

# GMP POLICE MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



## GCSE CRIME, POLICING & PUNISHMENT

### Why GMP Museum & Archives?

Greater Manchester Police Museum & Archives provides a wealth of resources for teachers and students following Crime, Policing and Punishment in GCSE History. The museum is housed in an original police station dating from 1879 and is ideal for studying in situ the changes that have occurred in crime, punishment and policing over the last century in an environment that cannot be recreated in the classroom. Students can experience late Victorian cells (containing original punishment devices such as the birching stool and individual prisoner profiles), a charge office and courtroom. The Crime Room includes exceptional displays on forensics and individual murder cases. The building itself is a unique resource-possibly the best example of its type in the UK. The collection includes a wide selection of forensic evidence and a full range of uniform and equipment dating from 1840s to present day. The archives encompass records of policing in the Manchester area from the 1840s onwards, contemporary photographs of criminals from late 19th-early 20th century and accounts of punishment.

### When is it open?

The museum opens to the public every Tuesday (excluding Christmas time) and welcomes group bookings every weekday by appointment. Morning: 10am or 10.30am. Afternoon (excluding Fridays): 1pm or 1.30pm. Archive appointments can be made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (subject to availability).

### What facilities are there?

There are toilets on all levels, an on-site shop and disabled access/ facilities throughout the building. We also have a loop system available for visitors. Please note-due to the size of the museum building there is no meeting/ rest room or café for groups..

### How long does a visit take?

It really depends on the size of the group and what you want to get out of a visit. It takes the form of a guided tour and on average Key Stage 4 students may benefit from spending from 1½ to 2 hours with us. We recommend usually no more than 20-25, although classes can sometimes be split into smaller groups.

### What happens during a visit?

You are met and taken round by a trained member of staff or a trained volunteer. The visit begins in the restored Victorian charge office, moving into the restored Victorian prisoner cells and then up to the reconstructed magistrates court. The group also gets the chance to view the crime room and the main exhibition gallery before finishing in the transport gallery where police vehicles are currently displayed. There is the opportunity to try on police uniform and use the on-site shop.

### Can we provide teaching resources?

We have created a primary resource pack specifically aimed at students studying crime, policing and punishment at GCSE. Also available is an overview of the history of the police in this area. We are currently in the process of developing a bank of downloadable teaching resources, in the meantime we can email any required resources before or after the visit.

### What is the procedure to find out more/book?

If you wish to make a booking please contact the Museum Officer who will send you a booking pack with a form to complete, once that is returned, a confirmation will be made. We do advise teachers to come on a preliminary visit, to see the museum and discuss requirements with museum staff. However we do understand that this is not always possible, in which case we strongly recommend teachers speak to the Learning and Outreach Assistant by phone before their visit.

**PLEASE NOTE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL, CONTACT:**

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