

**Discover the story...**

Learning through imagination

# Schools

at Colchester + Ipswich Museums



Colchester + Ipswich  
Museums

# Welcome to a world of imagination!

From Egyptians to Romans, Mansion to Castle, our museums inspire children to look, investigate, compare and question the world around them. The wide range of collections provide endless opportunities to explore any area of learning. We welcome all groups, whether you want to plan your own visit or take part in one of our museum-led sessions.

**Book now to discover more,  
a thousand stories await.**

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## Colchester Castle

- + Castles as Homes KS1
- + Romans KS2



## Hollytrees Museum

- + Toys and Homes KS1
- + Victorian Lives KS2



## Natural History Museum

- + Self-led tours



## Ipswich Art Gallery

- + Self-led tours



## Ipswich Museum

- + Early Years gallery boxes
- + Animal Classification KS1
- + Ipswich at War KS2
- + Journeys in Ancient Egypt KS2
- + Prehistory KS2
- + The Anglo-Saxons in East Anglia KS2



## Christchurch Mansion

- + Constable Early Years Music Session EY
- + Toys KS1
- + Constable, Our Great Local Artist KS2
- + Victorians KS1 + KS2



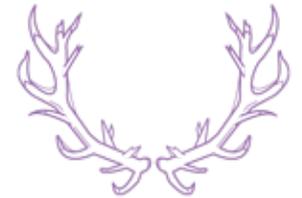
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# Museum sessions in Ipswich

Bring learning to life with our hands-on, creative and fun learning sessions. Use real objects from our collections to go on a journey, from the Stone Age, Ancient Egypt and Anglo-Saxons at Ipswich Museum to the Victorians at Christchurch Mansion.

- + Constable Early Years Music Session EY
- + Gallery boxes EY
- + Animal Classification KS1
- + Toys KS1
- + Victorians KS1 + KS2
- + Constable Our Great Local Artist KS2
- + Ipswich at War KS2
- + Journeys In Ancient Egypt KS2
- + Prehistory KS2
- + The Anglo-Saxons in East Anglia KS2



“ There’s lots to talk about and it gives children a more hands-on experience of the past. ”

Teacher, St Peter’s C of E Primary School

# Museum sessions in Colchester

Interact, dress up and explore the rich history Colchester has to offer. Descend into the Castle vaults, climb the Great Stairs to the roof or travel back in time to when Hollytrees was a Victorian home.

- + Castles As Homes KS1
- + Toys And Homes KS1
- + Romans In Colchester KS2
- + Victorian Lives KS2



“ The children had an educational and memorable day out, purposefully supporting our curriculum. ”

Head of School,  
Silver End Primary School



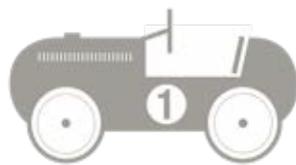
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# Goody bags

Visiting with your class on one of our museum sessions? Our gift shops offer a full range of educational and fun souvenirs to suit all pockets.

We also stock goody bags relevant to your topic, which are available to pre-order and ready to collect when you visit. Alternatively, if you would rather a bespoke pack for your school, please get in touch and we can advise on what is possible.



# School boxes

Borrow one of our loan boxes to enhance your pupils' learning – either bring objects into your classroom or borrow some during your self-led visit. These boxes are great for developing enquiry skills, inspiring imagination and supporting post-visit work. Boxes contain a mix of real and replica objects, photos, documents and teacher's notes.

## Colchester

- + Timeline
- + Stone Age To Iron Age
- + Rocks And Fossils
- + Evacuee
- + William Gilbert
- + Victorian Kitchen
- + Victorian Fashion
- + Victorian Childhood
- + Tudor And Stuart
- + Siege of Colchester
- + Roman
- + Ancient Greece
- + Ancient Egypt

## Ipswich

Take away:

- + Taxidermy birds (choice of 6 species)
- + Taxidermy stoat
- + Pinned butterflies
- + Natural History
- + Geology
- + Marine Life

On-site use only:

- + Early Years topic boxes
- + Natural History
- + Geology



“ Hands-on activities meant all children were really engaged. ”

Teacher,  
Ditchingham Primary



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# Takeover Day

Takeover Day is a national initiative by Kids In Museums, which takes place every November. We work with local schools, inviting their students to undertake a variety of staff roles and run our museums for the day.

If your school is interested in taking part, please contact us for more information.



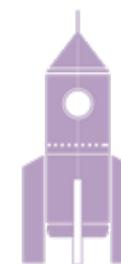
“ A lot more happens behind the scenes than you may originally think. ”

Takeover Day Student



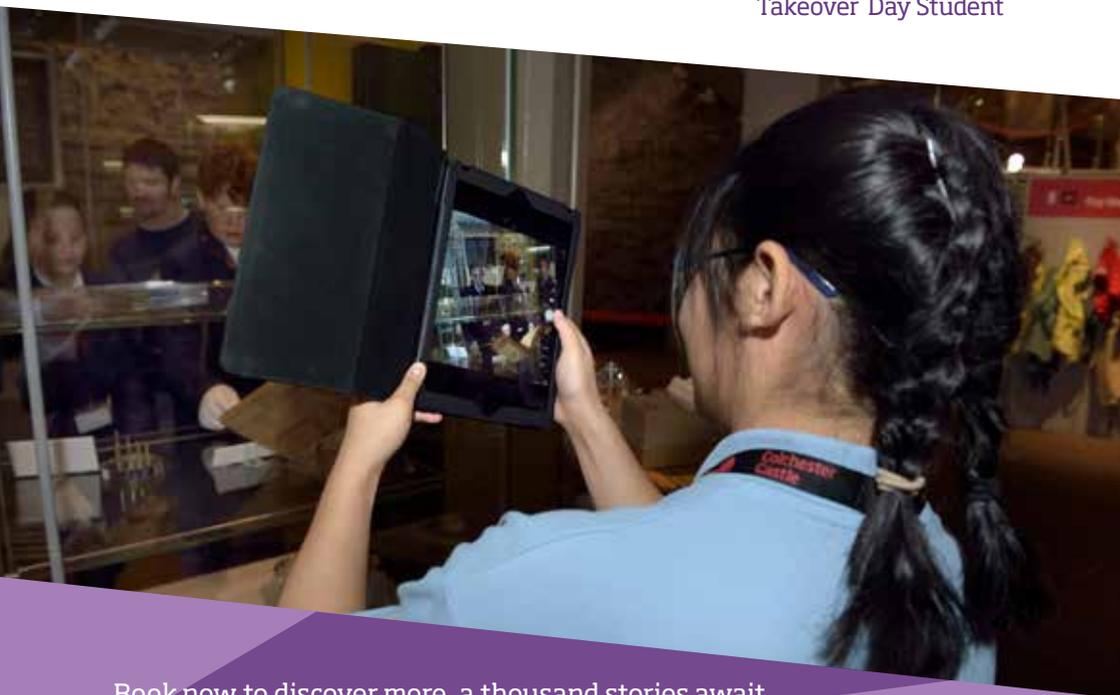
## Work experience

Colchester + Ipswich Museums host week-long work experience placements during the summer, which any student between years 10 and 12 can apply for. Participants can support a range of projects and work alongside a variety of museum professionals.



“ I really enjoyed interacting with the public at Colchester Castle because it allowed me to improve my social and communication skills. ”

Work Experience Student



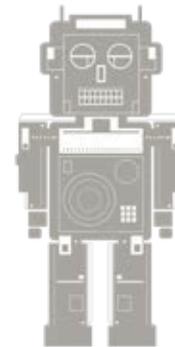
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# Teachers Advisory Panels

Our museums are visited by around 30,000 pupils each year. The work we do with schools is supported by a Teachers Advisory Panel in both Colchester and Ipswich.



We welcome new members, so if you are a teacher working in or around either of our two towns and would like further information, please contact us.

# Museum roles

We are proud to have an incredible team at Colchester + Ipswich Museums. Their expertise spans a range of fields including exhibition design, collections documentation, curation, learning and administration.

Our Visitor Services team brings the venues to life, while our conservators restore and protect the collections for future generations.

To find out more about different careers in museums, visit the Our Team pages on the website.



“ I never knew how many different roles there were in museums. ”

Work Experience Student



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## Exhibition

Kiss and Tell: Rodin and  
Suffolk Sculpture

**24th November 2018 - 28th April  
2019**

**Christchurch Mansion**

Auguste Rodin's iconic life size marble sculpture, The Kiss, is a significant piece in the history of sculpture, and will be coming to Ipswich later this year on loan from the Tate collection.

Focusing on the stories behind the sculpture, this major exhibition also explores images of love and devotion found in the Ipswich collections.



## Exhibition

**Women 100**

**November 2018 - March 2019**  
**Ipswich Art Gallery**

Marking 100 years since some women were granted the right to vote, this exhibition showcases and celebrates Suffolk's female artists and their inspirational stories. From Blanche G. Vulliamy and Anna Airy to Amy K. Browning and Tory Lawrence, Women 100 aims to raise awareness and inspire the next generation of Suffolk artists.

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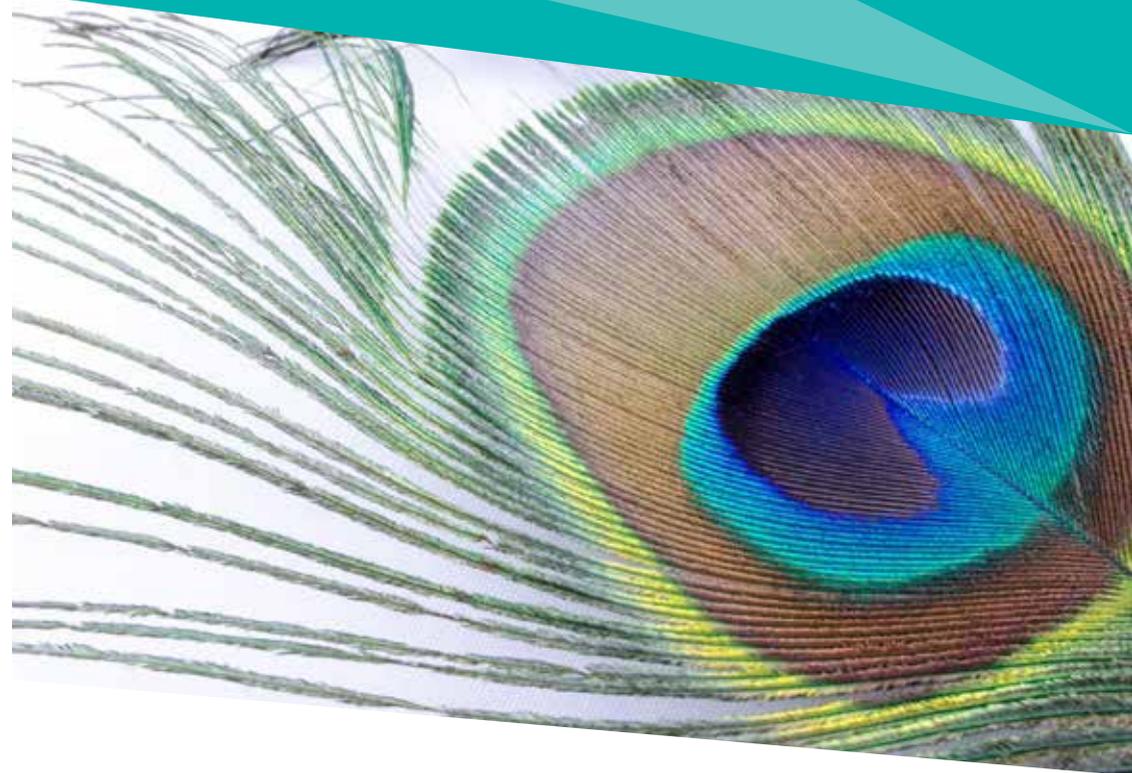
# Exhibition

We are Colchester

**28th June 2018 - 5th January 2019**

**Hollytrees Museum**

We all have multiple identities, such as gender, sexuality, ethnicity and religion. We often use objects in our daily lives to help us convey those identities to other people. This exhibition explores the identities of some Colchester residents through their possessions, as well as looking at how identity was reflected through objects in the past. Some of these objects may challenge your assumptions about people and social stereotypes.



# Exhibition

Wild Wardrobe: The Raw Materials of Fashion

**19th January - 1st June 2019**

**Hollytrees Museum**

There is a deep connection between fashion and the environment; nature providing both inspiration and raw materials. From feathers and fur to cotton and silk this exhibition explores how we have used nature's materials to create clothing and accessories. Discover more about the history of this connection and see objects from the fashion and textiles collection.



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# Booking information

## Contact Us:

All school, nursery and group visits, including self-led visits, must be booked in advance.

We have experience in tailoring our sessions to meet special needs. Please ring and talk to us before booking.

Risk assessment advice and a list of frequently asked questions can be found on the website.

We encourage schools to use their local museums and therefore offer a discount per child for schools with the respective boroughs.

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