. A great way to long lasting and meaningful memories for your class.

Virtual Live Q&A

KS2 - 45 mins

The Lunt Roman Fort is closed during the Winter season from early December to late February. During this time, you can engage with our Roman soldiers as they Zoom from the past, directly into your classroom to answer questions that your pupils have prepared in advance.
Virtual Schools Membership Scheme

Our museum learning team have developed a high quality, engaging and fun virtual learning programme for primary schools, giving you the flexibility to create extraordinary experiences for your pupils in your school environment.

Virtual content includes pre-recorded workshops that will engage your pupils with key curriculum topics, linking directly to the museum’s collections and themes, and will support both pre- and post-visit activity, extending your school trip experiences.

We have developed a virtual assembly, suitable for your whole school; digital teacher resources packs; physical resource kits to loan to your school; and a series of virtual CPD events for teaching staff.

For full details about our virtual schools scheme visit: www.coventrymuseums.org.uk

Membership Costs:

Membership costs £395* for 12 months

Individual booking costs:

- Giving your whole school access to our full virtual learning programme, which is accessible from the unique members area of our virtual schools website.
- Virtual assembly - £20
- Workshops - £150
- CPD - £10 per person, or £5 per person for members

*Schools claiming 10% or more of pupil premium will qualify for a £100 bursary to reimburse part of the cost of your membership fee. This is made possible via funding from Arts Council England’s Museums and Schools programme. Bursaries given on a first come, first served basis, while funding lasts.
Artsmark and Arts Award

Artsmark

Culture Coventry is proud to be working in partnership with schools and settings on their Artsmark Award journey. By supporting Artsmark settings, we’re helping put the arts at the heart of education, inspiring young people to create, experience and participate in high quality arts and culture.

Our programme includes exhibitions, creative workshops for students and CPD and networking for teachers.

Find out more about Artsmark at www.artsmark.org.uk

Arts Award

Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification for children and young people and is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England. It offers a flexible framework for arts and cultural activities as well as providing motivation and recognition for young people’s achievements.

At the Museum

Key stage 1 and 2 pupils can take part in Discover in a Day during a joint visit to Coventry Transport Museum and the Herbert Art Gallery. Our trained Arts Award advisors will assess your students’ work and submit them for their Discover Arts Awards.

In Your School

As part of your classroom arts activities, we can support Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 pupils to achieve their Discover Arts Award. The aim of our Arts Award at school programme is to make things as easy as possible for you to fit in this qualification around your current planned classroom activity using our downloadable Arts Award activity pack.

Visit www.coventrymuseums.org.uk for more information.
Prices

Museum-led sessions

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum/Coventry Transport Museum
£3.50 per session, per pupil with a minimum charge of £105 for group sizes between 12 - 30.

Book two sessions at a discounted rate of £5.50 per pupil, with a minimum charge of £165.

The second session could be a combination trip between the Herbert and Coventry Transport Museum.

Lunt Roman Fort
£4 per head, half day session
£6 per head, full day visit

Teacher-led sessions (Coventry Transport Museum only)

£2.50 per pupil, with a minimum charge of £75 for group sizes between 12 - 30.

Book two teacher-led sessions for a discounted rate of £4 per pupil, with a minimum charge of £120 for group sizes between 12 - 30.

Or combine one museum-led session and a teacher-led session at the rate of £5 per pupil, with a minimum charge of £150 for group sizes between 12 - 30.

Bursary Schemes* (ACE logo, V&A logo, DfSE logo)

Thanks to funding from Arts Council England and the Department for Education, we are working to increase the number of primary schools taking part in high quality educational cultural activities with museums in Coventry.

Travel bursary – Claim up to £200 to subsidise transport costs when visiting the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum or Coventry Transport Museum for two sessions in one day. Each session must consist of the same pupils.

Virtual Schools Membership – Claim £100 to subsidise the costs of a 12-month membership for the virtual school scheme for your entire school.

*Bursaries awarded on a first come, first serve basis and only whilst funding lasts. Schools must have higher than 10% pupil premium claims to qualify for funding.

Smaller Groups, Home Education and SEN

If you would like to book learning sessions, but your group is less than 12, we offer a single rate.

To book one session (half day at the Lunt) is £45 for up to 12 students.

To book two sessions (full day at the Lunt) is £90 for up to 12 students.

Groups of More Than 12 - Home Education & SEN

To book one session is £3.50 pp (£4 at the Lunt), with a minimum charge of £45.

To book two sessions is £5.50 pp (£6 at the Lunt), with a minimum charge of £90.
Contact

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