



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Museum



Teachers' pack

The London Fire Brigade Museum is located at Winchester House, a Georgian mansion, once home to the Brigade's first chief officer Captain Sir Eyre Massey Shaw. The museum traces the history of organised firefighting in London from 1666, providing a view of the social history of London from Victorian times, through two world wars to the present day. Also on display are several historical fire engines housed in a Victorian fire station.

The museum is suitable for both primary and secondary school children with sessions designed for curriculum topics including; the Great Fire of London and the Second World War. A more general tour emphasising the continuity and development of London Fire Brigade is also available.

Liaison between the school and the museum is recommended before a visit to enable the curators to tailor to the specific needs of the group.



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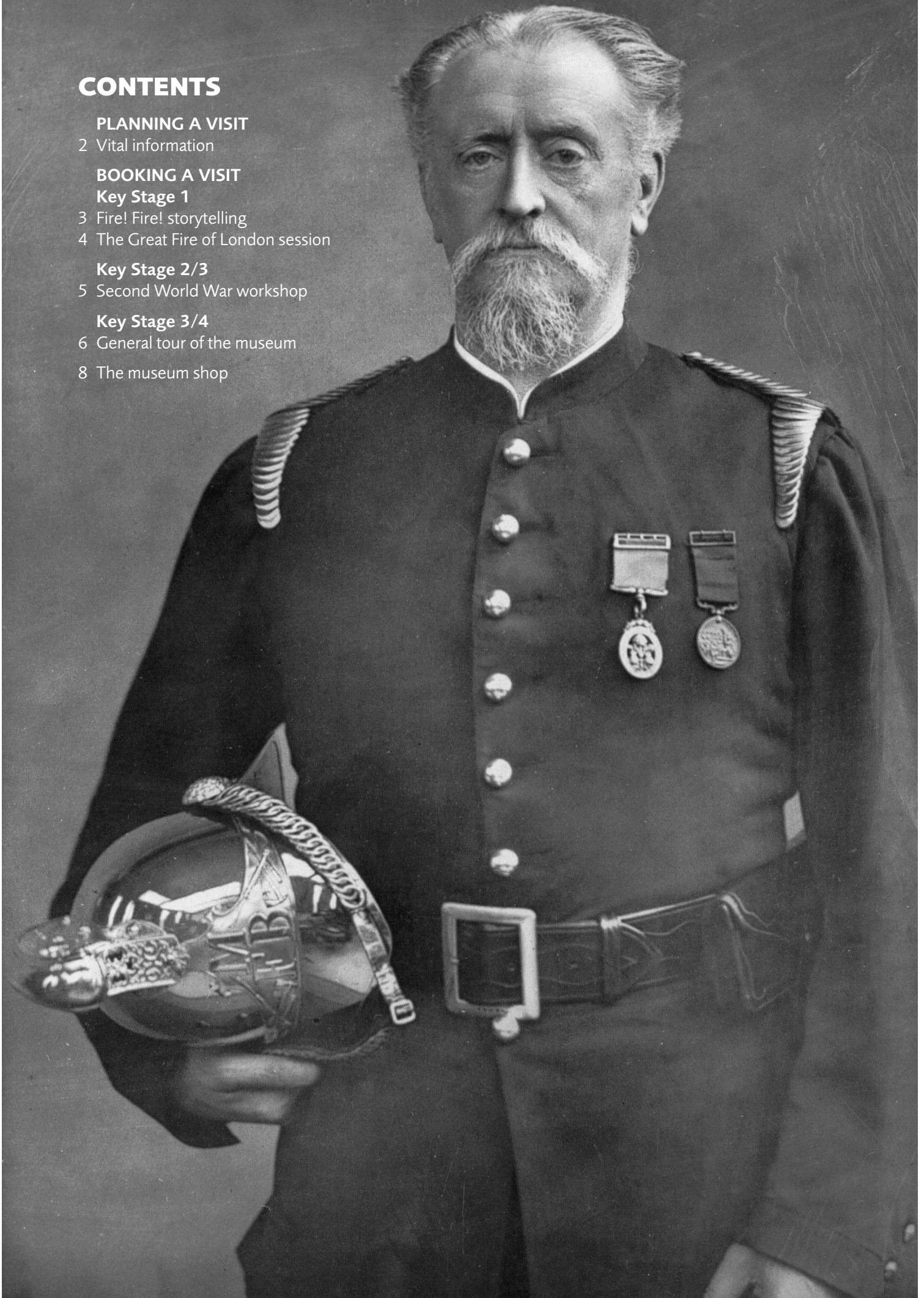
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Vital information



Opening hours

School visits must be booked in advance and tours start at 10.30am and 1.00pm. The storytelling sessions are at 10.30am and 12.30pm. We aim for a prompt start for all sessions and duration of a visit is usually an hour and a half.

Risk assessments and pre-visits

If you require a risk assessment to be sent to you, please contact the museum directly and one will be provided. However we do recommend arranging a pre-visit if you have not visited the museum before. Pre-visits are free of charge and take approximately 15 minutes. Please contact the museum to book a pre-visit which will be within the museum's opening hours of 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Please note that due to the age of the equipment we do not allow children to touch or climb on any of the fire engines.

Accompanying adults

We do not charge for accompanying adults and we recommend teachers follow their own school's policy with regards to the adult-to-child ratio. Please note that adults are required to remain with the class throughout their visit to the museum.

Facilities

The museum has an indoor lunchroom that can accommodate a maximum of 35 students. The lunchroom is not available for storytelling sessions. There is also a public park opposite the museum for picnics, weather permitting.

Please note that the museum has a limited number of toilets due to the age of the building.

Access

The appliance bay is fully accessible to wheelchair users. However, there are two flights of stairs leading into the main building of the museum.

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Finding us

By Train: The nearest British Rail station is London Bridge. Other nearby British Rail stations are Waterloo/Waterloo East and Cannon Street.

By Tube: The nearest tube is Borough (Northern line). Other nearby tube stations are London Bridge (Northern line), Elephant and Castle (Bakerloo line) and Southwark (jubilee line).

By Bus: The 344 runs between Clapham Junction and Liverpool Street.

Coach parking

Southwark Bridge Road, by Southwark Bridge, has spaces for coach parking. There is a drop-off point outside the museum.

Cancellations

The cost of a session is non-refundable, if cancelled within a month of your visit.

Fire! Fire! Storytelling sessions



Key stage: 1

Duration: 1.5 hours. The sessions take place at either 10.30am or 12.30pm

Cost: £75 (exc. VAT) per class, max. 35 students

Workshop content

Each group will hear the storytelling session and see the museum's appliance bay.

Storytelling

The London Fire Brigade Museum, in partnership with the Museum of London, offers storytelling sessions drawing on the events of the 1666 Great Fire of London. Professional storytellers will reveal the exciting story of the Great Fire of London in 1666. Using interactive, dynamic and fun techniques, children will hear the story of the fire, how it started and the events as they unfold. Children will be involved in the story bringing the people, places and history to life.

Appliance bay

The appliance bay houses seven historic fire engines. One of our curators will talk about the fire engines and pumps, which date from 1750 to 1980. The children will be told how the fire engines work and how they have developed over 200 years, they will also be encouraged to participate in discussions about the fire engines and the properties of the materials used for firefighting equipment.

This is followed by the opportunity for the children to try on uniforms ranging from those worn by the insurance brigades after the Great Fire of London to the uniform worn by today's London firefighters.

CURRICULUM LINKS

History

KS1

- Changes within living memory.
- Events beyond living memory.
- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

Science

KS1

- Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.
- Identifying and classifying.
- Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
- Distinguish between an object and the material from which its made.
- Identify and name a variety of everyday materials.
- Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.
- Identify the suitability of a variety of everyday material.

Great Fire of London session



Key stage: 1 and 2

Duration: 1.5 hours. The sessions take place at either 10.30am or 1pm.

Cost: £50.00 (exc. VAT) per class, max. 35 students

Workshop content

The class will take part in the Great Fire of London session, fire prevention safety talk and will see the museum's appliance bay.

Great Fire of London

One of the curators will use primary sources to highlight the chronology of events with specific reference to equipment used to tackle the fire. The consequences of the Great Fire of London are explained with reference to the establishment of insurance company fire brigades. This supplements what the children have learnt about the topic in class and they are encouraged to participate in discussions.

Fire prevention

The group will then move to the fire prevention room, where we will discuss the work of the Brigade today and how the children can prevent fires from occurring in their own homes. Important issues are considered regarding planning escape routes, having a smoke alarm, when to telephone London Fire Brigade and the dangers of making hoax calls.

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History

KS1

- Changes within living memory.
- Events beyond living memory.
- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

KS2

- A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. – a significant turning point in British history.

Science

KS1

- Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.
- Identifying and classifying.
- Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
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- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.
- Identify the suitability of a variety of everyday material.

KS2

- Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials.

Second World War workshop



Key stage: 3

Duration: 1.5 hours. The sessions take place at either 10.30am or 12.30pm

Cost: £75 (exc. VAT) per class, max. 35 students

Workshop content

Each group will participate in the workshop and see the museum's appliance bay.

Training workshop

This session focuses on the Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) during the Second World War. Through the experiences of an AFS firewoman, students can learn about life on the home front and the vital role of the fire service during the Blitz. Through the interactive workshop the students will experience the training required for members of the AFS, will learn why schools were used for fire stations, how to use a stirrup pump and why fire boats were so important.

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This is followed by the opportunity for the students to handle uniforms ranging from those worn by the Auxiliary Fire Service during the Second World War to the uniform worn by today's London firefighters to analyse the differences.

CURRICULUM LINKS

History

KS3

- Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world – 1901 to the present day.
- The Second World War and the wartime leadership of Winston Churchill.



General tour of the museum



Key stage: 3 and 4

Duration: 1.5 hours. The sessions take place at either 10.30am or 1pm

Cost: £50 (exc. VAT) per class, max. 35 students

Workshop content

The visit includes all the areas in the main museum building as well as the appliance bay.

Great Fire of London

The tour begins with the Great Fire of London and the consequences of the event. The beginnings of organised firefighting with the establishment of insurance brigades to protect property are considered along with other organisations that aimed to prevent loss of life from fires.

Victorian firefighters

The fire service in London began operating as the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, a public service, from 1 January 1866. The issues explored include the role of the first chief officer, Captain Sir Eyre Massy Shaw and the changes he made within the Brigade including a new uniform, with the iconic brass helmet, and the working and living conditions of firefighters during this period.

Pre-war

The technological advancements during this era include the change from horse drawn to motorised fire engines, the introduction of breathing apparatus and the concerns over the increasing use of electricity.

World War Two

Volunteer firefighters, and for the first time women, joined the London Fire Brigade during the Second World War. Primary sources portray their experiences and roles in the context of the Blitz period. Particular attention is paid to the role of messengers as many were just 16 years old when they joined the fire service.

Post-war

During the pre-war period major incidents led to new equipment and methods being introduced to the Brigade, many of which are still used today. The formation of the Greater London Council in 1965 is discussed and its impact upon the origins of the London Fire Brigade badge, as well as the geographical area covered by the Brigade.



Fire prevention

The final section is about the role of London Fire Brigade today in preventing fires. Important issues are considered including how to prevent fires, planning escape routes, smoke alarms, when to telephone the fire brigade and the dangers of making hoax calls.

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CURRICULUM LINKS

Citizenship

KS3

- The roles played by public institutions and voluntary groups in society, and the ways in which citizens work together to improve their communities, including opportunities to participate in school-based activities.

KS4

- The different ways in which a citizen can contribute to the improvement of his or her community, to include the opportunity to participate actively in community volunteering, as well as other forms of responsible activity.

Museum shop



These are just a few of the items that can be bought from the shop at the end of your tour. Please notify the museum if you wish to include a visit to the shop.

Pencils	50p
Eraser	70p
Museum pens	£1
Bookmarks	£1.50
Postcards	50p
Activity packs	£1.99
Magnets	£1.99

Colouring pencils	£1.50
Rulers	£1.50
Fire engine puzzle postcard	£1.99
LFB crest pin badge	£1.99
Mousemats	£3.50
Keyrings	£4.99
Lapel badges	£1.99

Alternatively, the museum is happy to prepare souvenirs in advance which can be collected by the teacher at the end of the visit. We offer any combination of the items above i.e. for a class of 30 pupils; 30 x pencils plus 30 x bookmarks at a cost of £2 per student. The total amount can be paid by the teacher on the day or can be invoiced to the school, if preferred.



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