

Secondary School Workshops At York Mansion House

2018

Celebrating 800 Years Of Civic Democracy



The Mansion House reopened in 2017 after a £1.6 million HLF restoration project. The Mansion House is an iconic symbol of civic democracy in the City of York, representing over 800 years of the Mayoralty of York. It is an ideal venue for exploring the history of the City of York, citizenship and civic democracy.

Self-Led Visits

Free trails and resources for self-led visits are available on the Education pages on our website www.mansionhouseyork.com

KS3

Time Travelling With The Lord Mayors Of York

Who made the Mayor of York a Lord Mayor? What are the connections with Samuel Pepys? When did women become Lord Mayors? This session explores the chronology of the Lord Mayors of York from medieval times to the present day. Students will explore the stories of key Mayors and Lord Mayors of York, view original objects and use costumes and replica objects to build their own time line of the city of York.



NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study, Chronology

Who Was The First Mayor And Lord Mayor Of York?

Hugh de Selby is said to be the first Mayor of York in 1217, but early city histories also mention a “Mayor Nigel” in the 1100s. In 1396 Richard II is said to have made the mayors of York into Lord Mayors. Using primary and secondary source materials students will be asked to debate who really was the first Mayor of York, and who was the first Lord Mayor.

NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study

York, The Slave Trade And The East India Company

From the 17th to 18th centuries many Lord Mayors of York were directly or indirectly associated with the East India Company and the slave trade, but in the 1790s York led the way in the anti-slavery movement. In this his interactive session students will map the global reach of the Mansion House and its collections, debate how far York was involved and create an anti-slavery campaign.

NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study



Escape From The Jacobites!

Having defeated the Jacobites at the Battle of Culloden on 16 April 1746 the Duke of Cumberland, “The Butcher”, is on his way south to York. Some of York’s councillors have Jacobite sympathies and there is one portrait in the Mansion House that could incriminate the council. Students will be given character cards and asked to solve clues to identify the portrait that would incriminate the council. Information packs with character cards will be provided before your visit.

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Protecting The People - York's Militia

In 1757 George Fox Lane prevented a riot in Bootham Bar. The reality of Britain's continental wars meant many men were enlisted to fight and York not only provided men, but also raised its own voluntary militia. Students will explore how men were raised for the army and navy, the role of the local militia in York during the 18th century, and the connections with the Battle of Jersey.

NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study

Talking Portraits - George IV



Students will discover the story behind the portrait of George IV in the State Room, his visit to York in 1789 and the banquet which the city provided. Through solving a series of clues students will decode the portrait and uncover the truth about the black servant in the portrait. They will create a series of newspaper stories and headlines in the style of the late 18th century.

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York And The Cholera Epidemic

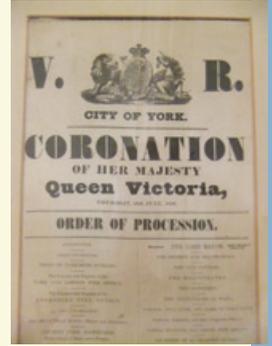
Students will discover the impact of the Cholera epidemic on York in 1832 and explore how the Corporation of York responded to this unprecedented epidemic. Students will take on the roles of contemporary councillors and members of the new Board of Health to debate how they will contain the spread of cholera and maintain a clean water supply. Information packs with character cards will be provided before your visit.



NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study, The Peoples Health

Chartism, Citizenship And Local Democracy

On Friday 15 March 1840 the City of York celebrated the royal marriage of Queen Victoria with a civic procession from the Mansion House to the Minster. On the same day the Yorkshire Gazette reported the trial of the Bradford Chartists. Students will explore the impact of Chartism on the corporation and mayoralty of York. Information packs with character cards will be provided before your visit.



NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study, Monarchy & Democracy



George Hudson: Hero Or Villain?

Students will discover the story of George Hudson Lord Mayor of York who made the trains come to York. Students will recreate the Victorian Mayor making process, including hustings and voting, handle original and replica items and create silhouettes of George Hudson and his family in the Mansion House.

NC Links - Citizenship, History, Art and Design

Housing York: Edna Annie Crichton

Students will discover the story of Edna Annie Crichton the first female Lord Mayor of York in 1942, in whose mayoralty the German Baedeker Raids hit the city. After her year as Lord Mayor, Edna Annie Crichton was still chair of the Housing Committee and faced the unenviable task of re-housing 9,000 families whose homes had been destroyed. Students will take on the role of the Housing Committee making decisions about how to house these families in the aftermath of the Baedeker raids.

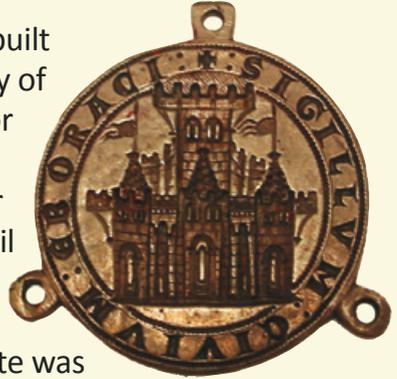


NC Links - History, Citizenship, Maths

KS4

The Liberties Of York

When the Mansion House was first built only a handful of Freemen of the City of York could vote for the Lord Mayor or their local member of parliament. Students will explore how the power and responsibilities of the city council have changed from the medieval to the modern period. They will also explore how and why the right to vote was extended and what impact that has had on the city of York.



NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study, Monarchy & Democracy

Bridget Hodson & Dr. John Burton - “Man Midwife”!

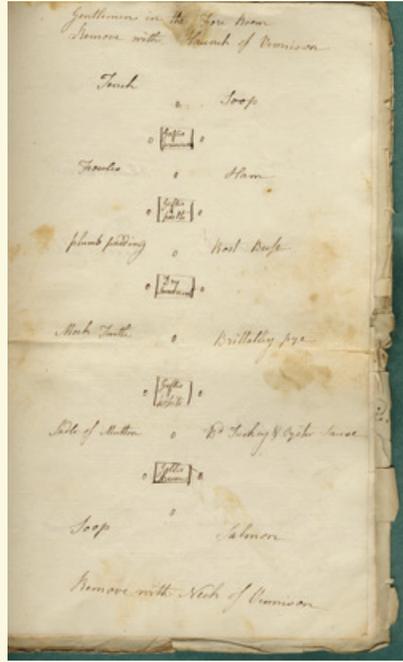
Students will discover some of the medical stories behind the collections in the Mansion House. Bridget Hodgson, an 18th century midwife, donated a silver tankard to the city. Dr. John Burton, ‘**man midwife**’, was associated with York hospital and satirised by Laurence Sterne as “Dr. Slop” in “**Tristram Shandy**”. Students will explore the role of midwives in the 18th century and the connections to the mayoralty of York.



NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study, The Peoples Health

Feeding York: The Rowntree Mayors

The Mayoral banquets held in the Mansion House during the 18th and 19th centuries were often sumptuous affairs, yet most of York's population lived in poverty. The groundbreaking work of the Rowntree family highlighted the plight of York's poor and created practical definitions of poverty. Students will analyse menus, discover how pineapples and other delicacies made it to the Lord Mayor's table and contrast this with the realities of many who lived in Hungate.



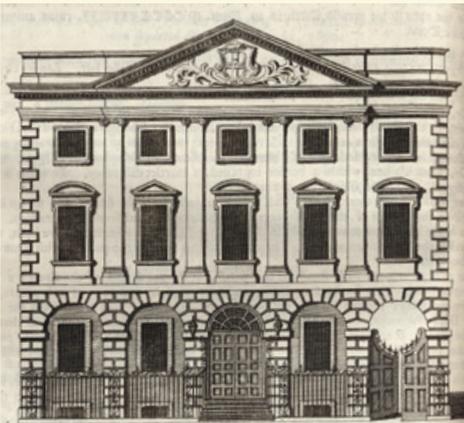
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Rediscovering The Mansion House

Students will discover the story of the restoration of the Mansion House in 2015-17. Using contemporary source materials, finds and paint analysis, students will be challenged to uncover the original purpose of the Mansion House, reconstruct

the architectural history of the building and show how the Mansion House has been reimagined by different generations of Lord Mayors.

NC Links - Citizenship, Local History Study,



Booking Information

Contact us by phone or email

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Admission

Adults accompanying school groups in the numbers we require are free.

Additional Adults: £6.50

Adult /Child Ratio:

Nursery & Reception:

One adult per 4 children

KS 1 & 2:

One adult per 6 children.

KS 3 & 4:

One adult per 10 children

School Workshops also available on Mondays & Tuesdays

Max. No. Pupils 30.

1 hour workshop..... £60

1.5 hour workshop..... £70

2 hour workshop..... £80

Times:

Wednesday to Sunday
10.30am – 5pm

Cancellations

We require a minimum of 48 hours notice for cancellation of sessions for payment to be refunded.

Parking

Parking information can be found on the City of York Council website:

www.york.gov.uk/transport/Parking/Coach_parking/

Call: 01904 551309.

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