**Dartmoor Prison Museum supporting KS2 and KS3**

Dartmoor Prison is keen to work with schools in the locality in order to realise the significant learning potential of the site. Dartmoor Prison itself is over two hundred years old and has borne witness to events over that period and has played its own part. The Museum reflects these events in the artefacts it displays and has in store. This gives a unique opportunity for pupils to learn about history in the place it happened and interact with objects of the day.

The Museum team are highly knowledgeable and all hold enhanced DBS check documentation. The site itself does not have on site catering but there are a number of picnic benches where packed lunches can be consumed.

**What we have to offer – in general:**

* Location – 200 year old prison
* Own car park
* Guided walks around the outside of the prison walls and to the local church built by prisoners of war
* Access to original documentation
* Case studies
* Object handling
* Photographs
* Interpretive Displays
* Shop
* Toilets
* Disabled access

**Dartmoor Prison Museum supporting Key Stage 2:**

We have the opportunity to provide a hands on experience of Crime and Punishment in Victorian Times in the following ways:

* The prison itself was re-opened in 1850 as a result of the decision to end transportation. Learn why this was and look at case studies of men held at Dartmoor before transportation.
* Visit the site where the ‘crank’ as shown on the BBC bitesize presentation was housed.
* See instruments of punishment, the whipping frame, birch road and cat o’ nine tails.
* Look at documents from the time including Governors Journals.
* Interact with artefacts from the time including manacles, truncheons and straight jackets.
* See the tools used for the picking of oakum.
* See examples of the famous ‘arrow suit’ worn by prisoners.

Dartmoor Prison Museum supporting Key Stage 3

We have looked at how we can support students at Key Stage 3, in particular two areas; Britain and the Napoleonic Wars and A local history study on a site that reflects aspects of national history. Specifically:

* The prison was built to house prisoners from the war with Napoleon – learn why.
* Examine the parole system whereby some French prisoners were allowed to live freely in Tavistock.
* See a replica of the monument of Plymouth Hoe commemorating Napoleon’s stay in Plymouth sound.
* Visit the cemetery where over 1200 French prisoners are buried.
* Visit Princetown church, built by French prisoners.
* See bone carvings by French prisoners.
* Learn how the blockade of Europe lead to the American War of 1812.
* Learn about the conditions that the prisoners endured.

The prison has played its part in the following events through time:

* Napoleonic War
* American War of 1812
* Transportation
* Links to the Peaky Blinders
* The Great War – Conscientious Objectors
* Prisoners from the Irish Wars
* The Second World War – German prisoners and spies, visit by Field Marshal Montgomery.
* Borstal Boys.
* Links to the Kray Twins.
* Key role in developing prison category system in place today.
* Dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic.

We are happy for you to visit prior to any official visit to view the Museum and discuss what we can offer and conduct any risk assessments required. Visits can be self- directed or facilitated by Museum staff. Learning can be generic, using our displays or we can tailor a visit to support any specific learning objectives.

Looking at the National Curriculum, we have not identified anything specific within Key Stage 1 that the Museum could support. We would be happy to discuss if there are any learning objectives within KS1 that we could help with. The Museum is child friendly it is never too early to instill in children the realization that visits to Museums can be enjoyable as well as educational.