# TEACHER'S GUIDE











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**YOUR NOTES** 





On arrival the Group leader will need to report to the Visitor Centre. Here you will be issued with your site tickets. If you have booked a Discover More Visit you will need to collect your backpacks and the key combination from here. You will also need to return them at the end of the visit to the Visitor Centre. Portsmouth Historic Dockyard is part of a working naval base and so individuals may be subject to random bag searches.

### **TEACHER TOP TIPS!**

The nearest toilets to the Visitor Centre can be found at the back of Boathouse 7 a short distance from the entrance.

Remember to pick up your Discover More backpacks and Discovery Chest lock combinations from the Visitor Centre. You will also need to return them to the same place when you leave



# FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE SITE

### **TOILETS**

Toilets can be found at various locations on site and are marked on the map. The largest block of toilets can be found at the back of the restaurant in Boathouse 7. There are also toilets outside the Mary Rose, in the Victory Gallery, in the National Museum of the Royal Navy and on HMS Warrior. It is recommended that the toilets on HMS Warrior are used for 'emergencies' only whilst on board, especially for younger visitors, as they are accessed down a couple of ladders (steep stairs)

Once your group is ready, please head to your first attraction of the day. Tickets, held by group leaders, will need to be scanned at every attraction so keep them handy. We ask that pupils are split into smaller groups under adult supervision to explore; you'll be able to see a lot more that way.

### **GIFT SHOPS**

Our museum shops are located in the following areas:

- · Boathouse 5 (nearest shop to Visitor Centre)
- National Museum of the Royal Navy (entry via the galleries)
- Mary Rose Museum

A good selection of pocket money souvenirs and gifts are available.

### **MUSEUM MANNERS**

When visiting our museums please keep to the following:

- Behave in a considerate way so that all visitors enjoy their visit to us.
- Walk inside our buildings and ships we still have most of our original flooring which can be quite uneven.
- · No eating or drinking inside our buildings and ships.
- Stay with the group adult.
- Avoid overcrowding in small spaces by splitting up large groups.

IMPORTANT: (Visits to ships/galleries will require you to split large groups to smaller groups of 6 - 1 adult to 5 pupils)

### WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

The site has full evacuation procedures in case of emergency or fire. Please ensure that your group understands the importance of following such procedures in the event of an evacuation. In the event of a major emergency in your group, contact a member of staff who will activate emergency procedures and contact relevant emergency services.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY ON SITE**

### **PRELIMINARY VISITS**

To help with advance planning we recommend that a preliminary visit is conducted to complete Risk Assessment paperwork for offsite visits. Preliminary visits are free of charge but school identification such as a headed letter is required.

The Museum has comprehensive codes of practices, covering Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Risk Assessments and First Aid.

We advise all visitors to wear sensible shoes and dress warmly in cold weather and to keep bags to a minimum so that hands are free for climbing ladders on the ships.

We do not have a spaces to store lunch boxes or other equipment. These must be kept with the group at all times. Please do not leave any bags/lunchboxes/equipment unattended.

### **TEACHER TOP TIPS!**

Backpacks work best when visiting ships rather than hand held bags.

Please also be aware that our historic ships are uneven underfoot, can be dark below decks and you will need to use ladders to move between decks. The Mary Rose Museum is also a very dark environment. It is lit dramatically to show the artefacts to their best advantage and to ensure that they do not suffer damage from the light. You may wish to be aware that human remains are displayed on the lower and upper decks of the Mary Rose Museum; the content of some displays in the museum e.g. the Barber Surgeon, may upset particularly sensitive children.

Around the site are dedicated team members and volunteers to help with your visit and who will be able to answer any of your questions or deal with any emergency situations.





To get the most out of your visit, it is important to allow extra time in your timetable. It can take a while to travel across the dockyard so please give at least 10 minutes between your activities.

Below is an example timetable to help with planning your day:

TIME	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
10:00	Arrival - get tickets, go to the toilet, etc.		
10:20 - 11:20	Attraction (e.g. Victory, Mary Rose Museum etc.)	Discover More Chest	Gallery visit
11:30-12:30	Gallery visit	Attraction (e.g. Victory, Mary Rose Museum etc.)	Discover More Chest
12:30-13:00	Lunch		
13:10- 14:10	Discover More Chest	Gallery visit	Attraction (e.g. Victory, Mary Rose Museum etc.)
14:20	Leave		

### **DISCOVERY VISIT RESOURCES**

Our Teacher's Highlights (downloadable from www.historicdockyard.co.uk/learning) is designed to be used by teachers/adult helpers and contains information about the different attractions on site. It includes maps and must see highlights so that you get the most out of a visit.

**TEACHER TOP TIPS!** 

Print out the Teacher's Highlights before your visit.

Before you visit, you can also view our teacher's orientation film online. It has lots of helpful

Our Discovery Challenge packs are designed to be used by pupils. They are available to download from our website: www.historicdockyard.co.uk/learning

There is a choice of two options and will link to the Discovery Visit booked with us.



### **ALL HANDS ON DECK DISCOVERY VISIT**

Choose the All Hands on Deck Discovery Challenge pack. It will encourage pupils to use their historical enquiry skills to explore our unique collection and become investigating historians.

### **GREAT NAVAL INNOVATIONS AND PIONEERS DISCOVERY VISIT**

This Discovery Visit will encourage pupils to use their problem -solving skills to explore. Pupils will be able to use the Discovery Challenge pack to work through various activities using evidence to create a naval game changers Hall of Fame.

### **TEACHER TOP TIPS!**

Print out your chosen Discovery Challenge pack before your visit.

The pack is designed to be used in any of the galleries and ships.

The packs work on a 'Pick and Mix' basis and it means you can tailor the challenges to meet the needs of the pupils.





### **DISCOVER MORE VISIT**

Discover More is a new offer which includes the resources for a Discovery Visit PLUS:

### **DISCOVER MORE BACKPACKS**

These are portable activities for use on HMS Victory, HMS Warrior 1860 and HMS M33.

Each backpack contains a set of challenges and resources that encourage observation, discussion and imagination to support historical enquiry and creative writing. Back packs also include equipment including torches, illuminated magnifying glasses and magnets to help your students investigate materials and find out more about how the ships were built.

Discover More Backpacks will be issued to the lead teacher in your group. Within each backpack are multiple sets of resources to distribute.

### **DISCOVER MORE CHESTS**

These are teacher led activity stations with differentiated resources linked to particular galleries to support contextual learning. The resources are organised in activity boxes with easy-to-read instructions.

The Discover More Chests are located in the Nelson Gallery, Victory Gallery and HMS Galleries.

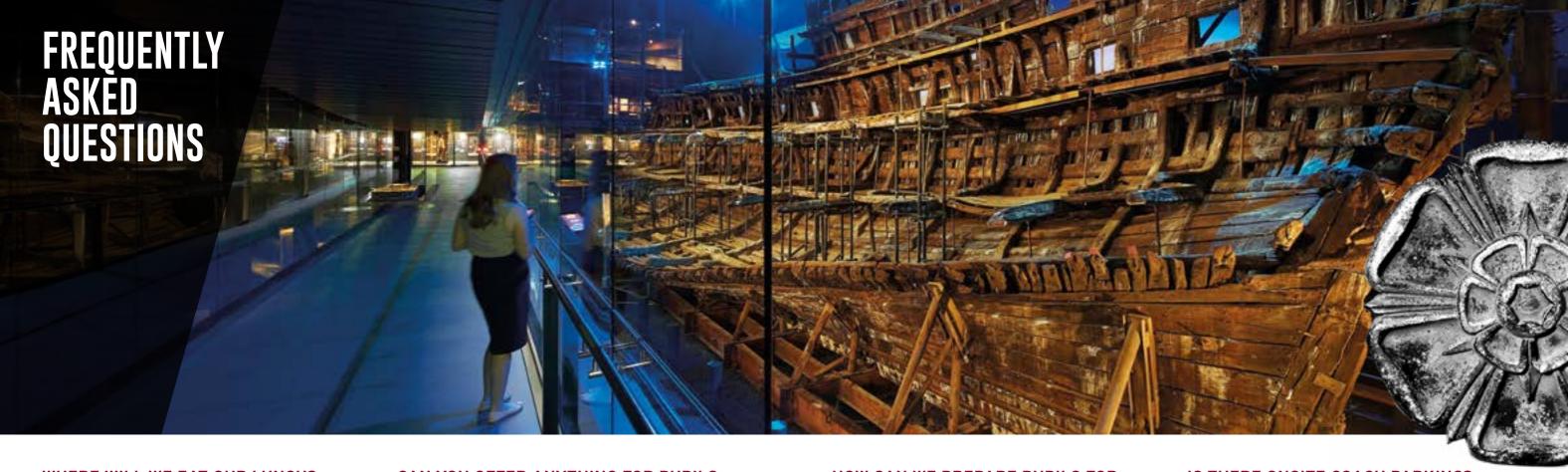
### **TEACHER TOP TIPS!**

Nelson Gallery Discover More Chest supports the enquiry question "Why do we remember Nelson?" Great option for KS1.

The Discover More Chests have a wide range of accessible resources.

The escape room style challenge in the Victory Gallery Discover More Chest will encourage teamwork and problem solving. It takes place in the brand new Victory Gallery, which includes an immersive film.

Modern conflict is explored in the HMS gallery Discovery Chest which is aimed at KS2 and KS3 students.



### WHERE WILL WE EAT OUR LUNCH?

You will need to book a lunch space at time of your booking. The lunch room is located in Boathouse 7. There are also toilet facilities on hand. If it is nice weather, you are also welcome to eat outside.

### CAN WE LEAVE LUNCH BOXES AND BAGS **ANYWHERE?**

We do not currently have facilities for groups to leave their bags, lunchboxes or any personal belongings.

### ARE THERE TOILETS IN EVERY ATTRACTION?

Toilets can be found in Boathouse No. 7, Boathouse No. 4, outside and inside the Mary Rose, inside the National Museum of the Royal Navy (in the Sailing Navy Gallery, HMS Gallery) and the Victory Gallery. There are no toilets on board HMS Victory, or HMS M33 so please use the closest facilities either in the main museum building or outside the Mary Rose Museum. There are toilets on board HMS Warrior, however they are down three flights of ladders so it would be easier to use the toilets in Boathouse 7.

### WHERE ARE THE ACCESSIBLE TOILETS?

Accessible toilets can be found in Boathouse No. 7, Boathouse No. 4 (accessed via a lift), outside and inside the Mary Rose, inside the National Museum of the Royal Navy and in the Victory Gallery. There is an accessible toilet on HMS Warrior on the Cable Deck, please talk to a member of staff on board if required.

### **CAN YOU OFFER ANYTHING FOR PUPILS** WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

The galleries and the Mary Rose Museum are fully accessible, however some parts of our historic ships are unfortunately inaccessible to those with mobility issues. The Lower Gun Deck on HMS Victory is accessible, as are the top and main decks of HMS Warrior, although depending on the tide, the ramp to HMS Warrior can be guite steep. Please do not hesitate to ask any of our dedicated staff members or volunteers if you require some extra assistance on site.

The Discovery Challenge packs are designed with alternative learning strategies in mind to support all learners. Furthermore, we also have special sensory Chillout Backpacks available to borrow for free which contain resources to support pupils who may struggle with sensory issues or need something to help them feel calm, grounded and comfortable. The backpack contains items like Ear Defenders, weighted toys, fidget toys and torch.

Please email phd.learning@nmrn.org.uk for further information



### HOW CAN WE PREPARE PUPILS FOR **OUR VISIT?**

Before your visit, you will have access to our range of pre-visit resources to support learning in the classroom which are available for free at the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard website. We also have a short film on our website to help orientation and introduction for group leaders, parents and pupils (Note: this is not a substitute for an on-site pre-visit). Free resources are also available about a range of topics on our account on TES:

www.tes.com/teaching-resources/shop/NMRN\_Learning. We also have loans boxes for use before or after your visit. The themes available include Life on Board HMS Victory, The Transatlantic Slave Trade, and an HMS Warrior Sensory Story Box. Loans boxes which can be hired to supplement learning for two weeks at a fee of £30.

### WHAT ARE YOUR COVID-19 SECURE **MEASURES?**

We are constantly reviewing the health and safety measures in regards to Covid-19 to make your visit safe. Please check online before your visit for current safety guidance. We ask for large groups to explore our attractions in smaller groups; not only for safety but to ensure your group gets the best experiences of our attractions.

### IS THERE ONSITE COACH PARKING?

There is a drop-off/pick up point on Queen Street. Coach parking is provided by Portsmouth City Council and this can be arranged at time of booking. Price £7.50

### **CAN OUR STAFF AND ADULT HELPERS PURCHASE REFRESHMENTS?**

There are various places on site to purchase refreshments. Season depending, there is a small café in the visitor's centre, a restaurant in Boathouse 7, and the Mary Rose Café.

### **CAN OUR PUPILS VISIT THE GIFT SHOP?**

Pupils are able to visit our gift shops which are located in The National Museum of the Royal Navy and the Mary Rose Museum.

### IS THERE A CANCELLATION FEE?

Please refer to the booking pages on our website and in your booking details for the current cancellation policy.

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