

Information for Teachers

Crime and Punishment KS2+ session

at Peterborough Museum



Before the visit, schools are given details of Peterborough crimes – the name, age and crime of individuals living in Peterborough in the early 1800s. On the day of the visit, these lives and crimes are brought back to life as pupils travel back 200 years as they enter the home of Magistrate Cooke. You've committed a Georgian crime? You've come to the right place!

During the early 1800s, Magistrate Thomas Alderson Cooke, lived in a fine Georgian mansion, now Peterborough Museum. This was also a period when the number of laws were increased.



Meet Magistrate Cooke

Thomas Alderson Cooke frequently heard cases in his home over breakfast, issuing punishments for theft and minor offences over a cup of tea! Meet Magistrate Cooke and bear your confessions. Discover how punishment and how this compares to times past and present. Magistrate Cooke will recount tales of times past and future. Have you learnt your lesson?

'Crime and Punishment' themed city tour

Pupils will discover stories behind the buildings and spaces in a guided tour of the city centre as they literally retrace the footsteps of past inhabitants. Find out where the city's gaols were and about the appalling conditions inside. Learn where public hangings and floggings took place, discover the history of the City police force and find out where someone really did read the riot act.

Time to serve your punishment!

In role, find out what it was like to pay for your crimes with some hands-on activities. What was it like in the stocks? How tiresome was turning a crank in your prison cell, in silence? How uncomfortable were prison beds? How boring was it to pick oakum? At the end, consider the reasons for these punishments and their likely affects.

Please see '**Other information**' for additional activities that complement this local history study.

'The trip was really beneficial to the students' learning in an active way. It really made it accessible to those that find learning difficult by learning in a fun way'

'The session reinforced student learning and brought it to life.' (teachers from Jack Hunt School)



'I liked meeting Magistrate Cooke. It felt real and now I know what crime and punishments happened in Peterborough.'

'It taught us about what punishments there were. It is relevant because we learnt about how people should be treated when they do bad things. It is also relevant to what we have been learning in school.' (pupils from Jack Hunt)

National Curriculum links: History, English, PSHE.

Learning objectives:

Participating in this 'Crime and Punishment' session, pupils will:

- Learn about this aspect of social history and the key implications for change.
- Learn about a site (the museum building) from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.
- Develop greater understanding, knowledge and appreciation of their local history.
- Know how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- Gain confidence in participating in discussions and presentations.
- An understanding of crime and punishment through time.
- An understanding of their role as responsible citizens.

Other information:

Duration:	2 hours
Cost:	£90 per group of up to 20 students. £150 for two groups.
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 20 and the site can accommodate up to two groups at any one time. Please contact us if you wish to bring more groups.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities 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.
A note about behaviour:	Members of the school staff have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Museum staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school staff and adults also get involved in the activities so please join in where appropriate.
Additional activities:	<p>You can include one of the following activities to extend your stay or if you are bringing more than one group. Please contact us for more information. Extra charges are applicable.</p> <p>Napoleonic Prison Camp: Fact or Opinion? Pupils will use the gallery space to discover what life was like in the camp for both prisoners and guards. This session focuses on historical enquiry and interpretation, using a range of different sources. Pupils will sort a set of statements into 'Fact' and 'Opinion'. At the end they will be asked to justify thinking and reasoning. The gallery session can also include close observational drawing of the prisoners' craftwork.</p> <p>Play a life-size 'Cluedo' game around the museum Get up close to a rare Georgian board game from our collection. What are the links to 'Crime and punishment' in children's games? Play a life-size board game around the museum based on the popular board game 'Cluedo'. A crime has been committed – which historical person did it? With which museum object? In which gallery?</p>

