

Welcome

The Royal Engineers Museum is a unique learning resource dedicated to promoting learning, curiosity and engagement in history, engineering and the world around us.

Planning Your Visit

- FREE group leader pre-visit, includes meeting with one of the Learning Team.
- FREE car and coach parking.
- FREE dedicated lunch spaces. There is also a picnic area outside with tables set out among the military vehicles.
- FREE drawing materials and/or gallery trails.
- The Museum can accommodate large groups of up to 100 learners in the building at one time.
- Separate male and female toilet facilities - including accessible toilets.
- Step-free access to galleries and facilities.
- Hazard identification sheet provided to assist with your risk assessment.

- Museum Shop packed with souvenirs for big and small budgets, goody bags can be pre-ordered to a specific value.
- The Courtyard Cafe provides hot drinks and light refreshments.
- Indoor and outdoor play areas.



Cost

Museum-led sessions are delivered by our experienced Learning Team.

1 x Workshop	£4 per learner
2 x Workshops	£6 per learner
3 x Workshops	£8 per learner

All workshop costs include Museum entrance.

No minimum group size, however there is a minimum group charge for all groups.

£60 for **one educational workshop**

£90 for **two educational workshops**

£120 for **three educational workshops**

Self-led visits £3 per learner



Outreach Inspiring Learning Sessions

We recognise that visiting the Museum is not always an option. Inspiring Learning Sessions are also offered as outreach with our expert team delivering in school.

£175 for up to 32 learners for the first session add **£150** per extra session.

*Prices are for 15 mile radius of the Museum, beyond this an additional fee will be added dependent on mileage.

Youth Groups

We also offer Inspiring Learning Sessions for **Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Beavers and Cadet groups**. These are usually after Museum opening hours/weekends and must be booked in advance.

Bespoke workshops

We are happy to offer a number of topics suitable for more bespoke content, including:

- Castles
- Army Transport
- Early Flying – ballooning
- Chinese Gordon: Chinese New Year
- Animals in War
- Airborne Engineers

SEN Groups

We know it can be difficult to manage a trip for SEN Groups, so to make it as stress-free as possible **we offer:**

- Specially trained member of the Learning Team
- Specially adapted Inspiring Learning
- Sessions to suit your group's access needs and learning outcomes
- Ear defenders for loan
- A Chill Out room



The Royal Engineers Museum

Inspiring Learning Experiences from History to STEM and beyond!



Full **details** of sessions, including National Curriculum topic links: re-museum.co.uk/learning

To **book**, contact the Learning Team:
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Opening Hours

Tuesday to Sunday:
10 am - 5 pm

Last entry 4 pm

Please note the Museum is **closed on Mondays**.

KS1 & 2

AGES 5-11 YEARS

We aim to make a visit to the Museum a memorable day for all **Key Stage 1 and 2 students**. Taking learning outside of the classroom students have the opportunity to engage with a variety of subjects, activities and new experiences. Inspiring Learning Sessions cover a range of topics and activities include **viewing the Victoria Cross of a local hero, making rockets and independently building an original First World War model bridge**.

Inspirational: Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole

In the **Victorian galleries** learners will see examples of weapons used in the **Crimean War** and meet **Snob the dog**, who was presented with a Crimean War medal. Using objects from our handling collection, learners will discover the methods the women used to improve the health of soldiers.

Outbreak to the Trenches

Based initially in the **First World War galleries** learners will gain an understanding of what daily life was like for soldiers bound for and in the

trenches. Exploring objects from our handling collection they will discover **what soldiers did to pass their time in the trenches**.

Local Lad: James McCudden VC

Learners will unearth **the story of James Thomas Byford McCudden**, who was born and raised in Gillingham. They will review his original **Victoria Cross** and discover why he was such a significant individual.

Medway life on the Home Front 1939-45

Learners will uncover **what life was like for local Medway families during the Second World War**, handling objects and archival material to investigate the stories of individual people living locally.

Make do and Mend Food Glorious Food 1939-45

Learners will uncover the impact not only that **food rationing** had on people, but clothing and petrol rationing too. They will experience the war time spirit by creating their own Rag Rug.

Bridge Design and Construction

Learners will **discover the significance of bridges in civilian and army life**. Teams then compete against one another to build and test a simple bridge, learning which designs

can withstand the most weight before collapsing into the river bed.

Why do we Remember

Learners will explore **why we use poppies as a national symbol of remembrance** and why the First World War is so significant to Remembrance Day. Each learner will create two poppies, leaving one at the Museum's remembrance memorial and taking one away.

The Art of the Medal

Learners begin **by viewing the medals on display in the Victoria Cross Gallery**. Focusing on **James McCudden's individual medals** they choose which to replicate by viewing the close up pictures. Learners then recreate one of McCudden's medals using pens to colour onto fabric and tools to carve into clay.

AGES 11-18 YEARS

KS3 & 4

Our Inspiring Learning Sessions are each tailored to meet the curriculum requirement for **Key Stage 3 and 4 History and/or STEM subjects**. Sessions follow the same format as the **KS1-2 workshops** but are delivered at an appropriate **learning level for KS3-4**. Students are given the **opportunity to explore a range of historical sources** during our

Reach for the skies: V2 Rocket Power

Beneath the dramatic display of our V2 Rocket, learners will find out **what forces and motion powered the rocket and how it was fuelled**. They will then build and test their own simple rocket, guessing how far they think it will travel.



object handling session as well as design and test structures in our engineering workshops.

OUR MOST POPULAR ARE:

- **Outbreak to the Trenches**
- **Local Lad: James McCudden VC**
- **Reach for the skies: V2 Rocket Power**
- **Bridge Design and Construction**

EYFS

AGES 2-5 YEARS

Specially designed for our youngest visitors our **EYFS Inspiring Learning Sessions** mix play and exploration of the Museum with opportunities to fully engage with our fascinating Collection. They will support teaching of **Victorian, First and Second World War** topics including **Remembrance, Rockets and Bridge Design**; encouraging teamwork, creativity and experimentation.

Zulu Warriors

Based in the **Victorian galleries**, learners will discover information about the **Zulu War of 1879** and interact with historical Zulu arms and armour, carry a real example of



a Zulu shield and hold Zulu Jewelry. Learners will then be split into groups, to individually create Zulu headdresses and shields.

Mini Bridge Designers: Construction

Learners will discover **why we need bridges** by re-telling the story of the Billy Goats Gruff. Teams then compete against one another to build and test a simple bridge, learning which designs can withstand the most weight before collapsing into the river bed.

•Why do we Remember

•The Art of the Medal

•Reach for the skies: V2 Rocket Power

These sessions follow the same format as the **KS1-2 workshops** but are delivered at an appropriate learning level for **EYFS groups**.

