

Key Stage 2

Possible Visits and Resources



Iron Age Celts

- St Fagans Museum in Cardiff has replicas of Iron Age roundhouses, however they are currently undergoing reconstruction. Additionally, St Fagans Museum provides information on daily life and work of Celtic people in South Wales.
(<https://museum.wales/stfagans/learning/ks2/>)
- The National Museum Wales also has online teaching resources on several Iron Age artefacts, such as bowls, beads etc. They also have information on Iron Age hillforts throughout Wales and a glossary of terms
(https://museum.wales/iron_age_teachers/).
- The Young Archaeologists' Club has several resources and activities which can be undergone in the classroom. Included in this are activities on Celtic Artwork and how to build a miniature Iron Age roundhouse.
(http://www.yac-uk.org/userfiles/file/1429015195_Celtic_Art.pdf)
(http://www.yac-uk.org/userfiles/file/1429016036_Iron_Age_Roundhouse.pdf)

Romans in Wales

- GGAT has available information on our historic timeline, offering material on Roman life ranging from warfare to crafts and industry. GGAT also offers living history demonstrations, such as 'The Roman Cook' which allows students to see proper Roman cuisine cooked in the customs of their own time.
(http://ggat.org.uk/cadw/romans_in_south_wales/index.html).
- The National Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon has several exhibitions and objects which would be beneficial to students learning this topic. They offer students the chance to take part in numerous activities, such as celebrating Saturnalia, how Roman children were taught and Roman medicines. Older children may also be able to take part in activities involving military replicas (this activity overlaps with the Iron Age topic).
(https://museum.wales/roman/learning/ks3_4/)
- Caerwent, known as the 'Roman Town', is home to fourth century Roman features. Student can learn about Roman food, clothes, hygiene and toys. Another activity has students look at Roman buildings, focusing on mosaics and then comparing Roman buildings to modern ones. This site will likely be of interest to students and help them to understand Roman influence and architecture in South Wales.
(<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/caerwent-roman-town/?lang=en>)
- The Young Archaeologists' Club has an activity which has student create their own Bulla (a small bag which Romans used to keep charms), which is not too complex and requires little materials to run.
(http://www.yac-uk.org/userfiles/file/1429017226_Roman_Bulla.pdf)
- Cyfarthfa Castle in Merthyr Tydfil has an extensive museum, which contains numerous Roman artefacts unearthed in the surrounding area and further afield. The Castle has a number of facilitated sessions for students at different key stages, offering a chance for pupils to learn about Roman life.
(http://www.visitmerthyr.co.uk/media/21438/education_programme_eng_.pdf)

The 'Age of Princes'

- Caerphilly Castle runs two activities which align with the Age of Princes topic. The first allows students to explore the Anglo-Norman castle, and informs them about medieval manners, etiquette, food and who lived and worked within the household. The other is centred on medieval knights, giving students the opportunity to learn about their homes, everyday life and objects. The second activity is also run at Castle Coch in Cardiff (<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/caerphilly-castle/?lang=en>)
- Chepstow Castle offers an activity which gets students to assist in the preparation of the Earl's bedroom. Along the way pupils will use replica artefacts to better understand medieval life (<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/chepstow-castle/?lang=en>).
- The Young Archaeologists' Club has instructions on how to run a medieval role play centred on medicine and illness. A large space may be required to allow students to enact this.

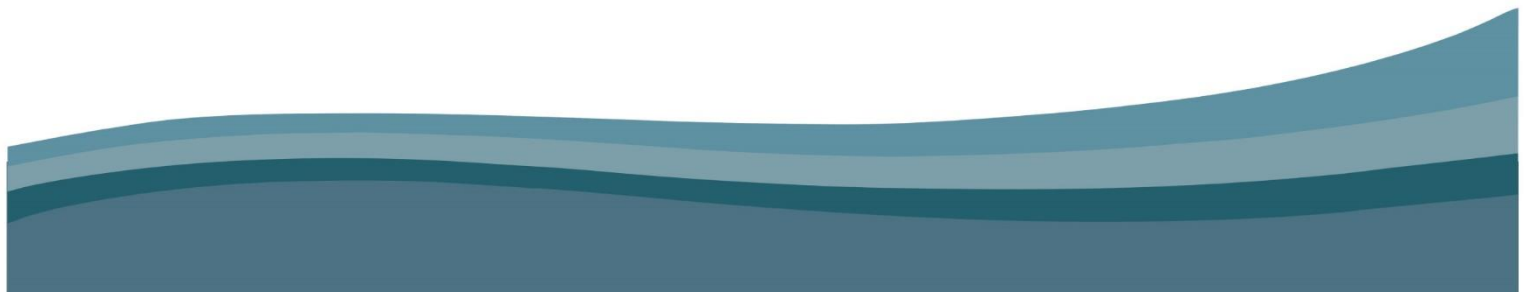
http://www.yac-uk.org/userfiles/file/1429016435_Medieval_cures_roleplay.pdf

Tudors and Stuarts

- St Fagans Castle allows pupils to compare the life of the gentry with those of wealthy farmers, as well as seeing what life for Tudor children was like. (<https://museum.wales/stfagans/learning/ks2/>)
- Tretower Court allows students to learn about Tudor way of life by exploring the grounds as well as artefacts, with fun skill tests along the way. (<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/tretowercourtandcastle/?lang=en>)
- The Welsh Government *Hwb* has resources and information on this area of the curriculum, ranging from the Tudor periods to Wales in the 17th and 18th centuries. (<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources/browse?sort=recommendation&language=en&q=1500-1760>)

Nineteenth Century Wales

- GGAT has several factsheets on how industrialisation changed the landscape, economy and demography of South Wales. We also have collections of newspaper clippings and excavation videos which are linked to the industrial legacy of the area. (http://www.ggat.org.uk/ynys_fach_excav/index.html)
- Big Pit supplies information on South Welsh coal mines. It has several activities which can help students grasp the conditions miners were subject to, as well as the overall impact mining had on Welsh industrialisation. (<https://museum.wales/bigpit/learning/ks2/>)
- Blaenavon Ironworks provides students with information on the Victorian industry, looking at the role of men, women and children. This gives students insight into what everyday life was like for ordinary people in nineteenth century South Wales. (<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/blaenavonironworks/?lang=en>)
- The Cardiff Story Museum located in the Hayes has many interactive exhibits and looks closely at industrialisation in Cardiff. Students can learn about the coal industry and Cardiff docklands which helped define it as the capital of Wales (<http://www.cardiffmuseum.com>).



- Castle Coch has two activities relating to changes in nineteenth century Wales. One incorporates Aesop's Fables and encourages students to make connections between the past and modern day. The other has students look at the Bute family who helped bring Victorian Wales into the growing industrial sphere.
(<http://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/castell-coch/?lang=en>)
- National Waterfront Museum in Swansea allows students to see the contributions Welsh inventions made during the industrial period. The museum also allows students to become better acquainted with Victorian life in South Wales.
(<https://museum.wales/roman/learning/ks2/>).

Twentieth Century Wales

- GGAT has information on Wales' role during both World Wars, focusing on manufacturing, munitions, military training and research including material on South Wales' airfields. All these can be accessed through the GGAT timeline.
(<http://www.ggat.org.uk/timeline/timeline.html>)
- The Welsh Government *Hwb* currently has resources available on the First World War including maps, monuments, propaganda and more.
(<https://hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources/browse?sort=recommendation&language=en&category=First%20World%20War:%20Education%20Project%20&tags=First%20World%20War:%20Education%20Project>)
- St Fagans offers a shop activity which shows children what shopping was like in the early twentieth century (<https://museum.wales/stfagans/learning/ks2/>).

