

Learning at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Victorian Whodunnit programme
Key Stage 3



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Find out about Victorian moral attitudes and place the workhouse in its historic context through this dramatic Whodunnit? A female inmate has been murdered in the workhouse. Students meet costumed characters and help discover who committed the terrible crime through active learning sessions; they aid the Workhouse Cook, discuss issues of morality with the Master of the Workhouse, encounter an Inmate in the laundry and investigate life for the Poor in the workhouse. They support the Detective in his investigation; analysing sources relating to the murder and gathering evidence to accuse the suspects in a dramatic finale.

This dramatic and engaging event broadens student's knowledge and understanding of life in Victorian Britain and links to studies of the Impact of Industrialisation. The day encourages communication, enquiry and thinking skills and is a perfect basis for developing literacy work.

Aims and learning outcomes

KS3 History and English

- Supports studies of 'Britain as the first industrial nation – the impact on society'.
- Learn from important sources of evidence: handle objects and explore historic buildings.
- Promote enquiry and thinking skills and encourage speculation and hypothesising by active participation in a dramatic story line.
- Develop listening, speaking and questioning skills.
- An immersive experience which promotes creative and imaginative writing: subject-specific language, atmospheric settings and developed characters.

Essential information

A day of activities led by museum staff; 10am to 2pm, with a break for lunch.
Maximum group size of 120 pupils.
£6.00 per pupil.

Bookings

Advance booking is essential. For further information or to make a booking, please contact our Bookings Administrator on 01362 860563 or gressenhall.museum@norfolk.gov.uk

