



GUIDED  
SCHOOL TOURS  
& WORKSHOPS  
Available from  
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## How well do you really know the coins in your pocket?

The Royal Mint Experience offers an exciting new opportunity for schools, with workshops and interactive exhibitions for Key Stage 2.

Investigate the role the past has played in making The Royal Mint one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious institutions. Learn how this modern Mint pushes the boundaries of coin design and manufacture today.

- Tour and interactive exhibition
- Curriculum-linked workshops
- Professionally trained team
- Free resources
- Free preview visit
- Group rates
- Café
- Shop

### What's here?

#### 1. Factory Tour

This guided tour will lead pupils through the full production process. Visit the Coin Press Room, where pupils learn how blank pieces of metal become coins for the United Kingdom and countries around the world. From the viewing area, pupils will see where millions of coins are produced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
(45 minutes)

#### 2. Interactive Exhibition

This self-guided interactive exhibition is divided into six zones. A trail will lead pupils through a history of The Royal Mint and its processes, from design through to production. Fascinating exhibits, featuring machinery, coins and medals including military and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic medals, will inform pupils' learning on art, design, history and science.

(45 minutes – 1 hour)



### Schools packages

Available to book in English and Welsh

#### 1. Tour and exhibition package

Cost: £4.50 per pupil

- Factory tour
- Interactive exhibition

#### 2. Workshop package (Key Stage 2)

Cost: £8.50 per pupil

- Choice of two curriculum-linked 90-minute workshops delivered in our dedicated activity space
- Factory tour
- Interactive exhibition

One free adult admission is granted for every ten paying pupils and for those providing one-to-one support. Additional adults will be charged at the adult group rate of £12.50.

Upon booking a maximum of two teachers from the school will be entitled to a free preview visit to plan your day.

## Workshop options

Our workshops have been professionally designed and developed to meet the needs of pupils in Key Stage 2.

### Fakes and Forgeries

- Find out how counterfeiting has challenged The Royal Mint over the centuries, from the time of Sir Isaac Newton through to the present day.
- Develop your investigation skills by becoming a Royal Mint Coin Inspector, use genuine scientific equipment to test £1 coins for counterfeits.
- Learn how future coins, including the UK's new 12-sided £1, will be protected from counterfeiting using modern high-security features.



### Coin Designer

- Find out about the importance of coin designs and learn how each is chosen.
- Learn about coin designers Matthew Dent and Edwina Ellis and discover how they created the designs on the change in our pockets.
- Learn the meanings of 'positive' and 'negative' and discover why these are important if you want your designs to feature on a future coin.



### Other links

- Curriculum Cymraeg
- Literacy and numeracy frameworks, including opportunities for pupils to develop numerical reasoning, use measuring and data skills.

#### Curriculum Links

- History
- Science

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- Curriculum Cymraeg
- Literacy and numeracy frameworks for Wales, including opportunities to handle information, ask questions, work cooperatively and present ideas.

#### Curriculum Links

- History
- Art and Design

Our workshops have been professionally designed and developed by The Royal Mint Museum.

## Additional Resources

- Pre-visit information: familiarise children with The Royal Mint and prepare them for their visit.
- Free downloadable post-visit classroom resources that complement the workshops.

## Availability and Booking

Both packages for schools are available Monday to Friday throughout the academic year. Two workshop slots are available, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

To register your interest or to book your visit, please call 0333 241 223 or email us at [schools@royalmint.com](mailto:schools@royalmint.com).

Please note that from September 2016 all school groups must be booked four weeks in advance of the visit whether it includes a workshop or not.

## Getting Here

Exit junction 34 of the M4, take exit signposted Llantrisant, follow the road through two sets of traffic lights and continue to first roundabout. At the first roundabout, take the second exit and continue through two sets of traffic lights to a second roundabout and take the second exit. Continue to the next roundabout taking the fourth exit. Continue straight on and take the third left to arrive in The Royal Mint Experience car park.

For Sat Nav directions the postcode is CF72 8YT.

For visits between May 2016 and July 2016 please make direct contact with us to check availability. If you have wheelchair users or pupils with additional needs please advise at the time of booking to help us plan your visit.

