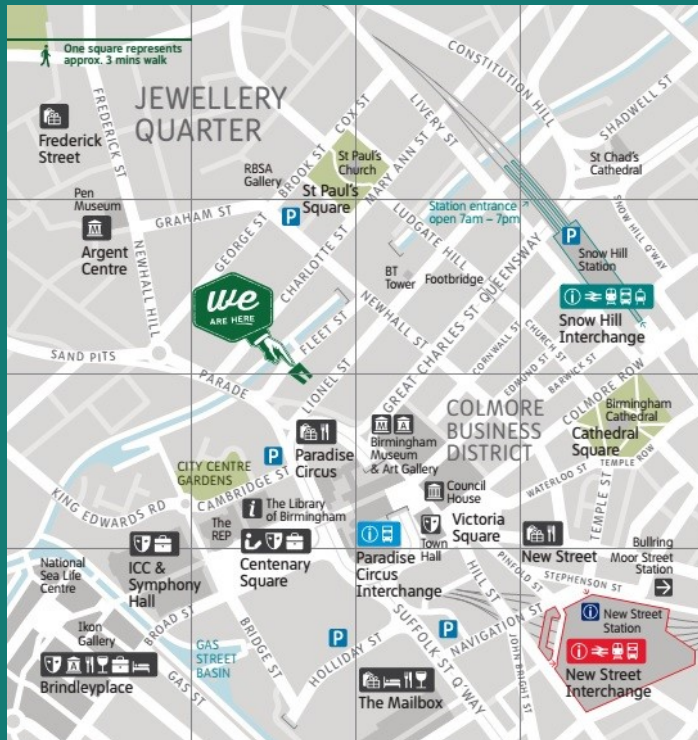


Getting to the Museum

There is a coach drop off point directly opposite the museum on Fleet Street.

The museum is also ideally located for a visit using public transport; close to Snow Hill Station railway station, St Pauls Square tram stop and well served by buses on Great Charles Street and Newhall Street.

Please see our website for more information:
<http://www.coffinworks.org/directions/>



Please telephone us on
0121 233 4785
to make a
booking, check availability
or discuss the specific
requirements of your group.



Education Visits to Newman Brothers



**Museum with a
difference!**

Newman Brothers at the Coffin Works is a heritage attraction located on the edge of the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham. This Grade II* listed factory and its contents tell the story of a unique slice of Birmingham industry.

On a visit, students can step back in time and experience the sights, sounds and smells of a Victorian factory. The shelves and workbenches at Newman Brothers are full of original stock and tools of the trade. The machinery is still in working order and will be demonstrated. Our factory tour enables students to get a better understanding of the people and the processes that made the factory great.



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call: 0121 233 4785 email: newmanbrothers@coffinworks.org

The Tour

The main part of any school visit is a discovery based factory tour led by one of our experienced tour guides. There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved along the way, from clocking in for a shift, dressing in a workers apron, looking for clues and getting hands on with museum objects.

Explore the history of the company and how it fitted into the wider world.

Have a go at being building detectives and investigate the uses of the factory buildings.



Experience Victorian factory life with the atmosphere, sounds and smells, plus working machinery demonstration in our Stamp Room. Investigate the dangers, working hours and the inequalities in pay between men and women in the factory.

Handle the original products made by Newman Brothers, use them to tell the story of changes and decline of the company.

Listen to the stories of the travelling salesmen, seamstresses, owners and customers of Newman Brothers.

What Teachers Say:

"Thank you for an excellent day and learning experience at the Coffin Works. We all thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and the students asked me to send you a big THANK YOU for all your work." Teacher, Blessed Edward Oldcorne, Worcester

"We all had an excellent time at Newman Brothers, and the visit is now feeding into our creative writing. It's certainly something we'd like to repeat and develop in future years." Teacher, Harborne Academy

Why not make a day of it?

Some rooms in the factory are quite small, so we like to limit the size of a group to around 15-18 pupils but can run two concurrent tours for up to 35 pupils. For larger groups why not combine your visit with another a nearby attraction to split the group?

We can help you plan a visit with:

- ♦ The Back to Backs
- ♦ Museum of the Jewellery Quarter
- ♦ The Pen Museum
- ♦ Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
- ♦ A heritage walk and study workshop about the Jewellery Quarter with Townscape Heritage team at The Hive.
- ♦ A walk and canal-side activities organised by the Canals and Rivers Trust at Cambrian Wharf.



Organising a visit

We think that the site best suits the needs of Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils but we can tailor sessions for any group. Programmes can be designed to suit cross-curricular or subject-specific needs, including History, Geography, RE, Science, Design & Technology, Art, English and Citizenship.

The archive website includes lesson plans, source materials and curriculum links:

<http://www.archive.coffinworks.org/schools/teachers-pages/>

Special Educational Needs

We also have a range of resources to help support pupils with Special Educational Needs, including staff who have received additional training to run our 'Relaxed' Tours for visitors with Autism, Sensory and Communication Disorders and Learning Disabilities. We can provide a quiet room, sensory toys and adapt the tour to suit the needs of your pupils.

School visits are available Monday-Friday 11am-4pm.

The museum is closed to the public on Monday and Tuesday and so this is an ideal time for a quieter visit.

Cost £3 (plus VAT) per pupil

Accompanying adults go free.

(free planning visits also available for teachers)

Please allow 1.5 hours for a visit with up to 35 pupils which includes:

Tour(s) (1 hour)

PLUS

Collector of Curious Things Workshop (30 mins)

OR

Where in the World Workshop (30 mins)

Longer visits are available to suit your needs but price will increase to reflect the programme chosen e.g. Casting Creations workshop (1 hour).

Collector of Curious Things Workshop



The Collector of Curious Things needs our help! Students become museum curators and help the collector to catalogue some objects which have just been donated to the museum.

Get curious, answer questions, draw a sketch and then ask the expert! Continue your investigation back at school by using our archive website to explore further.

Where in the World Workshop

Use the company records including sales ledgers and expense claim forms to investigate where Newman Brothers sold their products. Plot the locations on UK and World maps, and see about how business changed over time. Continue learning in the classroom using our archive website.

Casting Creations Workshop

Pupils learn about how Newman Brothers used sand casting to make their brass handles and then have a go at recreating some objects from the collection using the same technique but with Plaster of Paris instead of molten metal!

While decorating students think about how people can use funerals to express their beliefs and personalities.

(This workshop is limited to 15 places and an additional charge applies to cover the materials used.)



Resources

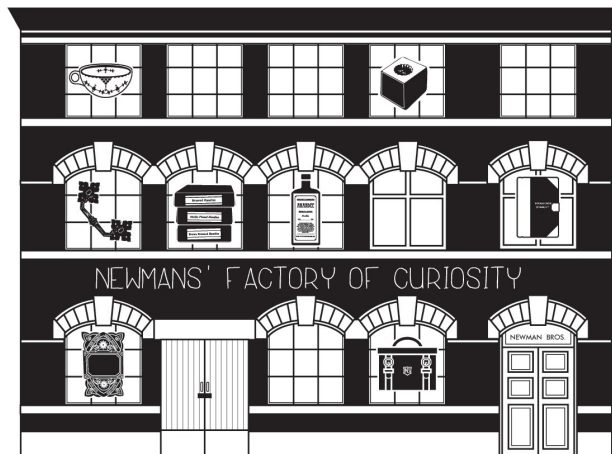
We also have a whole range of additional educational resources that can be used on site or back in school.

Archive Website

With student and teacher portals, continue exploration of Newman Brothers objects online. Investigate favourites from your visit or explore 6 key themes: Death, Commerce, Industry & Manufacturing, People, The Victorians and Women. Website includes lesson plans, object profiles, films and oral histories.



Combine use of the archive website with a visit, by exploring these resources before and after your trip. You can also use them separately to create your own virtual visit to the Newmans' Factory of Curiosity.



Travelling Salesman Bags

Explore this job role using replica bags which contain original Newman Brothers' products and trade catalogues, documents including newspaper articles, expense claims, correspondence and more.



'Workshop of the World' Mystery Industry Boxes

This resource offers an excellent introduction to three very important Jewellery Quarter businesses. Bringing together objects, maps and teachers' notes, it helps students discover more about the work of Newman Brothers at the Coffin Works, J.W. Evans Silverware and the Pen Museum.

Bags and boxes are available free of charge for schools to borrow for half a school term but must be collected and returned to the museum. They can be used in conjunction with a school visit or in isolation.