

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre (GMRC)

Pre-visit Information for Schools

This sheet provides information for groups who have booked a facilitated visit to the museum.

Venue facilities at a glance:

Bus drop-off point

Lunch spaces (limited - availability on request)

Quiet space (on request - please check with bookings hub)

Lift Access to all levels

Disabled toilets

GMRC is a large site and some sessions require walking a distance between the different stores.

There is *no* shop or café at GMRC

GMRC is a purpose-built, multi-functional store, and as such, is a unique experience for learners, unlike that of any other Glasgow Museum. Our workshops take place both within a learning room and also in the museum stores (known as Pods). This means moving between different areas and levels of the building, often passing through a number of access doors. It is important for groups to stay together at all times whilst in the pods, and follow instructions from staff. If any of your pupils have specific access requirements please let us know.

Activities and resources: Our sessions include a range of different learning activities. If you wish to find out more about the resources and equipment that will be used within a session, please contact the Bookings Hub who will pass on your enquiry to the Learning Assistants at that venue.

Timings: If you have booked a workshop, the time stated on your bookings confirmation is the start time of the workshop. If you wish to have a snack before the session, please factor this in to your bus schedule. Please note our venues do not open until 10am.

Fire evacuation: In the event of the fire alarm sounding, please follow the instructions from staff. Take your class register with you throughout your visit, especially if your class are split up in the museum stores, so you can check off attendance. The designated muster point is the seating area near to pond, opposite the front of the building.

Getting the most from your visit: Teachers and accompanying adults are expected to get involved. This not only supports group work, but allows teachers to connect between class and museum learning. Some workshops at GMRC will require specific teacher and adult involvement which will be briefed on the day. Feel free to bring a camera. Photographs are a great way of revisiting the learning back in class.

Back in class: We are always pleased to hear from pupils following a visit. You can tweet us @Museum_Learning or post in hand-written letters. Please check the Learning section of our website www.glasgowmuseums.com for a selection of post-visit resources.

Additional Notes:

1. The collections in storage at GMRC are accessible only with staff secure access. Therefore we cannot offer a self-led experience.
2. Due to the unique operational nature of GMRC, some technical or logistical activities may occur during your visit – for example objects being packed ready for transportation. This should not normally cause any disruption to your visit.