

Schools Service

at Ipswich Museum and Christchurch Mansion



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Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service

Our vision is to create a museum service that is a source of pride, inspiration and fun.



Enhance your history topics with a schools' workshop at Christchurch Mansion and Ipswich Museum.

This leaflet shows the different workshops and resources that we offer for Key Stages 1 & 2, all of which support the National Curriculum. Our workshops are flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of your group.

In each workshop real objects have been specifically chosen to help the children read the clues from the past in our handling sessions. Specially created replicas and interactive exhibits have also been made for the children to get 'hands-on' with. Workshops are led by our Museum Education Assistants in the museum galleries and education rooms.





Christchurch Mansion

TOY STORY

Key Stage 1

Workshop: 1 hour 15 minutes

Spin the 100 year old zoetrope and compare modern and old toys. A giant puzzle timeline helps children see the changes in toys and childhood over the last 150 years. The children can bring their own toys from home or school to compare with the toys in our galleries. Find out what toys were made of before the days of plastic.



‘Just the right amount and variety of activities and well paced.’

Rougham Primary School

VICTORIAN HOME

Key Stage 1 & 2

Workshop: 2 hours

Handling real Victorian mystery objects the children discover the differences between the lives of the Victorian servant and master. Children will have the chance to dress up in replica clothing and find out how Victorian knickers worked.

‘The whole trip was excellent and a very good experience for us all.’

Morland Primary School

RUFFS and STUFF

Key Stage 2

Workshop: 10am – 2pm

In the Tudor chambers of the Mansion children unlock the mysteries of Tudor life using actual Tudor objects and portraits, learning how the lives of the rich and poor were very different. Children can discover the contents of an explorer's chest, try on Tudor clothing and see if they can wattle like a Tudor builder. The children become portrait detectives and unlock the secrets of the Tudor portraits.

‘Workshop leaders were excellent. Focused well on the Tudor period. Hands-on activities very good.’

Cedarwood Primary School



Ipswich Museum



IPSWICH AT WAR

Key Stage 2

Workshop: 2 hours

Examining a range of 'lost property' bags children work out which bag belonged to which Ipswich wartime character and handle 1940s objects, including a Morse Code machine. Children search a model house to find out what

life was really like in the 1940s and what changes had to be made for the war effort.

'We had a fantastic session – the children learnt so much more and were 'buzzing' with all they had done!'

Kingsfleet Primary School



ANCIENT EGYPTIANS

Key Stage 2

Workshop: 10am-2.00pm

Real Egyptian artefacts and custom-made interactives let the children discover what life and the afterlife was like for the Ancient Egyptians. The Sensory Obelisk lets children hear, smell and touch

Ancient Egyptian life. Masks and dressing up allow children to become Pharaohs and gods.

'Provided excellent hands on activities.'

Chelmondiston Primary School

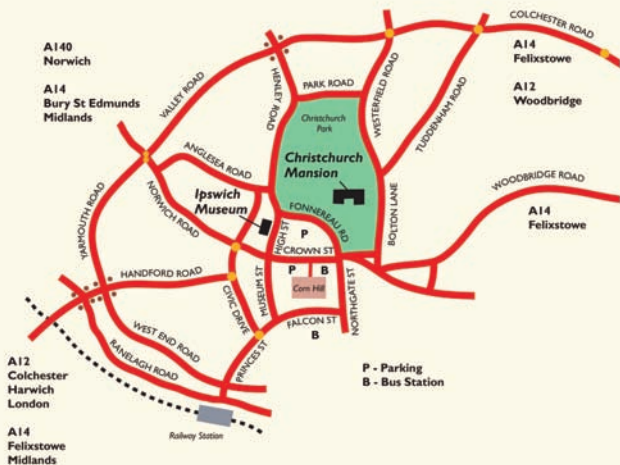
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?



Ipswich Museum is a beautiful Victorian museum with fascinating objects and stories from around the world. See objects from Africa, Asia, North America and the Pacific, plus find out all about the fossils, rocks, and minerals in our region. Enjoy the

Victorian Natural History Gallery, where you can see favourites including a woolly mammoth, a rhino, a giraffe and more! Plus discover gods and a mummy in the Egyptian gallery.

Discover 500 years of history in the beautiful **Christchurch Mansion**, set amidst Christchurch Park. See period rooms from the 16th through to the 19th century and have fun exploring the past. Don't miss the enchanting toys and historic games, as well as beautiful costume and textiles. Plus you can see the biggest collection of Constable paintings outside of London.



BOOKING INFORMATION

For all general visits and bookings please telephone our booking team:

01473 433550 or 01473 433570

For further information on the workshops or other educational enquiries please ring 01473 433570 or e-mail rachel.macfarlane@ipswich.gov.uk

Ipswich Museum

High Street, Ipswich IP1 3QH

Tel: 01473 433550 Fax: 01473 433558

e-mail: museums.service@ipswich.gov.uk

Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm

Full disabled access and toilet facilities

Lunchroom by arrangement

Coaches set down/pick up outside the Museum

Admission free - charges apply to school activities

Christchurch Mansion

Christchurch Park, Soane Street, Ipswich IP4 2BE

Tel: 01473 433554 Fax: 01473 433550

e-mail: mansion.reception@ipswich.gov.uk

Monday-Sunday 10am-5pm

There is a lunchroom available by arrangement or lunches can be eaten in the park. Unfortunately wheelchair access and facilities are restricted to the ground floor.

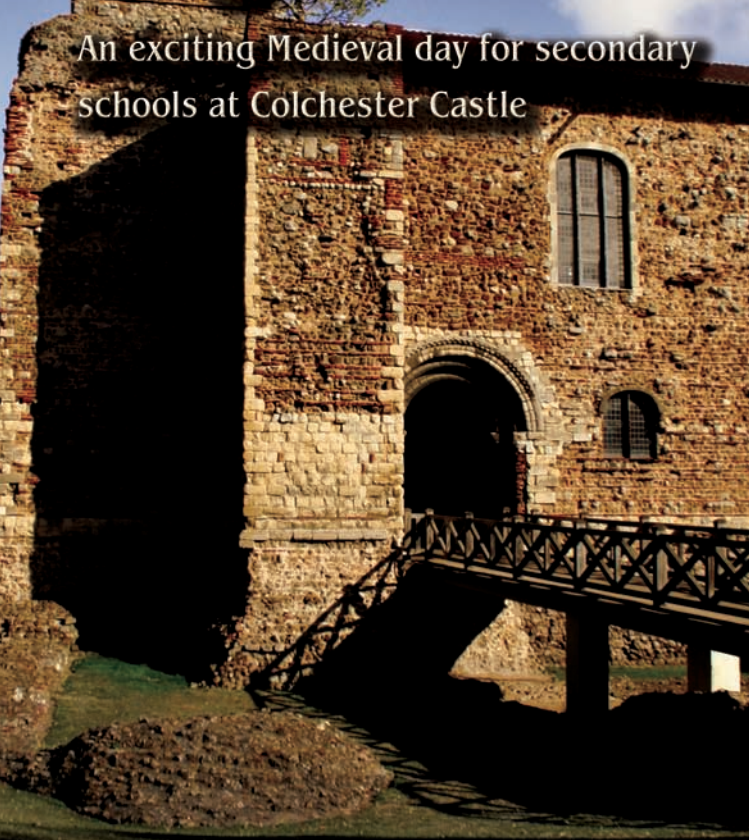
Coaches set down/pick up Soane Street or Bolton Lane

Admission free – charges apply to school activities



Castle Under Siege!

An exciting Medieval day for secondary schools at Colchester Castle



Built in 1076, on the remains of a Roman temple, Colchester Castle provides a unique visual timeline, illustrating continuity and change over time and evidence of how and why this Royal Castle was constructed here.

Developed
in partnership
with secondary
school teachers to
support national
curriculum

Step inside and become part of the action...

This exciting whole day package combines a rich mix of re-enactment, trails and self-led discovery.



With a costumed story teller, students will explore the castle from vaults to roof, examining evidence of defences, assessing possible methods of attack and discovering more about the impact of a siege on living conditions in the castle.



Meeting a nun they will find out about illness and medical beliefs and practices in medieval times, smelling and identifying a variety of herbs and spices used in medieval simples. What threat did illness pose to those trapped in the castle under siege?



It was great, I could see what it was really like instead of imagining it.
Student, Amberfield School, Ipswich

Stepping into the cells students will hear tales from the Gaoler of those held here, their crimes and punishments. They will experience the harsh conditions in the prisons and the humiliation of the pillory, discovering more about the legal system in medieval times and how it has changed since then.



The day is appealing to all abilities, so much to absorb the brightest, and enough 'hands-on' and visual stuff to make the day a memorable experience for all.

Teacher, Chantry School, Ipswich



The prison drama was very dramatic, believable, lots of exciting information delivered in a dynamic way. Medicine activity delightfully presented and full of wise information. Excellent – the pupils thought she was a real nun.

Teacher, Amberfield School, Ipswich



n 1216 the castle was besieged by King John when a rebel noble Llanvelli, supported by a French garrison, took control of the castle. But was this the best strategy of attack and how likely was it to succeed?



his stimulating day will challenge students to gather, assess and interpret the evidence, before they decide and make their recommendations to the King.



Booking information:

Group size: 150 students maximum

Length of visit: 10 – 2pm

The day is flexible and can be tailored to meet the specific requirements of your group.

For more information, charges or to book, please contact our Bookings Officer:

Telephone 01206 282937
email bookings.information@colchester.gov.uk

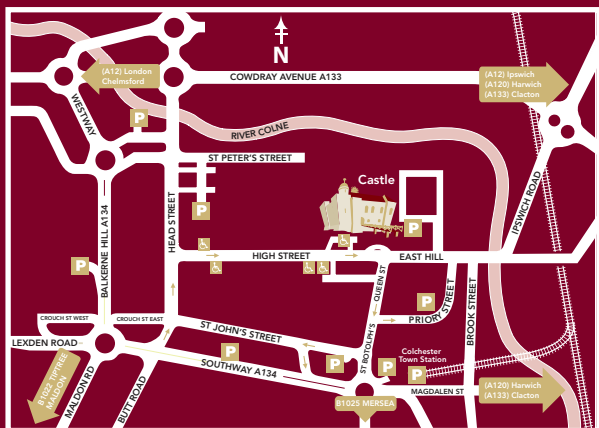
Text phone users 18001 01206 282937

Loans boxes - bring real artefacts into your classroom. Boxes include: Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Tudors and Stuarts, Siege of Colchester and World War II.

Cost: £20 per half term

Length of hire: half term

Boxes need to be collected and returned to Colchester Castle Museum.



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