



Peterborough Museum  
& Art Gallery

# Victorian Medicine

KS2+ School Session: History, English

From 1857 to 1928, the museum building was the Peterborough Infirmary, the first hospital for the city. Step back to 1901 and experience Victorian life and medicine in rare original spaces.

### Learning Objectives:

- To learn about the changes in medical practice (an aspect of social history) and the impact of medical achievements of certain individuals: Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell, Joseph Lister, Alfred C Taylor.
- To show an understanding of aspects of Victorian and how it compares to today
- To understand how past knowledge of medicinal herbs has been useful in developing modern drugs.

### Links to National Curriculum

- To learn about a significant historical site in their own locality
- Change and continuity through time
- A theme that extends knowledge beyond 1066

### Activity 1: Meet the Doctor in the Victorian Operating Theatre

In this session the Doctor will explain and demonstrate how Victorian illnesses and ailments were treated in this impressive new light, clean and airy operating theatre.

### Activity 2: Make Medicines

Discover how plants were used to treat symptoms and mix a few remedies yourself in the original Victorian Kitchen with the Apothecary.

### Activity 3: Meet Nurse Reynolds

Nurse Reynolds was a training nurse in 1901 here at Peterborough Infirmary. Go down to the cellars (Priestgate Vaults) and discover more about her life.

### Key Information:

**Duration:** Half day, 10am-12.30pm

**Cost:** £210 per class+VAT

**Max Group Size:** 30

**Max no of classes:** 3

**Min Staff-Student Ratio:** 1:10

### Booking Process & Questions:

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We are always happy to adapt to your needs

When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment are emailed to you.

To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us

### Accessibility:

Access to the Operating Theatre and the Vaults are by steps. They is not wheelchair accessible. Please contact us to discuss any access requirements.

