

# St Albans Museums Schools Information Pack



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## What we offer:

Artefact handling  
sessions

Trial re-enactments

Medieval Town trail

Discovery sheets

Special Needs sessions  
(Please phone us to  
discuss how any of our  
sessions can be adapted  
to meet the needs of  
your group).

Gallery visit

Risk assessment  
guidance

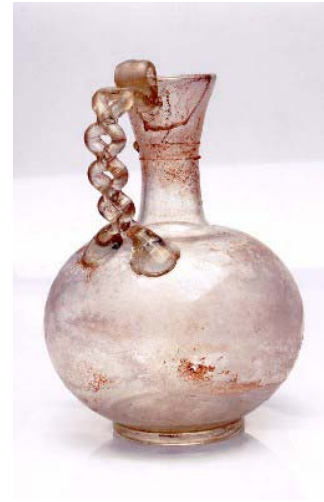


### What we aim to do in our school sessions:

- Develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of the past
- Bring local history to life
- Develop skills in historical enquiry
- Stimulate thinking skills
- Develop speaking and listening skills
- Introduce new vocabulary
- Provide pupils with an experience they will remember and enjoy
- Give children a connection with the past



# Verulamium Museum



## Roman Artefact Handling Sessions (Latin, History, Classical Civilisations)

### Tuesday - Friday

Our ever-popular artefact handling sessions allow the students the opportunity to learn about everyday life in Roman Britain by investigating real Roman artefacts & replicas of rarer objects. Themes covered are: food & cooking, buildings & clothing, makeup, jewellery, & bathing.

\*Please let us know if there are specific aspects of Roman Britain you would like us to emphasise.

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To explore Roman Verulamium further you could visit the following:

- The Hypocaust and Roman walls in Verulamium Park
- The Roman Theatre in the nearby Gorhambury Estate
- The Cathedral and Abbey church of St Albans

You could also visit the Roman Baths in Welwyn





# Museum of St Albans

## KEY STAGE 3 SESSIONS



### Medieval St Albans (QCA History Unit 3)

The students will examine a variety of artefacts (real and replica) to learn and make deductions about life in the town at this time. These sessions take place at the Museum of St Albans.

This can be accompanied by a **Medieval Town Trail**, in which the students are taken to see some medieval buildings and sites in St Albans. Students learn about the connection the town has with the Magna Carta, the Peasants Revolt, the 100 Years War and the Wars of the Roses. This includes an exciting tour of the medieval Clock Tower.

*The Medieval St Albans handling session and trail were created as part of a Learning Links project funded by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, East of England. The project involved Fiona Charlesworth, the Museums' Education Officer, Ali Turner-Rugg, Museum Teacher & Archaeologist, Andrew Parker, Museum Teacher, Alex Alcoe, Head of Humanities at Marlborough School, St Albans; and Melvin Brands, Head of History at Verulam School, St Albans*

To find out more about medieval St Albans you could also visit the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albans



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# Museum of St Albans

## The Old Courtroom

### KEY STAGE 3 SESSIONS



### Victorians on Trial (QCA Citizenship Unit 2 – Crime. This session may be of relevance to History and English groups, depending on the areas covered in your schemes of work)

School groups can re-enact trials involving child defendants that actually took place in St Albans Magistrates' Court in the mid-Victorian period. All characters, charges, punishments and sentences are historically accurate, and some of the text used in the re-enactments has been taken directly from the newspaper reports of the time. Contrasts are made with how the criminal justice system today deals with the same youth offences. These sessions take place in the courtroom.



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KEY STAGE 3 SESSIONS



#### The Trial of Mary Ansell (Citizenship, History 1750 – 1900, English, Drama)

Mary Ansell was put on trial in Hertford in 1899 for the murder of her sister. She was accused of sending her a cake laced with poison! In this improvised trial session every child will have the opportunity to take on the role of a witness, prosecutor and juror and decide for themselves if she was guilty or innocent. A Teachers Information Pack is available on the Museums' Website which contains pre visit materials, a follow up assessment task and mark scheme.

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# PRACTICALITIES

## OPENING TIMES

Museum of St Albans: Monday – Saturday 10.00 – 5.00, Sunday 2.00 – 5.00

Verulamium Museum: Monday – Saturday 10.00 – 5.30, Sunday 2.00 – 5.30

(Closed only at Christmas – please contact us to confirm Christmas openings)

## RISK ASSESSMENTS

Teachers are welcome to come for a free preliminary visit to either museum before bringing a class. Teachers are entitled to a half price Roman Verulamium guide. To assist you in the production of your own risk assessments, the Museums OV6 Risk Assessment forms are available on the Museums website.

## LUNCH

School groups visiting Verulamium Museum may be able to book a lunch room in the nearby Inn on the Park Café (01727 838246 between 10am - 12pm or 2pm - 4pm) or St Michael's Church Hall (01727 835037 between 9am -1pm). If the weather is fine, there is ample space to picnic in Verulamium Park.

Groups visiting the Museum of St Albans might be able to eat in the Museum activity room. The Museum has a lovely wildlife garden to picnic in. (Please note there is a fishpond in the garden.)

## MUSEUM SHOPS

Both the Museum of St Albans and Verulamium Museum have excellent shops, where you can purchase a wide range of resources and books relevant to various history topics. For school parties we have a wonderful variety of pocket money priced souvenirs and beautiful postcards. Souvenir bags can be made up to order.

10% discount is offered to teachers on purchases over £20 in both shops.

## COSTS

\* Admission to Verulamium Museum is **£2.00** per person (children & adults) for a school party (free admission if your school is within the St Albans District). Admission to the Museum of St Albans is free.

\* Each one hour session at either Museum or the Old Magistrates' Court costs **£60** for a maximum of 35 children. If you have more than 35 children you must book more than one session.

\* The 90 minute Mary Ansell session costs **£75**

\* Sessions at the Museum of St Albans which include a Town Trail last up to 2 ½ hours (with a short break in the middle) and cost **£80.00**.

\* Outreach sessions cost **£70.00** per hour and are available to schools within a 30 minute radius of St Albans.

## HOW TO BOOK

All visits to either museum must be booked in advance through our Education Administrator on **01727 751820** (direct line) between 10.30am and 3.30pm on weekdays during school term time. She is happy to discuss other aspects of your visit e.g. lunch and visits to other sites. Please do try to book as far in advance as possible, particularly for Verulamium Museum, which is extremely popular with schools

[www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk)



## COACH PARKING

There is an NCP car park opposite Verulamium Museum. There is no coach parking at the Museum of St Albans but coaches may drop off there and park at Westminster Lodge car park. Both car parks cost £14 per day as at May 2010.

## HOW TO FIND US

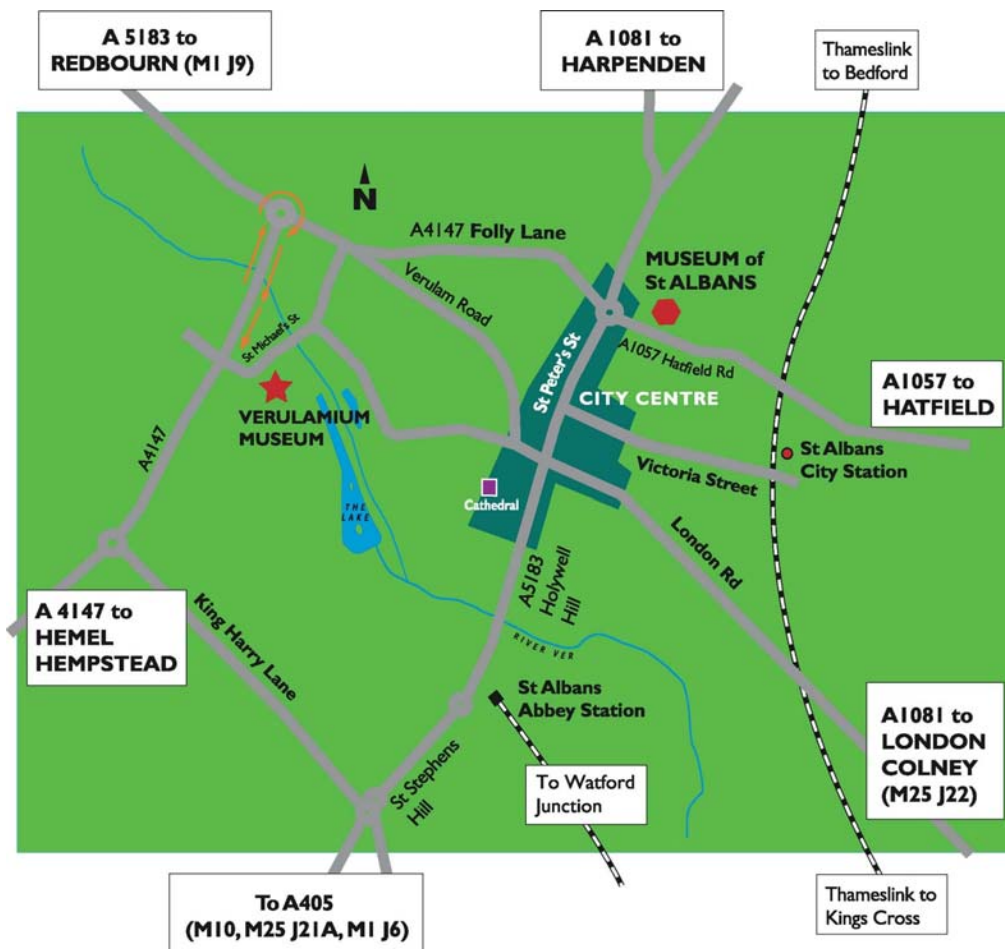
Museum of St Albans: 9A Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RR.  
Tel. 01727 819340, Fax 01727 837472

By Rail: 10 minute walk from St Albans City Station, from St Pancras/Bedford or 20-30 minute walk from St Albans Abbey Station from Euston/Watford Junction

Verulamium Museum: St Michael's, St Albans, AL3 4SW  
Tel. 01727 751810, Fax 01727 859919

By Bus: No.300 from City Centre & St Albans City Station

By Rail: 40 minute walk from St Albans City Station, from St Pancras/Bedford or 20 minute walk from St Albans Abbey Station from Euston/Watford Junction



for more information



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St Michaels  
St Albans  
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Museum of St Albans  
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The Clock Tower  
Market Place  
St Albans  
Hertfordshire  
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MUSEUMS**



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