



SHEPTON MALLET  
**PRISON**

**Education**  
**Behind Bars**







Shepton Mallet Prison, a decommissioned Jacobean Prison, is now a multi-purpose tourist attraction, delivering heritage tours, high impact events, education and corporate programmes.

From the moment your students step through our prison gates, they will know that they are in for a truly immersive experience.

We offer schools, colleges and universities the opportunity to escape the classroom and visit a real prison, steeped in history.







# Tailor Made Programmes For Your Students

Very few people get the opportunity to experience prison life unless they are sent there for committing an offence. Running educational days like these, shines a light on the stark realities of prison life and offers an insight into an otherwise unknown World.

# Each visit is designed to **Engage**, **Motivate** and **Educate** your students:

- ▶ Programmes can run from 2 hours to all day. The basis of all programmes is a guided tour - you can choose to add on activities to fulfill your objectives and outcomes.
- ▶ Our experienced guides lead all tours. Between them they have over 120 Years experience of the prison service.
- ▶ All tours and activities take place inside the prison. Shepton Mallet Prison is risk assessed and we work with an abundance of caution to meet the latest Government guidelines for COVID-19.





# PRIMARY

## For KS1 and KS2 Pupils

Give your pupils a trip to remember, we make learning fun, highly engaging and memorable.

Crime and Punishment will naturally be covered in the tour, our tour guides inspire pupil's curiosity to know more about the past and to recognise what it is like to be incarcerated from the Victorian era to modern day.

### The Tour

The experience starts in reception, where prisoners were processed and takes in the wings, the cells, exercise yard, healthcare and the execution room.

## Q & A

Pupils can be prepared with questions or can ask on the spot questions throughout the tour.



## Mini Cell Escape

Pupils will be split into groups, placed into cells and given an allotted time to escape using puzzles and clues.

## Mini Team Building

Your pupils will be split into groups to complete the following games:

**Secret Whispers:** Pupils must communicate messages to each other using actions only.

**Walking the mile:** trust your fellow students to guide their group through different obstacles.

**Prison Mattresses:** Using only 2 Prison mattresses students must get from one side of the room to the other without stepping on the floor.

# SECONDARY

**For KS3 and KS4 Pupils**

Give your students the history, knowledge and understanding of the past.

History, psychology and sociology can be covered in the tour and Q&A sessions depending on your chosen topic. Our tour guides raise students curiosity to know more about the past and to think critically about the punishment from the Victorian era to the modern day.

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## Q & A

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## Prisoner Experience

Your students will experience what it is like to be processed into prison. Handing over their belongings they will change into a prison order orange jumpsuit, (over their normal clothes).

## Cell Escape

Your students will be split into small groups, allocated a cell and given an allotted time to escape solving puzzles and clues. This encourages collaborative working and is mentally challenging.



# COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES

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**For AS/A Level and Undergraduates**

Develop your student's interest and enthusiasm for the past.

History, Psychology, Law and Sociology can be covered in the tour and Q&A sessions depending on your chosen topic. Our tour guides offer a real experience without the gimmicks or artifice.

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# Set your Students Up For Success

Our educational tours are suitable for groups of eight students plus.

**TOUR:** From £10.00 per student  
**ACTIVITIES:** From £2.00 per student





## MERCHANDISE

We have a wide range of merchandise. This can be pre-ordered. If you would like more details, please let the bookings team know.



GIFT SHOP



MUSEUM

## Further Information:

If you would like to discuss your students' trip to Shepton Mallet Prison please contact our specialist department:

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# TESTIMONIAL

## STRODE COLLEGE

“The students found it **fascinating** and very **moving** and the visit **inspired** some interesting writing. Our tour guide was a brilliant communicator and very well informed.”

## SAINT GREGORY'S BATH

“We had a brilliant time; students found it **highly informative** and it has really helped to support their understanding of the prison system. All communication prior was **excellent** and our guide on the day was superb - **really engaging** and handled the students well.”

