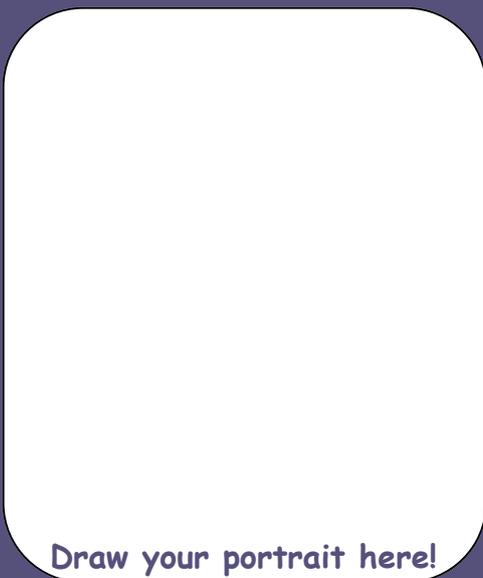




# Prescot Museum Explorers Self-led Learning Pack



Hello, my name is Cog.  
I live here in the Museum.

Follow me and I will help you  
to find out more about your  
local history and lots of  
other interesting things too!



Name

School

Some brilliant advantages of completing this Education Pack are...



Want to explore your creativity and get a nationally recognised qualification? Whatever art form you're interested in, whatever your ability, Arts Award fits you!

You can work towards your Arts Award scheme by visiting Kirkby Gallery, Huyton Gallery or Prescot Museum and having a go at any of the activities and also by using this pack to explore the exhibition.

Through Arts Award's 5 levels, children and young people aged up to 25 can explore any art form including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media, multimedia and much more! The award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

You can start off with the **Discover Award** - on this level children and young people discover the arts around them, find out about artists and their work and share their experiences with others, gaining a certificate at the end. Arts Award Discover will usually take about 20 hours to complete.

*Check the website for more details: [www.artsawards.org.uk](http://www.artsawards.org.uk)*



If you are aged between 7 and 14 years you can take part in exciting learning opportunities with the Children's University.

Children's University is an organisation which signposts you to exciting learning activities which take place outside the normal school day - it could be before school, during lunchtime, after school, during weekends or holidays etc. The activities are all voluntary, it is up to you to choose what you do and when, and the learning always has a link to something you could go on to do at a 'grown up' university.

You can be a member if your school is taking part - ask at school about it. Make sure you have your Children's University *Passport To Learning* with you and we will give you a stamp for the number of hours the activity counts for in your passport. Using this pack and exploring the exhibition counts and can be part of your Passport To Learning.



Wherever you see this symbol, it means you can finish off this activity at home or there is further learning to be done.

**Now turn the page to start your learning journey!**

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There are pencils, clipboards and other equipment that you might like to use while you explore the Museum.

*Please return things when you have finished so other groups can use them too.*

## Prescot beginnings

**Did you know Prescot is a very old town?**

It is thought that there were people living here as far back as the Anglo Saxon times. The Anglo Saxons came to Britain from North West Europe over 1500 years ago!

The name **Prescot** actually comes from the Anglo Saxon word '*Priesta cote*' which means Priest's Cottage.

Have a look at this early map - it shows a circular shaped area around the church, this is another clue to Prescot being an Anglo Saxon settlement.

We know the early town grew up around the church and the nearby market place.



What do you think the buildings on the map were used for?



You can find out more about the Anglo Saxons and other invaders to our island from lots of different websites. This link is a good place to start finding out more:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>

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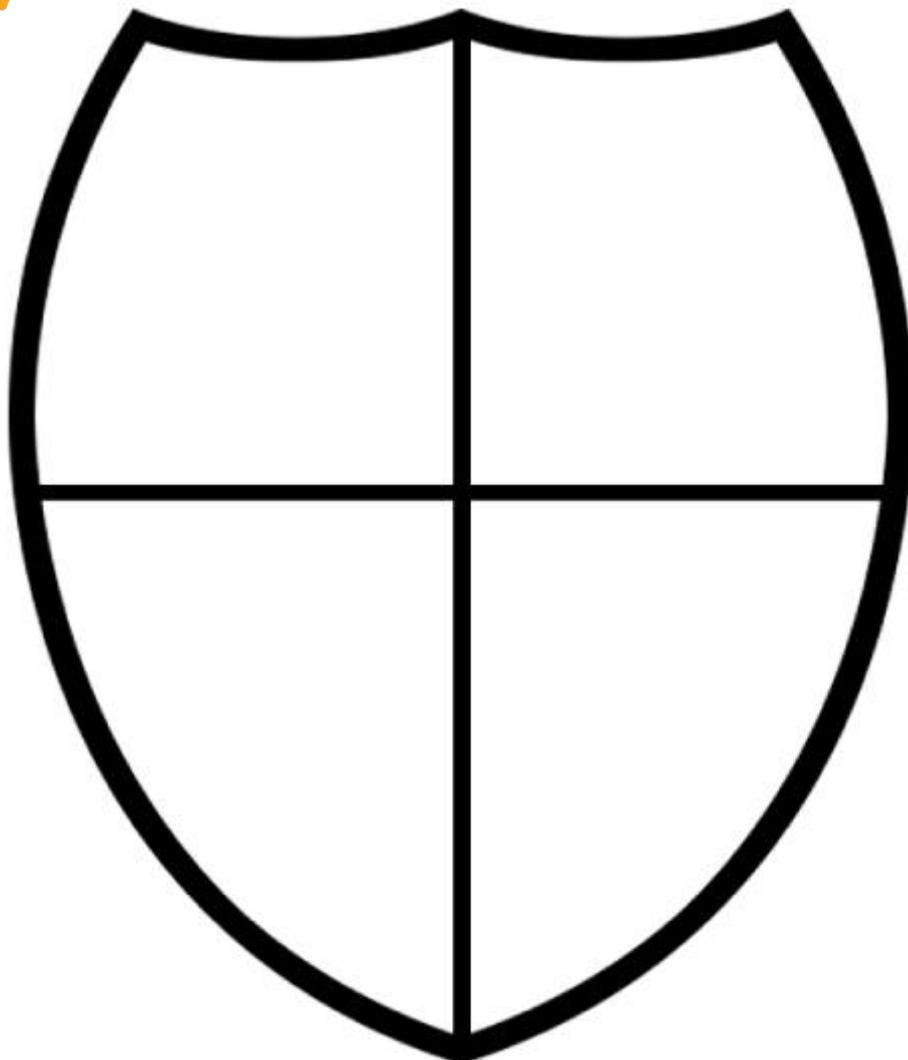
This is Prescot's coat of arms - it's a very special one as it's also shared with King's College in Cambridge.

In 1445 King Henry VI gave Prescot as a gift to his new University College, which is why Prescot town has the same coat of arms!

The lion and 'fleur-de-lis' at the top, show the link to the King and royalty. The flowers mean growth of knowledge and learning,



Design your own coat of arms - think about what symbols and pictures to use, they should have a special meaning to you or your family,



While you are exploring the Museum, see if you can find Prescot's coat of arms. If you look carefully you may find more than one!

You can also see the Prescot coat of arms at Vicarage Place near St Mary's Church.

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The apothecary drawers came from a chemist shop and were used to store medicines and the ingredients to make up new medicines.

There are lots of different things in the drawers now for you to hold and look at. With your group, take out some of the objects and discuss each one. You could talk about what the object was used for, how old it is, what it is made from and so on.

You could also make a **Time-line** with the objects by placing them in '**chronological**' order - with the oldest at one end and the newest at the other end.

## Objects from the past

Which do you think is the oldest object in the drawers?

Draw it here and write a description of what you think it is and how it would have been used.



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Have a look at the mosaic floor near the main door. The mosaic was put back together from lots of broken pieces - a bit like doing a giant jig-saw!

Working in small groups - and being careful not to get in the way of the door, can you answer these questions:

When was it made?

How long ago was that?

Who was it made for?

You can find out more about this important Prescot company in the displays and photographs around the Museum.

Using the square view finder (ask your teacher for one out of the box). Place it on an area of the mosaic - count how many tiles inside this area?

How many of each colour? Can you work out approximately what fraction or percentage are:

Green

Blue

Yellow

Orange

You can draw some of the details and patterns here....



You can create your own mosaic when you get back to school or at home, using small squares of coloured paper - arrange them into patterns or pictures.

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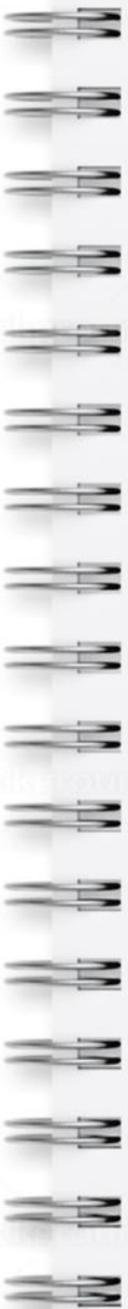


There are lots of photographs in Prescot Museum's collection and many are on display around the Museum.

Have a closer look at the photographs and choose one to write about. Imagine you are inside the picture, write a story or poem about it.

You could write about where it might be, who are the people and why they are there, what might happen next, what are the smells and sounds, how does it make you feel and what are you doing there?

What's in the picture?



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As you can see from exploring the Museum there are lots of objects, photographs and documents that help tell the important stories from our past.

Choose something from the one of the museum displays that you found interesting and draw it here, then write about why you chose it.



Telling stories

The most interesting thing in Prescot Museum is....

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Text in here.....UPDATE

Imagine you are on your holiday - write a postcard to send home.

Who would you write to and what would you write about? Where in the world are you?

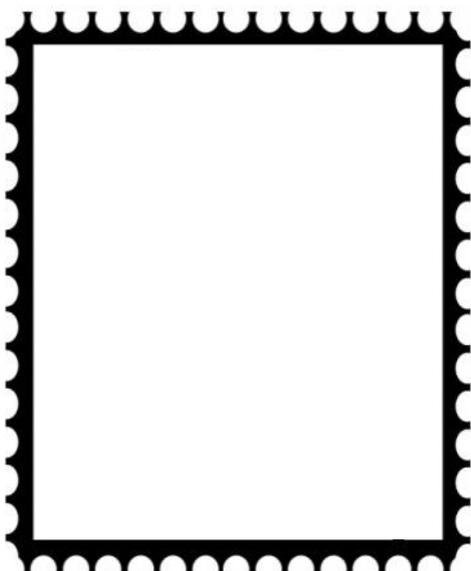
**Post Card**

Place  
Stamp  
Here

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If you were posting it, you would need a stamp. Have a go at designing a postage stamp for the country you are visiting!

Don't forget to put a price in the corner. Do you know what type of money ('currency') is used in that country? Our stamps always have the Queen's head on, does your holiday country have a King or Queen? You can find out more at school, home or in the library.



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Text in here about different parts of the world???  
Travelling??? UPDATE TEXT

Text in here.....

Draw the things you would pack for your journey.....





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In the museum there are many interesting facts about Prescot's history.....

After you have had a good look around see if you can answer these questions.....



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## Further activity:

When you get back to class or home, you could have a look .....



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If you have enjoyed exploring this exhibition in Prescot Museum then you may be interested in the exhibitions in our other spaces at Kirkby Gallery and Huyton Gallery.



15th Knowsley  
Open Art Exhibition

OPEN

## Huyton Gallery, 21 September 2015 - 9th January UPDATE

The annual Knowsley Open Art Exhibition is currently on display in Huyton Gallery, which also includes the Knowsley Young Artist Exhibition.

This exhibition celebrates the artistic talent within the borough - take a look and maybe you could think about entering your own artwork in the 2016 exhibition!

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## Family Friendly Activities UPDATE

On the first Saturday of every month you can get creative at the museum's 'Family First Saturday', 12.30—3pm. Each month there is a different activity using different materials, its free, just come along and join in the creative fun!

