



The Mary Rose
Learning Programme
2018 – 2019



Key Stage 1-2 Programme

Henry's Heroes

Life on board the Mary Rose

Discover life above and below decks on King Henry VIII's favourite warship. Handle a wide range of replica artefacts to investigate how differently the officers and crew lived, worked and played at sea. Dressing up for all with our replica Tudor clothing – bring your camera for a brilliant photo opportunity for the whole class!

Materials of the Mary Rose

Tudor materials under the microscope

Work with real and replica artefacts to investigate Tudor materials and their properties. Were they fit for purpose? How do they compare with modern materials? Use digital microscopes to compare sample materials and see them in high definition!

Fighting Fit

Were the Mary Rose crew fit to fight?

Dispel some of those myths about Tudor life. Are we fitter and healthier than our Tudor ancestors? A series of activities looking at diet and fitness is designed to answer this question. Handle replica artefacts to understand the impact of lifestyle on the officers and crew of the Mary Rose.

Tudor Gun Drill

Battle plans and cannon fire

Two part challenge:

- What does it take to work as a Tudor Gun Crew? What would it be like on board in the heat of battle? In small teams load and fire our full-size replica gun in the Admiral's Gallery of the Museum with spectacular views of the Mary Rose.
- Think big! Teams plan a strategy to attack or defend Portsmouth Harbour in 1545 with ships, castles and soldiers using a contemporary map. Can you change history?

Portsmouth's Tudor Past

Life in a Tudor town – local history and geography

What was it like to live in the home port of the Mary Rose? Look at maps, handle replica artefacts and dress up to build up a picture of life in Portsmouth 500 years ago. How much has the City changed since the time of the Mary Rose?

HANDS ON THE MARY ROSE

In memory of Charles Tidbury



Key Stage 3-4 Programme

Tudor History Mystery

Contribute to the ongoing debate

Why did the Mary Rose sink and why is she so significant? Engage in a genuine debate comparing conflicting primary sources on the sinking of the ship before voting for the most likely theory. Handle mystery replica artefacts. What does this amazing collection reveal about Tudor life?

STEM at Work

Shipwreck Science, Materials Conservation, Design and Engineering

How was the Mary Rose found and raised? Investigate the changes caused by 437 years under the sea. Handle samples of real Mary Rose wood and discover how she has been preserved for all time in a purpose-built museum. Ideal for Science Week or careers days.

Strictly Tudor Surgery

Renaissance medicine in action

Just how bad was Tudor medicine? How effective was the Mary Rose Surgeon? Using costumes and replica artefacts as props role-play the Surgeon and his patients in scenarios based on the Mary Rose crew. Medical practice must be strictly Tudor!

Tudor Masterclass

Pivotal moments in history

Examine inscriptions found on the Mary Rose and explore their significance. Handle replicas to investigate what the Mary Rose collection tells us about the tumultuous reign of King Henry VIII. Explore evidence of change and continuity in church, state and society, 1509 – 1545.

What sank the Mary Rose?

Practical investigation

Why did the Mary Rose sink? Was the ship unstable or overloaded? Were there other factors? Test predictions relating to stability and load-bearing capacity of models. Use the scientific evidence to support or refute the theories. Ideal with Tudor History Mystery; the investigation of historical sources relating to the sinking.



Post 16 Programme

A Level Tudor History

A unique opportunity to immerse students in the Tudor world

See thousands of real artefacts all dating from 1545 in the museum, including some not found anywhere else in the world. Dr David Starkey calls it “England’s Pompeii” – one moment in time preserved forever. Includes:

- A conflicting evidence case study
- A short talk on the intriguing evidence of religious practice from the Mary Rose
- Real and replica artefact handling
- Careers in heritage/museums (by arrangement)

Business Studies/Events Management/ Leisure Travel and Tourism

Multi-award winning Mary Rose Museum

Meet the Museum Management Team and put key areas of business in context. Topics offered include: operational issues; customer service; marketing; organisation; running events and managing change. Includes:

- Introductory Talk: Running a Museum Business
- Structured museum visit investigating key areas of interest
- Workshop session including practical activities

Critical Thinking Whole Day Investigation What sank the Mary Rose?

Supports IB Theory of Knowledge and A Level Arts and Sciences. Encourages critical thinking in 16+ learning. A challenging inter-disciplinary day involving History, Science and Archaeology. Workshop sessions on the sinking of the Mary Rose involve:

- Examining conflicting evidence
- Setting, testing and defending hypotheses
- Group presentations

Pricing

Museum Visit
£4
per student

Teacher/adults free

Workshop
£75
per class

Book two workshops
for your class for £130

Post 16 Programme
£150
per class

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