

KS2 Journey of a Freeman

Strangers' Hall, max group size 60

A four-hour led museum activity, 10am to 2pm

2017 marked 700 years of the Freeman of Norwich and, as an ongoing celebration, the Freeman are offering a free schools' event in collaboration with Norwich Museums' Learning Team.

This event is free to schools within a 20-mile radius of Norwich. A travel bursary towards the cost of coach hire is also available.

Travel back to the 16th century, when Norwich was a bustling Tudor city with a thriving industrial centre. Take part in a carousel of four activities, during which you'll meet four costumed characters, who'll reveal the journey from apprentice to freeman of the city:

- **Meet a weaver's wife** – play an apprentice and create a piece of weaving which you can take back to school at the end of the day.
- **Meet a merchant** – discover the magnificent merchants' marks in the museum, plus design and make your own 3D mark.
- **The Mayor's Riding** – get dramatic in a traditional procession as you find out about the importance of the Freeman of Norwich and Snap, Norwich's very own dragon.
- **Investigate the trappings of a 16th century freeman** – meet a freeman's servant and investigate genuine and replica objects from the 16th century.

Aims and learning outcomes

- To develop a curiosity for lifelong learning
- Offer a rich learning environment beyond the classroom
- Give children opportunities to explore the curriculum and local history
- To recognise and understand the significance of the Freeman and their role/position in Norwich
- To investigate historical objects to gain a greater understanding of the life of a freeman in the 16th century, while comparing this to the life of freemen today
- To develop new skills in design technology, art and drama

Booking information

Advance booking is essential. Please contact 01603 493636 or norwichcastle.bookings@norfolk.gov.uk.